



Weekly Newsletter

11 November 2015

Ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi = With red and black (everyone's help) the work will be complete

Term 4 - Issue 5

Important Dates

Thursday 12 November	FUNdraisers meeting - 7:00 - 8:00pm in the Whare Iti
Thursday 12 November	Christmas Tree in foyer for Pack the Bus gifts to be placed under
Friday 13 November	Year 6 Orientation to Newlands Intermediate
Friday 20 November	Cash or Kete (Adults Fun night) - 7:00 pm
Thursday 26 November	Pack the Bus - visits Bellevue School
1 December	Year 5 Zoo Sleep-over
Tuesday 1 – Friday 4 December	Year 6 School Camp
9 December	End of Year reports (years 4-6) and progress reports (years 1-3) for those due these
Wednesday 16 December	Final day of 2015 - Final assembly and 12 noon finish
Monday 1 February	First day of 2016 - 9:00am start

From The Principal's Desk



NZSL

Kia ora, Nameste, Talofa, Konnichiwa, Guten Tag, Gidday, Vannakkam, ni Hao, Kia orana, Hola, Salam, Sa wat dee kha, Dia Dhuit, Goeie Dag, Bonjour, Hello, (please let us know the greeting in your language if it is not here)

What a wonderful group of people we have in our learning community who are getting together and 'getting in behind' the effort to raise funds for our new junior playground. A big thank you to the families who donated items for the Bake Sale, assisted on the Bake Sale, Sausage Sizzle, Harley bike rides and raffle sales on Saturday. This fair made \$1877.80. Thanks also to Sarah for the Photos Fundraiser at the weekend which made a further \$110. We would also like to acknowledge all those who come along to Fundraisers meetings to coordinate further events, have offered to help source or assist with grant applications and to set up the 'Give a Little' page that is currently being put together. Thanks also to those families who have donated cash directly to this project. One family (who wishes to remain anonymous) has kindly donated \$1000 towards the playground, and another kindly donated a sum of money in lieu of baking for the fair. This brings the grand total to date to nearly \$23,000. We are trying to organise a visual way to provide regular updates of the amount raised eg: a thermometer.

If you haven't already done so, please grab your friends and family to come along to the Cash & Kete ('The money or the bag') evening on Friday next week. Tickets are available at the office. This will be a fun adult evening where you can BYO cold drinks and purchase hot drinks, nibbles, raffles and take part in some silent auctions...as well as win prizes from your ticket number. Please remember that we are working to provide the new playground as soon as possible so our children have the opportunity to further develop their physical strength, coordination and balance while increasing their people skills and social interactions... and have more things to do during their break times. Have a great week.

Ka kite,
Karen



Assembly Dates

Friday 13 November	Assembly - Performances by Year 1 and Year 2 Te Puawai Roopu, Low Notes (junior) and High Notes (senior) choirs.
Friday 27 November	Assembly led by Rooms 9 & 2
Wednesday 16 December	End of Year Presentations, Farewells and Singing



Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome Nicola Brown to Room 1.

A special welcome to our school learning community to you and to your whanau/family.

Character Education

Empathy or compassion (aroha) is a value that encompasses so many other values such as kindness, helpfulness, respect, responsibility, consideration, forgiveness and generosity. It is about caring deeply and wanting to help others - even if we do not know them. It is also about being kind and forgiving to ourselves and also others who may have hurt us.

This term we are focusing on how we can show this caring and helpfulness to others. At school and in our community we see many examples of compassion/empathy daily - all of these are valued no matter how big or small these acts are. Checking in on someone who looks sad or lonely, visiting an elderly neighbour or relative, looking out for a younger student or sibling... we are encouraging everyone to do something practical for others each day to show our compassion.

Some hints to practice compassion:-

- ◆ Begin by noticing when someone seems sad or troubled. Put yourself in their place and ask how you would feel if it were happening to you.
- ◆ Think about how you can help.
- ◆ Take the time to listen.
- ◆ Say kind things like "What are you sad about?" or "How can I help?"
- ◆ Be forgiving when others make mistakes or when you make a mistake.
- ◆ Be a friend when someone needs a friend.

Please help your children consider how they can show compassion/empathy for others through their attitudes and behaviour ie: how they can contribute to a more caring world.

Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength.
Dalai Lama

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Kupu Hou (new word)

tākaro(hia) = play
pronunciation = tar-ca-roh (hee-ah)

Ka **tākaro** ngā tamariki ki waho.
The children will play outside.

Kua **tākaro(hia)** e mātou ngā kēmu e rua.
We've played two games.



Cash or Kete - Adult Fun



There is only one and a half weeks until the fun adult 'Cash or Kete' evening. Get your friends, families, workmates, neighbours and acquaintances to come along to this great evening. This was a great success last year... and lots of fun! Come and join us for a great evening.

Get your tickets from the office - \$15 a person. Come along for some great laughs... and great prizes.

Included in the prizes are:-

Make-up gift packs, a Breville Toastie Maker, a computer printer, \$100 florist voucher, AFL Pack, Avengers Batman pack, bottles of wine, family tickets to the pantomime and the pool, recreation centre vouchers that include skate hire, shopping vouchers and more!!

