



Weekly Newsletter

2 December 2015

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

Term 4 - Issue 8

Important Dates

Tuesday 1 – 2 December	Year 5 Zoo Sleep-over & Beach Education
Wednesday 2 December	Te Hau Tonga (Year 3 & 4) noho marae - evening 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

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

What can we say to our wonderful grants people but "Thank you, Thank you, Thank you". Your hard work and dedication to improving the facilities and opportunities we provide Bellevue School students is much appreciated.

This week we can announce a successful grant towards the junior school playground. \$65,000 is a very generous support for this much needed equipment. To give you an indication of some of the work that goes on in the background, here is an overview of our current grant successes:-

Shade Sail grant from Hutt Mana Charitable Trust

- secured in 2014 \$2,500 (project currently being actioned)

Safety Surface grant for middles area playground from Infinity Foundaton

- \$10,000 (working to secure a further \$20,000 for this project)

30 Chrome Books grant from The Trusts Community Foundation

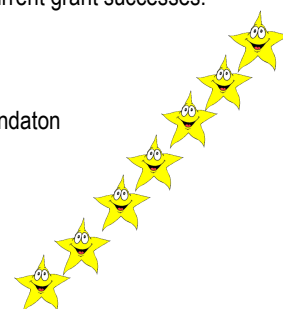
- \$12,310 (purchased and in use in rooms)

Junior Playground grant from Perlous Trust

- \$65,000 towards the new playground

So all in all well done to Amanda and Lorraine who are working very hard behind the scenes to help make things happen for Bellevue School students. You are stars!! Also to Kate Mawby and Maria Church who secured the grant for the Shade Sail last year.

At this time of year there are a number of special occasions taking place too. Please note these on the Important Dates. Our Year 6 students are on camp this week, Year 5 students on EOTC week, Year 3/4 students have their Noho Marae this evening and juniors have a puppet show then workshop with the puppeteers at school next week. Along with organising these great events your child's teacher is also writing reports and classes are working on their 'taking action' projects at school too. All in all a busy time of the year. Hope you have a great week too.



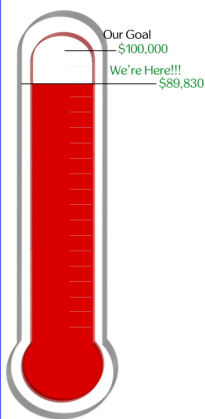
Assembly Dates

Wednesday 16 December	End of Year Presentations / Farewells and Singing
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Breaking News

Hooray

Due to a further \$70 forwarded for the Cash or Kete evening and a successful \$65,000 grant application to the Perlous Trust we are so much closer to our new playground goal.



With \$89,830 we only need \$10,170 to reach our target. Please help support the Twilight Fair in February 2016. See the Fundraisers notice for further details.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

Thank you to all our wonderful students, teachers, parents and families/whānau who donated gifts and items of food for the 'Pack the Bus' initiative. Thank you for the aroha, empathy and compassion you showed for other children and families/whānau less fortunate. The number of items under the tree was a wonderful reflection of the way our community is able to think of others and the way that you have been talking with your children about compassion, empathy and aroha. Thank you one and all for these amazing learning conversations and your kind generosity. I hope you heard Bellevue School children with Steve Joel on the radio after the visit last Thursday. We sounded 'extremely responsive' (or very loud!).

Well done everyone. Tu Meke (choice)!

Kupu Hou (new word)

Karere = message

Pronunciation = car-reh-reh

He *karere* māu.

There is a *message* for you.



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.



School Lunches

The last day for Monday lunch orders is **Monday 14 December**.

The first day for Monday school lunches next year will be **Monday 15 February**.



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 - Just a reminder that Year 1 - 4's books are due back this Friday, 4 December. Please help your children to find and return their books on time.



Thank you

Special thanks to ...

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

Sarah for counting the sausage money.

Thank you to all the staff at Bellevue School who are working extremely hard at present to prepare end of year events and write reports.



Student Council Water Fun

Next Wednesday the Student Council are organising some fun water activities for the school to celebrate the start of summer and the end of the year. The day will include some lunchtime competitions and syndicate water fights in the afternoon for those who wish to participate. There will be a notice coming out at the beginning of next week giving you more details.



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.



Final Sausage Orders

Please note that this Friday 4 December is the last sausage sizzle for the year. Orders need to be sent with the exact change to school **by 10:00am on Thursday** for lunch on **Friday**.



