



Weekly Newsletter

3 February 2016

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

Term 1 - Issue 1

Important Dates

Thursday 4 February	Powhiri for new staff and students 10.40am. All welcome.
Monday 8 February	Waitangi Day observed - school closed
Wednesday 17 February	Picnic/Meet the Teacher Evening
Thursday 25 February	BOT Meeting - 7:00pm Staffroom
Friday 26 February	Twilight Gala 4:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday 9 March & Thursday 10 March	Three Way Conferences - individual meetings
Thursday 10 March	School Photos
Monday 14 March - Friday 18 March	Life Education Mobile Classroom at school
Friday 25 March	Good Friday
Monday 28 March	Easter Monday
Tuesday 29 March	Easter Tuesday
Monday 4 April	Bellevue School Athletics day
Monday 11 April	Postponement date for Bellevue Athletics day
Friday 15 April	Final day of Term 1



Assembly Dates

Friday 19	Assembly led by Rooms 10 & 15
Friday 4 March	Assembly led by Rooms 8 & 13
Friday 18 March	Assembly led by Rooms 1, 2 & 11
Friday 15 April	Singing Assembly

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 welcome for all our new students, whānau and teachers to Bellevue School, also to students, teachers and whānau who were at Bellevue last year. We hope that everyone had a wonderful time over the summer with your children, family and friends. It is great to see the friendly greetings, energy and enthusiasm our young learners have shown over the past few days - this helps us know that it is going to be a fabulous year of learning in our school learning community. We are looking forward to working with you and your child/ren over the next 11 months to support their learning. For all our new students and teachers we are holding a welcome Powhiri in the hall at 10:40am on Thursday 4 February. You are warmly invited to join us for this occasion.

Please diary 17 February for a get together at school. If it is a lovely night we encourage you to come along with your family/whānau for a picnic in the school grounds from 5:30 pm with other families and our teachers, followed by a Meet the Teachers time from 6:00—7:30pm. The meeting times are:- Te Hau Rawhiti (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6) at 6:00pm, Te Hau Tonga (Rooms 8, 9, 10 and 11) at 6:30pm and Te Hau a Uru (Rooms 12, 13, 14 and 15) at 7:00pm. Further details about these meetings will be in next week's newsletter.

A reminder that children are asked not to be at school before 8:30am on school days, unless they attend Kapai Kids 'Before School' programme in the hall. This is to enable the teachers time to prepare for your child's busy day of learning, then be available to greet your children when they arrive in their classroom at 8:30am.

At Bellevue we value your input and your support of the school to assist your child's learning so please keep in touch with your child's teacher and the school. We are keen to work closely with you to promote the best possible learning experiences and conditions for your child's learning. As teachers we are very aware that we all learn differently. We learn with, from and about our students as we actively seek to help them make connections and develop a true sense of belonging in our learning community. The concept of ako (learning from each other) is valued in our work with you and your children. So please keep in touch with your child's new teacher so that together we work in partnership to help them continue to develop and grow their skills.



Character Education

This term the value that we are celebrating and encouraging everyone to further develop is Perseverance or manawaroa. This value is very helpful to us as we learn. It is about being purposeful and steadfast, as we stay committed. We keep trying no matter how long it takes or how many obstacles appear to get in the way. This helps us to learn and develop improved skills.

If we did not practice perseverance we would give up on things easily, not keep our promises and not continue until we have solved a problem. When we practice manawaroa, others know that we are responsible and will keep our commitments as we continue to 'stick with it' until we reach our goals.

Great works are performed, not by strength, but by perseverance.

- Samuel Johnson

LoveOfLifeQuotes.com

Welcome to Bellevue School

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

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

Room 1 - Samhitha Sunkara, Grace Deepchand, Emma Staite, Rohan Sharma and Isla Provis

Room 2 - Melody Hamer-Brewer, Mason Stutter, Lilian Mitchell, Dylan Harris, Elizabeth Buckingham and Paige Avery

Room 3 - Olive Andersen Worboys and Raeleigh Kapua

Room 6 - Eden Wallace

Room 9 - James McCourtie

Room 13 - Ryder Kapua and Laifone Kamoto



A special welcome to the Bellevue School learning community to each and every one of you and also your whānau/family.

Kupu Hou (new word)

Ngā mihi o te tau hou

= Happy New Year, greetings for the new year

Pronunciation = ng-ar me-hee or teh t-ow hoe



Thank you

Special thanks to...

