



# Weekly Newsletter

9 December 2015

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

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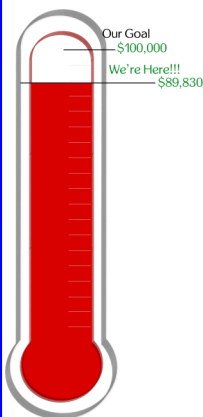
## Important Dates

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
Friday 11 December	Helpers Morning Tea
Friday 11 December	Awards and Singing Assembly
Wednesday 16 December	Final day of 2015 11:00am - Final assembly . Year 6 Prize Giving. <b>12:30pm finish</b> (apology for the error last week)
Monday 1 February	First day of 2016 - 9:00am start

## Assembly Dates

Wednesday 11	Awards and Singing Assembly
Wednesday 16 December	End of Year Presentations, Farewells and Singing

## Our Playground Funds so far...



With \$89,830 we only need \$10,170 to reach our target to install the playground for our students.

Please help support the Twilight Fair in February 2016. Further details of this can be found in the Fundraisers notice later in this newsletter.

## WELCOME

### Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome Helen Jobson to Room 5 and Kate Jobson to Room 11.

A special welcome to the Bellevue School learning community to you and your whānau/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

Can you believe that there is only one week left of this school year? It honestly does not seem like a whole year since I started last year's final newsletter with a similar sentence. With the shorter day next Wednesday this will be our final newsletter for the year so I would like to use this opportunity to thank our amazing students for a wonderful year of learning. Our children have worked extremely hard to reach so many of their goals and to develop their understanding of how they learn while also increasing their capacity to self-manage their learning. We appreciate the positive attitude, enthusiasm and sheer hard work that all our students have demonstrated this year. We also wish them a happy break over the summer.

Also a fond farewell from Bellevue School to our wonderful Year 6 students. Although we will miss you all next year, we know that you are ready to continue your learning journey at intermediate, and to make the most of the amazing learning experiences and opportunities as Year 7 students in 2016.

To our fabulous teachers and staff at Bellevue I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the incredible commitment you make to supporting every student to learn, succeed and achieve their best. Your dedication, professionalism and hard work is a credit to you all. I wish you a very well-deserved, restful and refreshing break. To our lovely teachers moving to new schools we wish you well in your new learning communities. Ka kite to Anne-Marie, Andy, Fiona, Hilary and Margaret Hahn.

Thank you to our amazing Board of Trustees who continue to donate their time to govern our school so well. We also thank their families who enable our Board members to share this time with the school for the best of all our students.

The other hard-working group of people are our FUNdraisers who have continually put in many extra hours to organise events to raise the extra funds for equipment and educational experiences to support our students learning.

And lastly a thank you to our wonderful parents, caregivers and whānau/families who have supported your children, their teachers, the staff and the school during 2015. Thank you for your support for me as principal of this wonderful learning community too. They say that "It takes a village to raise a child" so thank you for making this possible at our school. We really appreciate your support and assistance to make Bellevue School the fantastic place of learning that it is.

Please look out for your child/ren's reports. These are coming home with them today, along with their class placement for next year and 2016 stationery lists. If your child is in Year 1-3 and not due an anniversary report at the end of the year, they will receive a stationery list and class placement notice.

A reminder to bring along a cushion when you join us for the final assembly next Wednesday where we celebrate a great year of learning, also farewell our students and staff moving on. There will be a few chairs at the back for those unable to sit on the floor, however we are keen for as many people as possible to join us for our final get together so will not be setting out a large number of chairs to make more room for us all to fit in the hall. Please join us for this event bringing something to sit on. You might like to wear something festive as we are encouraging your child/ren to do this on the last day of term too.

Have a great week everyone and a fantastic final week of the school year.

Ka kite  
Karen



## Kupu Hou (new word)

**Hari hararei** = Happy holidays  
*Pronunciation = Ha-ree har-rah-ray*



**Hari hararei** kia koutou  
Happy holidays everyone.

## Yummy Apple Stickers



Please keep collecting the stickers over the summer break or 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.



