



# Weekly Newsletter

25 November 2015

*Nō he kākano iti e puāwai ana he kahikatea = From a small seed a tall tree will blossom*

Term 4 - Issue 7

## Important Dates

Thursday 26 November	Pack the Bus - visits Bellevue School (Christmas Tree in foyer)
Thursday 26 November	Twilight Fair meeting 7 - 8:00pm
Tuesday 1 - 2 December	Year 5 Zoo Sleep-over & Beach Education
Wednesday 2 December	Te Hau Tonga (Year 3 & 4) noho marae - extended stay at school
Tuesday 1 - Friday 4 Dec	Year 6 School Camp
Monday 7 & Thursday 10 December	Te Hau Rawhiti (Year 1 & 2) puppet show and workshops
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, 4 & 2
Wednesday 16 December	End of Year Presentations, Farewells and Singing

## Our Playground Funds so far...

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cash & Kete evening. It raised \$1,760 so our new total is \$24,760.



Please take note of the growing funds and continue to support our FUNdraisers group as they plan events, help with grant applications and set up the the 'Give a Little' page (see the note about this later in the newsletter).

## Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome Angus Whale to Room 2. A special welcome to our school learning community to you and to your whanau/family.

## 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

A very special thank you to our wonderful community who are coming together to look for ways of working collaboratively to raise the funds for our new playground and improving the outside spaces for our students. Congratulations to the team organising and managing the Cash & Kete evening on Friday. Another fun event that supports our children. Over the next few weeks you will begin to see some of the 'taking action' projects from your children starting at school too. Already Room 5 has their pest trackers placed around the school. Some rooms are starting to plan their murals to brighten up our school and reflect the diversity of people in our learning community too. Watch out for these welcomed additions to our school grounds. The tyres have arrived on site for the Tyre Taniwha, which will come to life on the hill beside the hall early in the new year.

Next year every child in each classroom is taking part in swimming lessons as part of the Physical Education programme at Bellevue School. Each block is going swimming in a different term. This is currently being organised with the hope that Te Hau Rawhiti (Years 1 & 2) swim in Term 1, Te Hau a Uru (years 5 & 6) in Term 2 and Te Hau Tonga (Years 3 & 4) in Term 4.

Invites to our annual Helpers Morning Tea are going out this week. If you have helped at any time during the year, please look out for yours coming home. This morning tea is at 11:00 - 11:30am on Friday 11 December in the hall. If for some reason your invite does not arrive please let us know as we would like to acknowledge your contribution to the school during 2015. Have a great week.

Ka kite  
Karen



## Character Education

Please help your children practise compassion and empathy (aroha) by considering others feelings when they talk with or behave around them. As this poster indicates it is often the simple things that make the biggest difference. A smile, a helping hand, an invite to take part in a game, picking up something that another person has accidentally dropped or helping when they are hurt....



Please continue to talk with your children about thinking of others, how they may be feeling and also what they can do to practice being compassionate. Talk with them about looking out for others, thinking how they might be hurting and what they might do to help or show that they are thinking of them.

The amazing collection of goodies under the Christmas tree for Pack the Bus ie: for other children and families/whānau less fortunate, is a wonderful reflection of the number of children who are thinking of others - also of the learning conversations you are having with your children about compassion, empathy and aroha.

Well done everyone. Mahi Pai (good work)!

## Kupu Hou (new word)

**tūranga waewae** = place to stand or stomping ground  
*Pronunciation = too-rang-ah why-why*

Ko Wairarapa tōku **tūranga waewae**.  
Wairarapa is my *place to stand*.

Ko Newlands tōku **tūranga waewae**.  
Newlands is my *place to stand*.



## 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 and Newsletters section. Thank you.



## BELL Challenge

Just a reminder that portfolios, showing evidence of completed challenges, need to be handed on to Margaret by this Friday 27 November. Please make sure that all finished challenges have been signed off by parents/caregivers and teachers before being handed in to Margaret.



The presentation of certificates and badges for completed BELL challenges will be at assembly on Friday 11 December.

## Library

**Library Donations** – In previous years some families of Year 6 leavers, and others leaving Bellevue School have wished to mark their time here by donating a book to the library.

We are holding a number of fiction, non-fiction and picture books suitable for a wide range of ages and interests. We make these available for donation at about half the retail price. The cost to donors ranges from about \$6.00 - \$17.00.

A library donation plate showing the name/s of the donor is placed in the front of the book which will be available for borrowing by the donor after cataloguing and covering.

If you wish to make a donation to the library in this way, the books are available for viewing at the school office. Many thanks for considering this as a way to support children's learning at Bellevue School.

**End of Year** - This is the last week that books will be issued to students. Year 5 & 6 books are due back this Friday, 27 November. All other books are due back next Friday, 4 December. Please help your children to find and return their books on time.



## Thank you

Special thanks to ...

Margaret Hesketh our amazing Quiz - master at the Cash & Kete evening on Friday.  
Kelvin Russel and Des .... for being the wonderful assistants.  
Heather & Nerys in the kitchen, and all the amazing people who cooked and baked for the food sales.  
Our sponsors from our school whanau and the wider community.  
Sheree for sourcing and collecting so many of the prizes.  
Andy for coordination and setting up of kete and hall.  
Michele for presenting our prizes so beautifully again this year.

