



# Weekly Newsletter

18 November 2015

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

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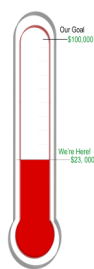
## Important Dates

Friday 20 November	Cash or Kete (Adults Fun night) - 7:00 pm
Thursday 26 November	Pack the Bus - visits Bellevue School (Christmas Tree in foyer)
Tuesday 1 December	Year 5 Zoo Sleep-over
Tuesday 1 – Friday 4	Year 6 School Camp
Wednesday 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

## Assembly Dates

Friday 27 November	Assembly led by Rooms 9 & 2
Wednesday 16 December	End of Year Presentations, Farewells and Singing

## Our Playground Funds so far...



Please take note of how the funds are growing for our new playground. The current total for this is \$23,000.

Join us at the Cash & Kete evening this Friday to add to these resources to provide our children with their new playground. **See you there!**

## Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome the following students to Bellevue School:

**Room 1** - Callie Sims, Alex Dinh, Jiya Lal and Savain Amarasena.

**Room 2** - Zachary O'Connor

**Room 4** - Luka Almeida

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

## From The Principal's Desk



*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)*

NZSL

At this time of year students and their teachers are reflecting on their learning to date and making the most of the final weeks of this school year. It is wonderful to see the progress that each individual has made while acknowledging that we all learn at different rates and in different ways. We applaud our students (and their teachers) for the efforts they put in to reach their goals, and into knowing that with hard work they can grow their capacity for learning. Guy Claxton talks of this as building our learning power or learning muscles. Now days learning is much less focused on building knowledge or remembering facts as building our tools for learning and the key competencies to help us live full, satisfying lives. Keep talking with your child about their learning, the tools they are using and the abilities or competencies they are developing. In three weeks time the end of year reports come home to all our Year 4-6 students and those Year 1-3 students due an anniversary report. These reports will give you another opportunity to talk with your child about their skills and abilities, also their next learning steps.

Also at this time of year some of our amazing teachers secure positions in other schools. With sadness we congratulate Fiona Campbell who has recently won a new position at Karori Normal School. We will miss Fiona and all her wonderful skills at Bellevue, but know that she will be making a huge positive impact on children and the many trainee teachers she has contact with in this new position. Kia ora Fiona. We also welcome Cassandra Baggs and Fiona Groube to our school and teaching staff in 2016.

Thank you to all the people who have already got their tickets, and also their friends and family, to come along to the Cash & Kete ('The money or the bag') evening. We look forward to you joining us at this fun adult evening in the hall this Friday.

Ka kite  
Karen



## Character Education

Please help your children consider how they can show compassion and empathy (aroha) for others through the way that they interact with them so that we have a more caring world at home, in the classroom, on the sports field, with our friends, and beyond.

When we are practising compassion we show willingness to help and be caring towards those who are struggling or suffering. When we are compassionate we are:

- cheerful, gentle and sensitive to others needs
- willing to help - even if we do not know the person or are not their friend

Without compassion our world is harsher; we live in environments that are less caring and more focused on selfishness. Without compassion people care more for themselves and what is happening for them. There is less connecting with others, greater loneliness, more distress and grief.

Please continue to talk with your children about thinking of others and how they may be feeling; also what they can do to practice being compassionate. There are many local and global examples of suffering that you might use to encourage your children to do this. For example an ill relative, the 'Pack the Bus' initiative and recent events in Paris are all things that you may talk with your children about in terms of thinking of others, how they might be hurting and what we could do to help or show we are thinking of them.

**Have Compassion  
For All Beings,  
Rich and Poor Alike;  
Each Has Their Suffering.  
Some Too Much,  
Others Too Little  
--Buddha**

## Kupu Hou (new word)

**Mihi** = to greet, a greeting  
Pronunciation = me-he

He **mihi** tērā ki te whānau whānui.  
A greeting to the extended family.

E tū ki te **mihi**.  
Stand up to greet.

**Mihi** atu ki ōu kaumātua.  
Greet your elders.



## Thank you

Special thanks to ...

Lara Coates and Pip Penhy for bringing in some lovely baking for the staff.

Miranda Browne for helping every Friday morning at Discovery Time and also in Room 4 for the remainder of the morning.

Jennifer, Sarah, Ayla & Kareem for cooking and distributing the sausages last Friday.

Kia ora koutou.



