



Weekly Newsletter

24 February 2016

Nāku te rourou, nāu te rourou ka ora ai te iwi = With your basket and my basket the people will grow

Term 1 - Issue 4

Important Dates

Wednesday 24 February	FUNdraisers meeting - 7:00pm Whare Iti
Thursday 25 February	BOT Meeting - 7:00pm Staffroom
Friday 26 February	Twilight Gala 4:00pm - 8:00pm
Friday 4 March	Comedy Evening - 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
Friday 28 October	Annual whole school emergency evacuation

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

Thank you to everyone who make it along to our 'Meet The Teacher' meetings last week.... and to Samuel and Andrew who joined the staff for our inside 'picnic' when it turned out to be anything but dry or calm. It was lovely to catch up with everyone to provide you with some important information about your child's class and learning programmes for this year. We hope that you found this useful.

In a few weeks time (ie: on Wednesday 9 March and Thursday 10 March) we have 'Three Way Conferences' which are individual meetings with you and your child to set learning goals. Your child is helping set these goals for their next learning steps with you and their teacher. Consequently every child is preparing to share their learning with you at these 15 minute meetings, so every child and every parent/whānau is expected to attend. These learning conversations help to consolidate the focus of learning for your child and build our partnership with you to support their development. Please look out for the booking details later in this newsletter and book a time that is suitable to you and your family/whānau by 3:00pm on Tuesday 1 March. Our expectation is that every parent/caregiver meets with their child and teacher so if we do not receive a booking we will allocate you a time. Confirmation slips come home to you with the newsletter next week (ie: on Wednesday 2 March).

Thank you to everyone who is working to bring a fun-filled evening to Bellevue School this Friday. Please come along to the **Twilight Fair** between **4:00-8:00pm**. We hope to raise the funds that allow us to organise the new playground to be constructed during the April holiday break. Please support the FUNdraisers at this event, **and** the comedy evening next Friday evening as they are working so hard to provide the new playground for all our children.

Assembly Dates

Friday 26 February	Assembly led by Rooms 10 & 15 - please note the change of date for this assembly
Friday 4 March	Assembly led by Rooms 8 & 13
Friday 18 March	Assembly led by Rooms 1, 2 & 11
Friday 15 April	Singing Assembly

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

PERSEVERANCE:
IF AT FIRST YOU
DON'T SUCCEED,
TRY, TRY AGAIN

Perseverance/manawaroa helps us build resilience as we keep trying and working to achieve our goals. Practising manawaroa helps us to 'ride the waves' that come our way in life, and helps us gain the confidence to know that we can cope with the many and varied challenges that come along.

When practising perseverance we think before committing to something or setting goals. We pace ourselves to take one step at a time until we get there to complete something or achieve our goals.

Please continue to talk with your child/ren about 'Keeping on keeping on' even when it may be hard work or not much fun. By doing this they are demonstrating perseverance which helps them to become more successful learners and to be able to cope with what life brings.

Current Email Address

E-mail!

**Have you
done this yet?**

Please make sure that the school has your current email address by emailing office@bellevue-newlands.school.nz

To assist us to communicate directly with you please do this now.

Our Playground - Our Fair



Supporting this **Family Fair** helps raise the final funds we need to see the installation of the new playground for your child's use.

Please help support this great event, and the addition of our new playground, by contacting the **FUN**draisers with how **YOU** can help.

You can contact the fundraiser by email
fundraisers@bellevue-newlands.school.nz



Twilight Fair Information

The Twilight Fair is on—yes come along this Friday (rain or shine)! If you can make or bake something yummy for the bake sale please bring it along to the staffroom this Friday.



There is also a "books, bits and bobs" stall so if you have any second-hand adult or children's books, pre-loved toys (please no soft toys), or little goodies for the lucky dip (particularly things for boys) please drop them off to Room 7 by Friday.

We are using a token system at the fair so that each stall does not have a cash float or cash transactions. Come to the **'token bank'** where you can purchase \$5, \$2 and \$1 tokens to buy various food and entertainment items.

This is going to be a great night – see you there!



Comedy Night Fundraiser

Grab a group of friends and come along to a night of fun and laughter! Friday 4 March @ 8:00pm at the Johnsonville Club. The headline act is Wilson Dixon, and there are a number of other acts to make you laugh. Tickets are \$30 waged/\$25 unwaged and half the ticket price goes to the school to help build our much needed playground.



Please put your order and payment into a named envelope and send it to your child's class. Orders are sent to the office for processing by the Fundraising Committee and then tickets are sent home with your child.

Only a week and a half to go until this fantastic show so buy your tickets now!