Jennifer for the amazing job she has been doing in selling chocolates to fundraise for the Year 6 camp. Going above and beyond expectations and raising money towards all the students, not just for her own child.

Jennifer, Shona, Tracy, Sarah & Miranda for cooking and distributing the sausages last Friday.

Lara Coates for sorting and organising all the musical instruments in preparation for learning programmes in 2016.

Colin Young for coming in and cutting up Te Hau a Uru's marine ply.



## Appointments in School Time

A reminder that if you do need to take your child/ren to an appointment during the school day, please enable us to sight proof of the appointment eg: appointment card, text or email confirming the appointment prior to when your child is absent for this.

Along with the Ministry of Education we work to ensure that we all take our responsibility seriously to have children at school every day that it is open for instruction. Please try to organise medical appointments outside school hours as much as possible. Many thanks.



## Scentsy Fundraiser

Information and order forms came home to you last week with the newsletter. **Orders are due back to school by 10:00am TOMORROW ie: Thursday 26 November.** Funds raised will be put towards the new playground.



## Final 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 note that there are only two more sausage sizzles left this year – Friday 27 November and Friday 4 December.



The final Friday this term (11 December) is Pizza Day. Order forms for these will be available next Wednesday (2 December) to order by 3:00pm Friday 4 December.

Please note, if you can offer an hour of your time on Thursday morning to process the orders, or on Friday to cook or help distribute 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. These would make great

gifts and raise further funds for our junior school playground replacement.

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



## Pack the Bus



**Tomorrow** is the day that the City Mission and The Breeze 'Pack the Bus' comes to Bellevue in the morning.

Therefore tomorrow morning is the last chance to put a gift under the Xmas tree in the office foyer. 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

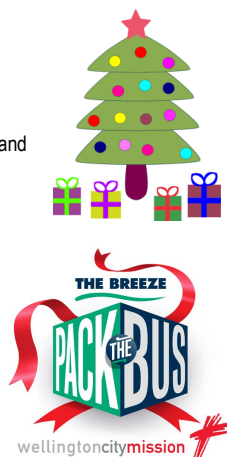
### New Toys & Gifts: (new toys only please - and unwrapped)

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

### Other:

Toiletries for the whole family

**Please encourage your child to wear a festive hat, earrings, glasses or item of clothing as part of the celebration when they place their gifts onto the bus and sing songs with the Pack the Bus crew when they arrive on Thursday.**



## 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.**

This is a wonderful way to help provide extra educational resources for our children.



## 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.

## Give-a-Little Website for Playground

The school now has a "Give-a-little" page up and running to assist in our fundraising efforts to get a new playground (and so far it is going really well). Can't get to fundraising events but want to support the school? Maybe there are grandparents keen to support the needs of their grandkids? Share the link around on Facebook or with other contacts you may have. Every little bit helps and donations of \$5 or more are eligible for the IRD tax credit J. <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/playground4bellevue>



## Kapai Kidz Holiday Programme

We will be open from 12 noon on Wednesday 16 December, also from 7.30am-6.00pm 17-18 December. Our Holiday Programme will commence on Monday 18 January. All enquiries to Linda Robinson 021 409 641 or [linda@kapaikidz.co.nz](mailto:linda@kapaikidz.co.nz)





## 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.

Come to the organising meeting tomorrow ie: 26 November at 7:00—8:00pm in the Whare Iti (small building on left as enter the school via the carpark). Please start saving those books, Bric a Brac and other items for other stalls too.

**Remember that all profits go towards the new playground.**

## Pizza Day



Order forms will be available on line and come home with the newsletter next Wednesday to organise a pizza lunch for your child on Friday 11 December. Orders can be placed from Wednesday 2 - Friday 4 December.



## Bellevue School

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[www.bellevue-newlands.school.nz](http://www.bellevue-newlands.school.nz)

## Community Notices

### 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 phone 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.



### The Singing Academy & The Rock Academy music school holiday programme in Lyall Bay

If you have a young singer or musician in your brood and you want them out the house for a few days, give them to us and we'll send them back full of musical ideas, confidence and inspiration.

It really is an amazing experience.

Short Video Promo:

[https://www.youtube.com/edit?video\\_id=hwRASz8xpc4](https://www.youtube.com/edit?video_id=hwRASz8xpc4)

### Activities include:

Daily Busking Trips  
Group Jam Sessions Acoustic  
Song Writing  
Industry Work Shops

**Times:** 9am to 3pm

### Dates:

December 21st, 22nd and 23rd - 2015.  
Mon, Tues, Wed.  
January 26th, 27th and 28th - 2016.  
Tues, Wed, Thurs.

There are only 11 places available so please be in quick!

### For more information contact:

#### Geoff Day

Director - Teaching Coordinator on 021 565 750 or at: [www.therockacademy.co.nz](http://www.therockacademy.co.nz)



## 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