## 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 next year, but start saving those books for the second hand book sale and start thinking of other stalls that would be of interest.

Remember to send your slip back indicating how you can help, also that all profits go towards the new playground for your child's use.



Please help support this great event.

## Library

**Library Donations** – For year 6 leavers, and others leaving Bellevue School 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. These books can be viewed in the school office.



**End of Year** - Just a reminder that borrowing has finished for this year and all books are due back. Please help your child find and return any books on issue.

Occasionally children take home books issued to teachers for classroom use. If you find any books belonging to Bellevue School please return them to the library or office.

**Summer Borrowing** - Final day is Tuesday 15 December. The library will be open until 4.00pm.



## Thank you

Special thanks to...



Adrienne Avery for being a magic elf in taking the sandpit cover away and returning it mended (in the same afternoon)

Pip Penhey for a years worth of weekly baked treats for the staff.

Jennifer, Jane, Allana, Ayla & Jade for cooking and distributing sausages last Friday.

Adrienne & Sheree for processing the Pizza orders for our Pizza lunch on Friday.

To all the wonderful Te Hau a Uru parents who helped and supported with our Year 5 EOTC week and Year 6 camp last week.

You helped to make these amazing experiences for all our students.

Thank you to Fiona Nicholson, Greg Coleman and Sandy Morgan who managed the Year 5 and 6 Touch Teams this term. Without you our teams would not have been able to play.

To everyone else who has helped with events and trips over recent months.

## Star Writer

Wow! Today we jumped out of bed and got ready for school. At school we went to a puppet show. We saw a kiwi. The kiwi was as round as the moon. Then we saw a baby kiwi. The baby kiwi was as cute as a kitten and then we made huhu bugs and that was the end.

- Ethan Pua, Room 1



## Sausage Sizzles 2016

At this stage we are unsure if Sausage Sizzle Fridays are continuing in 2016 as it depends on having a number of people to help the team who devoted many hours to the cause this year.

Please note, if you can offer an hour of your time on Thursday mornings to process the orders, or on Fridays to cook or help distribute sausages in 2016 please contact Mandy or Shona on:  
[mackays.nz@gmail.com](mailto:mackays.nz@gmail.com)

If you can assist on a roster we could share the work and continue to provide this lunch option for our students while raising funds for our school..



## Pizza Day

This Friday 11 December is Pizza Day for those who got their orders in on time.

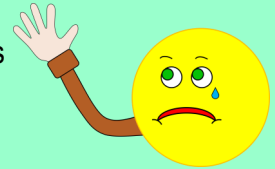


Thank you to everyone who ordered, also to Adrienne Avery and Sheree Harris who counted then processed the orders for this fundraiser. \$2.00 from every pizza ordered goes towards the new school playground.

## A Fond Farewell ... we will miss you

Bye - we will miss you all

A fond farewell to all our year 6 students and their families as their last child is leaving this year. Thank you to these following families for their contributions to and support of Bellevue School over the years their children attended our school.....



Elijah Amoah, Jadyne & Julia Arboleda (Jade & Jesimar), Trinity Avery, Tyler Butters, Jessica Clark, Jack de Bres (Karen & Brent), Jasmine Devery (Grace & John), Shea Ewart, Yana Gupta, Kane Harding (Kelly & Richard), Reuben James, Pisey Keat (Nin & Thary), Farhaan Khan (Rohini & Aiyaz), Lance Kuklinski (Pollyanna), Allan Li (Xiao Gwang), Breyton Mackey (Kelly & Mo), Tiffany Natta, Ashlee Nicholson (Fiona & David), Ashlyn Parker-Breese (Tracey & David), Jaison Parmar (Dipika & Chetan), Maxwell Penhey, Levi Rangi (Jacqui & John), Jayden Rankin (Marlene & Philip), Lawrence Reeves (Sarah & Warren), Aden Sapsford (Christy & Aaron), Aneet Sehra (Maninder & Bhupinder), Isabella Sinclair, Abi Steel, Richman Tan, Latasha Vague (Robyn Walker & Kevin Vague), Phoenix Welling-Noble, Paku Whitehead (Sareta & Hoane), Carter Young (Sandy & Colin).