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 if you can help.

Pizza Day

The final Friday this term (11 December) is Pizza Day. Order forms for these have been sent home with this newsletter.



Orders are due back to school by 3:00pm on Friday 4 December so that they can be processed in time for lunch on Friday 11 December.

\$2 from every pizza ordered will go towards the new school playground.



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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.

Compassion/Empathy Heroes

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

Mason Baker (Room 1)

Leo Sargeant & Danae Russell (Room 2)

Ty Nguyen (Room 3)

Sofia Kennedy-Moffat (Room 4)

The Whole Class (Room 5)

Pakawa Moldon (Room 6)

Bronte Mounter & Aanika Kaul (Room 8)

Tia Butters (Room 9)

Anye Howarth & Luke Caldwell (Room 10)

Finley Graham & Sasha Leigh (Room 11)

Jaison Parmar (Room 12)

Levi Rangit, Aden Sapsford & Tiffany Natta (Room 13)

Isabella Sinclair, Sophie Purvis, Lori Thomson & Shea Ewart (Room 15)

Jennifer Natta

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.



Pack the Bus—Thanks

A very big thank you from the Student Council for supporting the Pack the Bus initiative again this year.



We had fun while showing our compassion for others less fortunate than we are.



Good job everyone!



Star Writer



Hooray! Crunch!!! Crunch!!! went my boots on the ground. I was cold as a penguin sitting on an iceberg. I played on the swing. I painted a beautiful picture. I had a great time at the kindergarten. What did you play on? Weee Yay!! Wipee! Oh I hurt myself, I flew off the swing.



- By Harper (Room 1)

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



Bellevue Kindergarten Tea Towel Fundraiser

We are currently selling tea towels as a fundraiser to raise money to purchase new equipment and resources. They have a large number of the streets of Newlands and Woodridge on them. We included all streets that our children who currently attend live in. The cost is \$10 each and they are a very good quality 100% cotton and will be available at the end of this week.

These would make an excellent present for friends and family who live or have lived on one or more of the streets named on the tea towel.

Bellevue and Newlands School also have logos on this.

Please phone Bellevue Kindergarten on 4776764 or email us on bellevue@wmkindergartens.org.nz with your details and we will put you on the waiting list for when they arrive.

Many thanks on behalf of the Bellevue Kindergarten Community.



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



Community Notices

Christmas Goodies Workshop:

For adults and kids. Come along and learn how to make yummy healthy Christmas goodies.

When: Fri 4th Dec

Time: 3:30 – 5:30pm

Where: Churton Park Community Centre
 75 Lakewood Ave, Churton Park

Cost: \$30 for 1 adult & 1 child
 (extra child \$10)



Back to School Lunchbox Ideas:

Start the year off with some tasty healthy lunchbox snacks for your kids.

Live demonstration and tastings!

Lunchbox items available to purchase.

When: Tuesday 2nd February 2016

Time: 7:30 – 9:00pm

Where: Churton Park Community Centre
 75 Lakewood Ave, Churton Park

Cost: FREE

Kids Have FUN at Craft House:

Holiday Craft Classes and Birthday Parties

Our December/January holiday class schedules are out now. Make a last minute gift, prepare Christmas crackers or build a gingerbread house in December. In January we'll be painting art poles for the garden, making calendars and notebooks, decorating tote bags

and even covering school books in preparation for the new school year. Prices start at just \$25 for a 2hr class and before/after class care is also offered

for a small surcharge. Open to 7 years and above. Join us for a two hour session, a whole day, a week ... it's up to you!

See all the details at www.CraftHouse.co.nz

For more information or to book, call us on:
 499 4499 or email info@CraftHouse.co.nz



Newlands Intermediate School Music

Centre offers tuition to primary school aged children in a wide range of musical instruments. The Music Centre provides opportunities for students in the Newlands/Johnsonville area to develop their musical education outside of normal school hours. Classes are held on weekdays during the school term and according to the instrument and at the discretion of the tutor are taught in groups or on a one to one basis. Concerts are held at the end of the year. These evenings are a valuable and popular opportunity for students to entertain family and friends with the progress they have made during the year.

In 2016 tuition will be offered in the following instruments: Violin, Piano, Flute and Guitar.

For further information please ring Kaye at Newlands Intermediate School 4788195.