Kupu Hou (new word)

Mahi (verb) (-a, -ngia)

= to work, do, perform, make, accomplish, practise, raise (money).

Pronunciation = ma-he



Ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi.

With red and black the work will be complete.

This refers to cooperation where if everyone does their part, the work will be complete. The colours refer to the traditional kowhaiwhai patterns on the inside of the meeting houses.

Whole School Emergency Evacuation



To help us be prepared for an emergency should this occur during school time, each year we have a whole school evacuation practise. In 2016 this evacuation takes place on Friday 28 October. Further details of this will be shared with you in future newsletters. Please check the school has current emergency contact numbers and release adults details for your child/ren.

Three Way Conference Bookings

Please book and attend these important meetings with your child now. All bookings need to be in by 3:00pm on Tuesday 1 March. If a booking is not received from you we will make a time for your conference.

Please use the on-line booking service link:-

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code>

Event access code: gderg

or ring the office - phone 478 7037 and Michele will assist you with your booking.

If you are unable to make a time on either Wednesday 9 or Thursday 10 March, please contact your teacher directly to organise another mutually suitable date and time for this important learning conversation with your child and their teacher.

Netball 2016 for Years 5 & 6

Welcome to the 2016 season. All Year 5 & 6 boys and girls who would like to play netball for Bellevue, these dates are important to you!

Pre-season Wednesday 9, 16 & 23 March 3.15pm – 4.30pm

Teams named Wednesday 30 March 3.15pm, followed by practice with your coach.

Teams to be registered with NSN by 15 April, First Game - Saturday 7 May

Pre-season training is held on the Middle Block netball court. Remember to bring a bottle filled with water and wear the appropriate clothing and footwear (sneakers). If you have never played netball before but would like to give it a go come along to the pre-season session. Pre-season sessions are open to everybody.

All games are played on Saturday mornings at Newlands College.

If there are any parents/caregivers that would like to coach I would love to hear from you.

Managers and umpires are required for the teams. There are umpires that can be arranged through the Kiwi Whistler programme. There is a cost associated with using a Kiwi Whistler and they are not trained or available until approximately six weeks into the season so until then we are required to provide our own umpires. Support for those want to umpire and coach is available through Northern Suburbs Netball.

Year 3 & 4 Netball Future Ferns

There is an opportunity for Year 3 and 4 boys and girls to give netball a go. It is a modified game using two thirds of the netball court and only 4 aside. It will held at Newlands College on a Saturday afternoon. Participants enter as individuals and has been developed to encourage parent participation as well. Northern Suburbs netball are organizing a flyer explaining the sport in more detail and will be sent out soon. The season will be run over all of term 2 and part of term 3.

Year 1 & 2 Netball Future Ferns

There is an opportunity for Year 1 and 2 boys and girls to give netball a go. It is a modified game using two thirds of the netball court and only 4 aside.

It will held at Nairnville Park Recreation Centre indoors on a Sunday afternoon. Participants enter as individuals and has been developed to encourage parent participation as well. Northern Suburbs netball are organizing a flyer explaining the sport in more detail and will be sent out soon. The season will be in term 3.



Would all Year 1 to 6 players interested in playing netball please register their interest to - jo.johnston@outlook.com.

Once I have the list of names the pre-season information can be sent out. The cost of the netball season has not been finalised yet and will vary depending on what year your child is in.

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>



School Photos



School Photos are being taken by 'School Memories' on **Thursday 10 March**.

A photo information leaflet was sent home with the newsletter last week. All students have their photo taken and a payment envelope featuring your child's photo will be sent home after photo day.

NB:- You are under no obligation to purchase any photos.

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS FOR ANY OF THE PHOTOS BEFORE YOU GET YOUR PROOF ENVELOPES AFTER PHOTO DAY.

If you would like to order photos from the proofs received please send your order and payment back to your child's class teacher. The school office does not handle any photo payments or give change. If change is required it will be sent back by 'School Memories' with your photo order.

All payments for photos are made to School Memories, not Bellevue School. Details of how to pay will be included on your proof envelopes.

Thank you

To all the wonderful parents, caregivers and families/whanau who are helping provide food, 'bits and bobs', selling raffle tickets, setting up, working on a stall, cleaning up... "Many hands make light work". Please come along and have some fun at the Twilight Fair so we can get closer to providing Bellevue children with their much sought after new playground. There will be great food for your Friday tea.

To our fantastic teachers who planned and provided you with some valuable information at our 'Meet The Teacher' evening last week.