This fun night is in the hall at 7:00pm on Friday 20 November. BYO cold drinks. Hot drinks and food are available to purchase at the event. There will also be some raffles and some auctions to tempt you so bring along some spare change to be in to win.

All profits go towards the upgrade of our school playgrounds.

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW



School Production - photos and video

Photos from "The Time Machine - Learning in 2015" are available from <http://davelintott.photoshelter.com/gallery/150924-Bellevue-School-Production/G00003AKfGcQ.5Y/C000070uH6FIZ72A>.

This is a private gallery, accessible by using the password - bellevue2015. This password allows free 1200px (longside) jpeg file download.

Full-size files are on sale for \$5:00 via Paypal interface on site (normal debit cards can be used), but the medium downloads should be fine for any normal use. There is a link to this on our school website.

Production videos can now be accessed through the school website. To view the videos go to: www.bellevue-newlands.school.nz and then click on:

- ◆ Our School
- ◆ School Information
- ◆ Production Videos
- ◆ Choose the Room/s you want to view
- ◆ Put in password - bellevue2015

If you have not yet checked these out, please do so as they are a wonderful reminder of your child's amazing performance at the end of last term. Thanks to Dave from 'Dave Lintott Photography' (Hilary's husband) who kindly donated his time to take these and also to put them on-line for you to access. Kia ora Dave.



Thank you

Special thanks to ...



Sarah Williamson for organising and running the Family Photos fundraiser at the weekend.

The wonderful people who helped organise the Christmas Craft Fair last Saturday, also the Bake Sale and Sausage Sizzle helpers. A special thanks to Lorraine who organised and coordinated this event.

The families who donated baking or money directly towards the funds we are raising to provide our new playground.

Wendy Cooper for setting up the 'Give a Little' page for our new playground.

Emma and Seren Mawby who notified the school when they noticed some graffiti being added to our school grounds recently.

Yolandy, Kelvin, Sheree, Sarah, Brenda, Bing, Leanne, Deanna and Margaret who helped and supported at the Inter School Athletics on Monday - also to the parents who came along to support and cheer on our competitors.

Thanks also to all the students who participated at the Inter School Athletics. Everyone competed well and did Bellevue proud with their behaviour throughout the day. Well done!

Yummy Apple Stickers



We are looking forward to a new parachute, some soccer and tennis balls which are on the way to us as a result of everyone collecting their yummy apple stickers and coupons.

Please keep collecting the stickers now for this promotion in 2016.

If you need a sheet to put the stickers on please pick one up from the office, or you can find this on our website in the Notices & Newsletters section. Thank you.



Appointments in School Time

Last week the Ministry of Education conducted a roll audit at Bellevue and some other local schools. Consequently we have found out that we are required to sight evidence of any doctors, dentist, or other medical appointments you take your child to during school time. The reason for this is that the ministry is working to ensure that schools and parents take their responsibility seriously to have children at school every day that it is open for instruction.

If you are taking your child/ren to an appointment during the school day, please enable us to sight some proof of the appointment eg: appointment card, text or email confirming appointment. You will need to provide this to the office prior to when your child is absent for these appointments.

While we appreciate that children often need to attend medical appointments we encourage you to make these outside school hours so your child can attend school each day that it is open for instruction to support their learning.

Sausage Orders

If your child wants to order a sausage for Friday, and you have not organised this for the whole term, please use the weekly order form available on our website. This needs to be sent with the exact change to school by 10:00am on the Thursday for lunch on Friday.



Please... if you can offer an hour of your time on Thursday morning to process the orders or on Friday to cook or help distribute the sausages, this would be much appreciated.

Contact Mandy or Shona on mackays.nz@gmail.com if you can help.

School T-Shirts



Purchase your Bellevue School T-shirt from the school office. These are available in blue or green and in sizes 6 - 14 at a cost of \$20 each.

To view a sample of the T-Shirts, please take a look at them on display in the office foyer. Order forms are available on line, or hard copy at the office.

All profits from T-shirt sales go towards our new school playground.



Pack the Bus



Student Council are joining with the City Mission and The Breeze to consider those who are less fortunate this Christmas. 'Pack the Bus' comes to Bellevue on Thursday 26 November.

The Xmas tree is in the office foyer from tomorrow to place your gifts under. They ask that we DO NOT wrap gifts to make it easier for them to match gifts to the appropriate person. If your child wants to put their item/gift on the bus, they will need to attach their name and class number so that we can sort this for when the bus arrives.

The Wellington City Mission has a special Christmas list for Pack the Bus. Please note:-

Christmas items:

Muesli Bars
Tinned Fruit
Jellies
Tinned Meat and Fish
Meals in a Can
Breakfast Cereals
Spreads: Jams, Peanut Butter, Vegemite
Fancy Biscuits and Confectionery



New Toys & Gifts: (new toys only please - and unwrapped)

Retail Vouchers
Event Vouchers: Movies, Zoo, Pool
Lego/Meccano
Art Equipment
Educational Books
Beach/Picnic/Water Toys
Puzzles
Outdoor Sports Gear
Board Games

Other:

Toiletries for the whole family



Can you help?