**We would also like to farewell the following students and their families who are also leaving Bellevue School...**

Ruby & Tyler Dawson (Gabi & Chris), Georgia & Amelia Mercer (Hayley & Shane), Ash Maskell (Belinda & Craig).

We hope we got everyone's name. Please accept our apologies if we have somehow missed you from the list.

Farewell also to Fiona Campbell, Andy Yates, Hilary Lintott, Anne-Marie Whooley and Margaret Hahn who are moving on from Bellevue. We appreciate the wonderful skills and taonga (treasure) you have shared with our students and our learning community during your time with us.

**Farewell from the Bellevue learning Community. Please come back and visit.**

### School T-Shirts



Bellevue School T-shirts still available from the school office in blue or green and sizes 6 - 14 for \$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. **All profits from T-shirt sales go towards our new school playground.**

### ASB Donation Voucher

**Last chance - before 31 December 2015.**

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. Contact the office for donation vouchers.



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

### 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)





## Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property which will be put out on tables outside the hall on the last day of school. If your child/children have lost anything during the year please come along and see if you can find it.



Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

## School Lunches

**Sushi lunch** orders have finished for the year. Orders will start again on Tuesday 9 February.



**Monday Lunches** - The last day for ordering is 14 December. Orders will start again on Monday 15 February.



## 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 Sept

**Term Four:** Monday 10 Oct - Thursday 15 Dec

### 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



## Class Organisation 2016

Please note the classroom organisation for 2016, including the teacher and year levels in each room.

### Room 1

- New Entrant/Year 1 - Mrs Anne Smith

### Room 2

- New Entrant/Year 1 - Mrs Lesley Waite

### Room 3

- Year 2 - Mrs Anne Gullen & Mrs Kathryn Charlesworth

### Room 4

- additional teaching space

### Room 5

- Year 1 - Ms Emma Cummings

### Room 6

- Year 2 - Ms Melissa Van Echten

### Room 7

- additional teaching space

### Room 8

- Year 3/4 - Mrs Maria Church

### Room 9

- Year 3/4 - Ms Cassie Baggs

### Room 10

- Year 3/4 - Ms Anna Borrer

### Room 11

- Year 3/4 - Mrs Rebecca Pugh

### Room 12

- Year 5/6 - Mrs Deeann Daniels

### Room 13

- Ms Erica Ward

### Room 14

- Ms Carly Barnes

### Room 15

- Ms Fiona Groube

We recently appointed Carly Barnes who comes to us from Khandallah School and Rebecca Pugh from the South Island. Both experienced teachers start with us when we meet during the break to plan and organise for the year. You may not be aware that teachers spend a number of Teacher Only Days before the year begins in preparation for the return of your children.

## Community Notices

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.CraftHouse.co.nz)

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



## Happy Holidays

A reminder that school finishes at 12:30pm next Wednesday 16 December and resumes again at 9:00am on Monday 1 February 2016.

Have a safe and happy break over the summer.



## Swimming 2016



Please note that next year all children will be going swimming as part of their Health and Physical Education programmes. Every child in each class is taking part in lessons in 2016.

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. More details about the term and the cost for each child will be shared with you at the beginning of 2016.



## Dance Pointe

Academy New Zealand

**DancePointe Academy** is a Classical Ballet School teaching children from pre-schoolers through to young adults the enjoyment of dance. Enrollments are now open for the 2016 year which commences 9 February for Ballet classes for pre-schoolers 4yrs – young adults. For more information contact Sharon: [dancepointenz@gmail.com](mailto:dancepointenz@gmail.com) [www.dancepointe.co.nz](http://www.dancepointe.co.nz) mobile 021-2151222