Rod Quayle and Landscape Plus who have made such a wonderful job of constructing the whare in the junior school play area.

Tararua Roadmarkers who re-painted the carpark markings and painted the playground markings over the break.

The wonderful teachers who have spent many days at school in preparation for a great year of learning with your children.



Yummy Apple Stickers



Please keep collecting the stickers over the summer break 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.



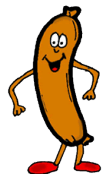
Sausage Sizzles 2016

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 last 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

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.



Twilight Fair

Remember the Twilight Fair is on in three weeks time. On 26 February 2015 from 4:00 - 8:00pm join us to have some fun and raise funds.



Remember to support this fair by contacting the FUNdraisers with how you will help. All profits go towards the new playground for your child's use. We are keen to raise the final \$10,000 so that we can look towards constructing the new playground—maybe in the next school break.

Please help support this great event, and the addition of our new playground for your child to use at school. Our email contact is fundraisers@bellevue-newlands.school.nz

Library

Summer Reading

Just a reminder to Summer Reading borrowers that books are due back from holiday use now.

Sarah is looking forward to seeing everyone in the library this year, also seeing you borrowing books to read and enjoy.



Safety for Us All

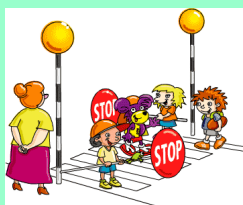
PLEASE

A special reminder to practice safety, courtesy and consideration when you drop your children off before school and when picking up after school. In the mornings there is often quite a traffic jam so please follow the road rules ... give way to up hill traffic, go to the top of Bancroft Terrace to turn and no double parking in the Terrace.



PLEASE

Remember that on very windy or blustery days, it is not safe for the Road Patrolters to use the 'lolly pop' signs as students may be dragged on to the road by the wind. On these windy days you will need to look closely at the Road Patrols as the adults will use their arms instead of the signs to stop the traffic to let others cross.



PLEASE

Due to the limited space available and the entry/exit safety issues in the school car park, we ask parents to refrain from using these parks during school hours. If you have a health issue and require entry via the car park or need to use a park during the day, please contact the school office to arrange this.

Road Patrol Helpers Please

Please note

Trained Year 6 Road Patroller students are on duty every day with support from an adult supervisor. Please consider being one of these adults to support our Road Patrol students as currently we only have five adults to cover ten duties. You may be able to do mornings 8:20 - 9:00am or afternoons 2:55 - 3:15pm. Please contact our Deputy Principal Margaret on margaret@bellevue-newlands.school.nz or complete the form that came home with the newsletter today. We need your help to keep your children safe.

Please note that ... *if it is too windy for the signs:*

1. The Deputy Principal makes the decision that students will not do Road Patrol duty. In her absence the principal makes the call, and if both Principal/Deputy Principal are absent the Assistant Principal makes the decision.
2. Two supervising adults will be on Bancroft Terrace to assist students to cross safely, one on either side of the road. These **Supervising adults are not permitted to stop traffic** but can assist the students to cross when there is a break in traffic.
3. When there is a break in the traffic, the adult on the school side of Bancroft, (who has clearer vision of the road) decides if it is safe to cross and communicates this with the other adult. Both adults step out on to the road, a meter or so away from the kerb AND then allow the children to cross. They will be standing **with their back to the kerb**, so they can see any approaching traffic in either direction and wearing a high-vis vest/coat so that approaching traffic can see them.
4. Once the children waiting to cross have gone past, the adults put their arms out straight, either side of their body like a 't' indicating to any other children approaching to cross that they cannot cross and must wait.
5. Kenmore Street is used as a usual pedestrian crossing where cars will stop for people to cross.

Thanks again to the wonderful parents who donate their time each week, also to the teachers who help our Road Patrolters to assist students to cross the roads safely.

School T-Shirts



Bellevue School T-shirts are 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 are great quality T-shirts and raise further funds for our junior school

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

School Sun Hats



Please note that there are school sunhats for sale at \$15:00 per sunhat, and in three sizes - small (54cm), medium (58 cm) and large (61 cm). To view a sample of these with our school logo on them, please take a look at the display in the office foyer. **All profits from sunhat sales go towards our new school playground.**

Please note that all children are required to wear a sunhat in Term 1 to protect them from harmful UV rays when outside. We respectfully ask that you check that your child has a named sunhat available to use at school everyday. Thank you.