To the dedicated team of parents, teachers and Road Patrol students who are on duty each morning and afternoon to assist others cross safely over a busy Bancroft Terrace, also those of you who remind others how to turn safely when picking up or dropping off children at school.



Scholastic Bookclub

All orders are due in by **Tuesday 1 March**. Payment can either be by cash, credit card (details on Bookclub form) or by cheque made out to Scholastic Bookclub. Please take your order directly to the classroom and not to the office.



'Growing Neighbourhood' Seeds

We are sending home a packet of vegetable seeds with every child today which have been provided by the Wellington City Council. These seeds are distributed as part of the Growing Neighbourhoods project which includes Local Food Week and Neighbours Day Aotearoa. For more information go to:

wellington.govt.nz/localfoodweek

wellington.govt.nz/neighboursday

Photos of your children growing the seeds can be emailed to :

wellynextdoor@wcc.govt.nz

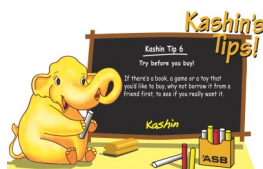


School Banking

Just a little reminder that children's banking is available through our school. ASB works with Bellevue School to encourage students to save.

School banking day is on Fridays. Our students can put their deposit envelopes in the 'drop box' in the office foyer during the week for delivery to the bank.

Please contact Amanda in the office if you would like a starter pack for your child to begin banking.



Support for Schools

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB loan of \$150,000 or more, ASB will donate **\$1,000** to your chosen participating school, so please think of Bellevue School if you are doing this.

To take up this offer, your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 February 2016 and 30 April 2016.

Other terms apply. For full details and to download the voucher visit: asb.co.nz/schoolbanking



Book Now

Please book your Three Way Conference time(s) before 3:00pm Tuesday 1 March. Confirmation slips come home with your newsletter next week.

Life Education Mobile Classroom

The Life Education Mobile Classroom is visiting our school later this term. Your child/ren visits the mobile classroom (with their class and teacher) twice during this time. Life Education supports our school programmes designed to help your child make informed choices about their health, to respect others and to appreciate their uniqueness.

The \$4.00 per student cost for these visits is covered by the \$10 contribution we ask for your child's Term 1 trips, performances and visits.

A parent/caregiver/family/whānau session is organised so that you can find out more about the magical experience your child/children will have during their visits.

We will advise you of the details of this session once it has been confirmed with Kapa our Life Education educator. If you would like further information please look at the following website <http://www.lifeeducation.org.nz>

Smencils

These amazing pencils are made from 100% recycled newspaper and can be purchased from the school office. They are very durable, last for ages and have some interesting scents.

Cost= \$3:00 each or two smencils for \$5:00.



Congratulations

To Liam Boyd Smith for a fantastic effort on Mathletics last week.

Liam persevered and got to No. 1 in New Zealand and No. 11 in the world. What a great effort Liam. Keep up the hard work.



Community Notices

STELLAR FITNESS LOSE-WEIGHT-FOR-WINTER 12-WEEK WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

Join the Weight Loss Challenge Where You Can Lose Weight and Win Cash. Prizes are paid to the 3 biggest losers based on the % of weight lost. Why not shape up and cash in?



This challenge is designed for women in the community who want to lose weight, lead a healthier lifestyle, or want to maintain weight loss that has already been achieved.

Whether you are just starting out on your weight loss journey, or just want a little extra motivation losing the extra couple of kilos, this challenge can help you get there!

Time to turn your resolutions into a reality!!!

Only \$40 for the whole 12 weeks!

Starts Monday 29 February

Limited spaces - registrations close Friday 26 February

Northern United Junior Hockey Club:

2016 REGISTRATIONS OPEN UNTIL 31 MARCH

Based in Newlands, we are your local hockey club for children in Years 3 to 8. Players of all skill levels welcome!

Key dates:

Pre-season training Wednesdays from 24 February

Years 7 & 8 (11-a-side) trials: 6 and 12 March, 2-5:00pm

Season starts early May

Plus: Have a Go Hockey: \$15 for 3 fun, no-obligation sessions. 4-5 pm, 24 Feb, 2 & 9 March, Newlands.

For full details go to:

www.nujhc.org.nz or nujhc@gmail.com

Kids Go Free at Staglands on Children's Day:

Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be celebrating Children's

Day on **Sunday 6 March** by offering **FREE ADMISSION** into the Reserve for **ALL CHILDREN**.



In addition to their usual attractions visitors can enjoy **free off-road tractor-trailer rides** plus a special performance from **The Major Minors**

Children's Choir. So if you are looking for a fun Children's day outing for the whole family, meet at Staglands and connect with nature on Sunday 6 March.



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