This term classes are working on producing or actioning a project that improves our outside learning spaces. Some rooms are working on murals to place around the school.

We need someone to help cut the marine ply into required sizes and one room would like someone with a jigsaw who could cut around the painted figures on the marine ply. If you can help, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thanks.

Sun Smart



Remember that everyone needs to wear a sunhat when they are outside during Terms 1 and 4 at Bellevue School - even on cloudy days. We also encourage children to wear sunblock and sunglasses to protect themselves from harmful UV rays during these summer months.

This message comes from our Regional Health Nurse:-

Be Sun Smart - slip, slop, slap and wrap

Research has shown that too much UV radiation causes sunburn, which can lead to skin damage (including skin cancer) and eye damage. Make sun protection a life-long habit, starting as young as possible, to reduce your risk. In New Zealand from September to April, even on cooler and/ or cloudy days, UV radiation levels can be high enough to cause sunburn. Reduce your risk by using the slip, slop, slap, and wrap steps recommended to protect your skin and eyes. <http://www.sunsmartschools.co.nz/teachers/curriculum-resources>

Food and drink at School

We encourage students to bring only healthy food and drinks to school for lunches and snacks.

Please note that soft drinks and lollies are not considered 'everyday foods' so are not to be brought to school as part of morning tea or lunch.

Should you wish to provide a special treat for your child's class eg: on their birthday, please talk directly to your child's teacher and organise this through them.

Bell Challenge Thank you

Thank you for showing your support by taking part in the Masquerade day last Friday. There were some great costumes and masks. We raised a total of \$231.40 for the Blind Foundation.

Rohan & Aryan Mani



Newlands Intermediate Year 6 Visit

This Friday (13 November) Year 6 students are attending an Orientation morning at Newlands Intermediate. If your child is going to be attending Newlands Intermediate next year please complete their enrolment before this orientation visit.

Enrolment forms are available from Newlands Intermediate.



Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon



Bellevue are entering a team in the 2016 Kids Triathlon 2016.

This is at Kilbirnie Park, in Wellington, on 20 March

2016. Entry is \$39 per student.

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is for Kiwi kids of all sporting abilities who are aged between 7 and 15. Children can enter as individuals and do all three legs of the TRYathlon by themselves or in a team of two and do either the swim/run or bike/run with a friend.

If you are entering your child/ren outside of school you can link to Bellevue by using the code **BELL1012**

In the coming weeks a meeting will be held for students who are interested in this opportunity and more information and permission slips will be sent home.

If you have any questions, please email me on deeann@bellevue-newlands.school.nz

Twilight Fair

At the beginning of next year we are holding a Twilight Fair so please diary 26 February 2015 from 4:00 - 8:00pm. Further information will come to you over the next few months, but start saving those books for the second hand book sale and start thinking of other stalls that would be of interest.

Remember that all profits go towards the new playground.



ASB Donation Voucher

If a family or friend is taking out a home loan of \$150,000 or more with ASB, our school can be nominated for \$500 donation to the school per home loan school. Please contact the office for donation vouchers **before 31 December 2015.**



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Community Notices

Twas the Night before Christmas

A unique holiday programme with a festive theme will focus on performing Christmas poetry, prose and scripted plays with **Drama Remedy**. For those creative writers; be encouraged to write your own Christmas verse and prose. **Jinglebugs** will then use those personalised verse and prose to create bunting and festive decorations. On the final day dance to a choreographed dance routine to a medley of Christmas tunes. To enrol or for more details contact (04) 478 5962 or 022 027 3316 dramaremedy@gmail.com or visit www.dramaremedy.co.nz



CIGNA KIDS WATERFRONT FUN RUN

Come and be a part of the Cigna Kids Waterfront Fun Run on Wednesday 16 December at Frank Kitts Park. Personalised race bibs, certificates, spot prizes and a Cigna Carnival including a BBQ, face painting and much more. Races for pre schoolers through to year 8s. First race starts at 4.30pm. Only \$7 to enter at www.athleticshub.co.nz or contact Jo Murray for more information: jo@athleticswellington.org.nz. Enter before 8 December for your personalised bib and certificate and the chance to win spot prizes.



Term Dates 2016

Term One: Monday 1 February - Friday 15 April
Term Two: Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July
Term Three: Monday 25 July - Friday 23 September
Term Four: Monday 10 October - Thursday 15 December

Holidays & Observances:

Term One:

Monday 8 February - Waitangi Day observed
Friday 25 March - Good Friday
Monday 28 March - Easter Monday

Term Two:

Monday 25 April - ANZAC Day
Monday 6 June - Queen's Birthday
Tuesday 7 June - Teacher Only Day

Term Four:

Monday 24 October - Labour Day



Free Squash Open Days for Juniors & Seniors:

Bring a friend or meet new ones.
A sport for all the family.
Coaches on site.



Come along on:

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 November
from 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Venue: Tawa Squash Club, 67 Main Road, Tawa
Rackets & balls provided.
Non marking shoes required.

Open day specials:

10% off new memberships
equipment
Free hot dog

For more information go to:

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