Give-a-Little Website for Playground

The school 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 well). If you can not get to fundraising events but want to support the school, please use this page. There may be grandparents keen to support the needs of their grandkids too? Please share the link 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>

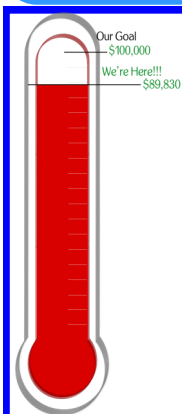


Smencils

These amazing pencils (called Smencils) are available from the school office. Smencil pencils are made from 100% recycled newspaper so are very durable and last for ages. They also have some interesting scents. Smencils cost \$3:00 each or two for \$5:00.



Our Playground Funds



So far we have raised \$89,830 so we only need \$10,170 to reach our target to install the playground for our students.

Please help support the Twilight Fair on Friday 26 February.

Further details of this can be obtained by contacting the FUNdraisers group.

Bring your friends and family along to the Fair.

School Lunches

Sushi lunch Orders will start again on Tuesday 9 February.



Monday Lunches 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



Stationery

Many thanks to those parents who have paid for their child/ren's stationery so that they are already using their books for learning from this week. If you wish to purchase your stationery from school please give your order directly to your child/ren's teacher so that it can be recorded by the classroom teacher in their finance book before sending it along to the office for processing. Thank you



Classes and Staff Names

Please note the classroom organisation for 2016, including the teacher, the name they wish to be called by the children (in brackets) and year levels in each room.

Room 1 -- New Entrant/Year 1
Anne Smith (Mrs Smith)

Room 2 - New Entrant/Year 1
Lesley Waite (Mrs Waite)

Room 3 - Year 2
Anne Gullen (Mrs Gullen) &
Kathryn Charlesworth (Mrs Charlesworth)

Room 4
- additional teaching space

Room 5 - Year 1
Emma Cummings (Emma)

Room 6 - Year 2
Melissa Van Echten (Melissa)

Room 7
- additional teaching space

Room 8 - Year 3/4
Maria Church (Mrs Church)

Room 9 - Year 3/4
Cassie Baggs (Cassie)

Room 10 - Year 3/4
Anna Borrer (Anna)

Room 11 - Year 3/4
Rebecca Pugh (Mrs Pugh)

Room 12 - Year 5/6
Deeann Daniels (Deeann)

Room 13 - Year 5/6
- Erica Ward (Ms Ward)

Room 14 - Year 5/6
- Fiona Groube (Fiona)

Room 15 - Year 5/6
- Carly Barnes (Carly)

Please remember if there is anything that you would like to clarify or any issues that arise for your child, we encourage you to talk with your child's teacher as soon as possible. Even if it seems to be a small thing to you we urge you to talk with your child's teacher so that it does not become a big issue for them (or you).

Wheels/Scooter Days



With the new playground markings at school we now have 'Wheels Day' which means that children can use their scooters on the roadways at lunch breaks.

Students must wear their helmet to take part at lunchtime, and must be using their own scooter. Wheels days are:-

Tuesday - Te Hau Rawhiti (Rooms 1,2,3,5 + 6)

Wednesday - Te Hau Tonga (Rooms 8,9,10+11)

Thursday - Te Hau a Uru (Rooms 12, 13, 14,+15)

Weetbix 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**

It is not too late to enter. If you would like your child to enter please see Deeann in Room 12 or use the code above to enter directly.

If you have any questions, please email me on

deeann@bellevue-newlands.school.nz

Comedy Night Fundraiser

Grab a group of friends and come along to a night of fun and laughter! Friday 4th March @ 8pm at the Johnsonville Club. The headline act is Wilson Dixon. Tickets are \$30 waged / \$25 unwaged and half the ticket price goes to the school to help build our much needed playground.

Bring your order along to the school office and the FUNdraising Committee will process it and send it to your child's class.

Buzz the People

Too busy to join the committee?

Help raise funds for our school by completing online surveys. Sign up to buzzthepeople and every time you complete a survey money will be raised for the school. Most people will receive 1-2 surveys per month and surveys are usually under 10 minutes. Surveys are on topical issues and are carried out on behalf of public organisations like the District Health Boards as well as advertising agencies and media companies. You can take part when it suits you. So sign up now (and ask your friends and family to as well) at:



<http://www.buzzthepeople.co.nz/HelpFundraise.aspx?s=677A4E40>