## Cash or Kete - Adult Fun



Come along this Friday to the fun adult 'Cash or Kete' evening. Bring your friends, families, workmates and have some fun with us at this great evening.

Tickets - \$15 a person. Come along for some great laughs... and great prizes from 7:00pm.

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!!

BYO cold drinks. Hot drinks and food are available to purchase at the event. There will also be some raffles and some silent auctions to tempt you so bring along some spare change to be in to win.

All profits go towards the replacement of our junior school playground.



**TICKETS AVAILABLE**

## Interzone Athletics

Congratulations to Richman Tan, Dmitry Joffe-Devoy and Levi Rangi who are competing as part of the Northern Zone Athletics Team at the Inter zone Athletics in high jump and sprints. We wish you well as you compete at this higher level.



## Yummy Apple Stickers



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

## Compassion/Empathy Heroes

At Assembly last Friday the following students were acknowledged for demonstrating compassion, empathy or aroha:

Harper Cook (Room 1)

Ruby Dawson (Room 2)

Zalika Ali & Charli Bickerton (Room 3)

Silas Stuart (Room 4)

Izyah Maora (Room 5)

Thomas Cooper (Room 6)

Bianca Clark, Cartetr Scheule, Tyler Good-Turner & Tyla Dawson (Room 8)

Annaliese Blumhardt & Bradley Merdler (Room 9)

Jared Rudd, Meg Lange & Seth Stoneham (Room 10)

Gianna Pua, Sebastian DuPlessis & Sebastian Urquhart (Room 11)

Ayla Duffy, Jadyn Arboleda & Carter Young (Room 12)

Abigail Steel & Robbie Morrison (Room 13)

Isabella Sinclair, Taziyah Amoah, Andrew Cho & Stefani Rivera (Room 15)



A reminder that we encourage you to organise medical appointments outside school hours as much as possible. However if you do need to take 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 the appointment prior to when your child is absent for this.

The Ministry of Education 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.

## Scentsy Fundraiser

Information and order forms are coming home with the newsletter today. Orders are due back to school by 10am on Thursday 26 November. Funds raised will be put towards the new playground.



## 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](mailto: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>

Next year there will be Bellevue School sunhats available for purchase.

## 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.

## Congratulations

Kaitlyn Russell for winning a Gymnastics trophy for achieving the highest score at a competition for her beam work for the 2015 season. She shares this with one of the senior gymnasts with a score of 14.5 out of a total of 15

Kaitlyn also won a medal for the highest total score from all competitions for the 2015 season in Step 2.

What a great achievement in her first year of gymnastics competing against girls that have been doing competitive gymnastics for two to three years. Well done for all your hard work.



Jaison Parmar for his nomination and winning the Wellington North Primary School' Citizenship Award for Bellevue School. This is a new award for our area, where Wellington City Council will congratulate one Year 6 student every year from each of the Newlands schools for showing true leadership and citizenship at their school.



Well done Jaison and we hope you and your family enjoy the Awards ceremony next week with the Wellington mayor Celia Wade-Brown who is presenting you with your award.



## 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](mailto: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.**

## Star Writers

On Friday my Nana is going to come on a plane. She is going to leave on Sunday. Nana is flying in from Auckland. She has white hair. Nana calls me best Leo in the cosmos.

Leo Sargeant - Room 2



I see an old sad ship at the bottom of the sea. I think it has gold inside it because it was a pirate ship. I wonder if it had a big hole in the side that it sank to the bottom of the sea.

Lara Parkinson - Room 5



## 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](mailto:dramaremedy@gmail.com) or visit [www.dramaremedy.co.nz](http://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](http://www.athleticshub.co.nz) or contact: Jo Murray for more information: [jo@athleticswellington.org.nz](mailto:jo@athleticswellington.org.nz). Enter before 8 December and receive your personalised bib and certificate and the chance to win spot prizes.



### **Kindergarten Vacancies:**

Bellevue kindergarten will have vacancies for children over 2 years and 10 months from the beginning of next year. If you have a child of that age or older that you would like to attend there please contact the kindergarten on 4776764. If you have a younger child who you would like to attend Bellevue Kindergarten they are happy to take your enrolment at any time. They offer 20 free hours for children over three and if they start under three there is no charge other than whanau contribution.



## 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  
 Tuesday 29 March - Easter Tuesday

**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

