



Weekly Newsletter

13 April 2016

He aha te mea nui ō te ao? He tāngata. = What is the most important thing in the world. It is the people.

Term 1 - Issue 11

Important Dates

Wednesday 13 April - Today	Anniversary Reports come home for Year 1-3 students due these
Friday 15 April	Final day of Term 1 and Pizza Friday
Monday 2 May	First day of Term 2
Tuesday 10 May	Bellevue Cross Country 10:30am on the lower field
Friday 13 May	Bellevue Cross Country postponement date 10:30am on the lower field
Monday 6 June	Queen's Birthday (school closed)
Tuesday 7 June	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
Friday 28 October	Annual whole school emergency evacuation (in Term 4)

From The Principal's Desk



Kia ora, Nameste, Talofa, Konnichiwa, Guten Tag, Giday, Vannakkam, ni Hao, Kia orana, Hola, Salam, Sa wat dee kha, Dia Dhuit, Goeie Dag, Bonjour, Mabuhay, Hello, (please let us know the greeting in your language if it is not here)

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Although it is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for the term, I would like to say a big thank you to all our students and their teachers for working so hard throughout the 11 weeks. It is wonderful to see the growth in learning and understanding of learning already this year.

A special thanks from Neil Booth to everyone who responded to the survey he sent out. Your comments have been noted, and provide some goals for Karen and the school in moving forward. The two things that stood out were the removal of the playground and some comments about swimming programmes at school. Please note that the removal of the old playground was a Health and Safety decision made by the Board, also we refer you back to the letter that came home with Term 1, Issue 3 newsletter on 17 February 2016. In this we explained why we were having swimming lessons on alternate years to water safety lessons.

You may have noticed that the first stage of our new playground has started. You will see the surrounds taking shape for the see-saw area and swings near the Whare Playhouse (near the administration area), and the surrounds for the adventure playground at the end of the hall taking shape this week. During the school break contractors will be on site from Thursday 21 April to install the playground equipment so please take care when you or your children are in the grounds during the holidays.

Please remember that if your child is in Year 1 - 3 and due to receive their written report, this comes home to you today along with your child's goals/next learning steps that are included in their report.

Have a wonderful break with your children over the school break and over Anzac weekend.

Ka kite
Karen



A Special Request

Please, please let the school or your child's teacher know if there is a change to who usually collects your child or children. This saves us having to call you, and saves your child becoming upset when we take the time to check that it is OK if they are going home with a friend instead of the caregiver who usually picks them up.

Many thanks for doing this as it helps the staff make sure that your child is leaving with the correct people after school, and ensures that your child is going where they are expected to be going at the end of the day.



Character Education

Thank you for talking with your child/ren about perseverance or manawaroa this term, and encouraging them to focus their energy and efforts to achieve a desired result. Even when it is really hard, or they feel that it is hopeless, your encouragement to keep on trying has really been appreciated. We want all our children to experience accepting challenges, asking for help when needed, not giving up easily and trying to restore relationships when this is required. By encouraging children to work through the tough times and tough bits then they experience the good feelings of 'getting there'. It helps them build resiliency which is an attribute we all require to cope with life's challenges.

Next term the value we are focusing on is Honesty or Pononga.

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

— Thomas A. Edison

Bellevue Athletics Results

Congratulations to everyone who participated in our School Athletics Day:



Vortex: (boys & girls)

Year 3:

Carter Sutherland (1), Leonidas Waerea (2), Liam Boyd-Smith (3), Riley Dreaver (1), Ella Du Plessis (2), Helen Jobson (3)

Year 4:

Ezra Mill-Cameron (1), William Provis (2), Anthony Dennison (3), Lara Avery (1), Munroe Cook (2), Keita Abraham (3)

Year 5:

Noah Williams-Harris (1), Jacob Etti (2), Finlay Graham (3), Eva Maora (1), Brody Cooke (2), Miranda Chen (3)

Year 6:

Jaxon Mill-Cameron (1), Ryan Mackay (2), Brayden Rutene (3), Molly Martin (1), Chanel Tahana (2), Lamitta Hermez (3)

Long Jump: (boys & girls)

Year 3:

Ethan Philips (1), Cooper Young (2), Liam Boyd-Smith (3), Helen Jobson (1), Siva Manu (2), Hayley Dennison (3)

Year 4:

Ezra Mill-Cameron (1), Adam Mawby (2), Brett Edgecombe (3), Lara Avery (1), Danielle Steel (2), Leah Wilson (3)

Year 5:

Noah Williams-Harris (1), Jacob Etti (2), Wence Pineda (3), Eva Maora (1), Lily Welling-Noble (2), Kate Jobson/Maisie McGhee (3)

Year 6:

Hamish Browne (1), Zaki Ahmed (2), Zack Dearman (3), Allana Caldwell (1), Lamitta Hermez (2), Jade Bennie/Kaitlyn Russell (3)

Quoit Throw: (boys & girls)

Year 3:

Carter Sutherland (1), Braithan Coleman (2), Thomas Cooper/Cameron Yip (3), Niqui De Leon (1), Siva Manu (2), Ella Du Plessis (3)

Year 4:

William Provis (1), Anthony Dennison (2), Ben Moody (3), Ruby Bennie (1), Kahurangi Amaru (2), Faith Vakasilimiratu (3)

Year 5:

Noah Williams-Harris (1), Jacob Etti (2), Nabhi Kapadia (3), Maia Commerford (1), Caroline Holmes (2), Miranda Chen (3)

Year 6:

Jaxon Mill-Cameron (1), Grayson Cook (2), Zack Dearman (3), Jade Bennie (1), Molly Martin (3), Chanel Tahana (3)

High Jump: (boys & girls)

Year 3:

Liam Boyd-Smith (1), Gabriel O'Connor (2), Joshua Duff (3), Helen Jobson (1), Kathleen Wang (2), Hayley Dennison (3)

Year 4:

Benji Holden (1), William Provis (2), Ben Moody (3), Lara Avery (1), Ruby Head (2), Ruby Bennie (3)

Year 5:

Samuel Penhey (1), Jacob Etti (2), Finley Graham (3), Brody Cooke (1), Rhea Homroy (2), Anye Howarth (3)

Year 6:

Hamish Browne (1), Zack Dearman/Jaxon Mill-Cameron (2), Allana Caldwell (1), Lamitta Hermez (2), Ayla Duffy (3)

Sprints: (boys & girls)

Year 3:

Liam Boyd-Smith (1), Will Graham (2), Carter Sutherland (3), Niqui De Leon (1), Kayla Leigh (2), Helen Jobson (3)

Year 4:

Benji Holden (1), Brett Edgecombe (2), James McCourtie (3), Lara Avery (1), Keita Abraham (2), Faith Vakasilimiratu (3)

Year 5:

Jacob Etti (1), Noah Williams-Harris (2), Finley Graham (3), Lily Welling-Noble (1), Tia Butters (2), Rhea Homroy (3)

Year 6:

Ryan Mackay (1), Hamish Browne (2), Zack Dearman (3), Lamitta Hermez (1), Kaitlyn Russell (2), Allana Caldwell (3)

Yoga Class Fundraiser



Come and practice yoga with Cendrine and help her raise money for the new playground. Join her for a **one-off** adult class on **Saturday 16 April** from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. It is suitable for all levels. Bring your friends along too! The cost is \$10 for the class with **ALL** the proceeds going to the playground. Bring your own mat and comfortable clothes.

Do not hesitate to contact Cendrine if you have any questions on 021 0727013. **See you in the hall for this great event .**

Kupu Hou (new word)

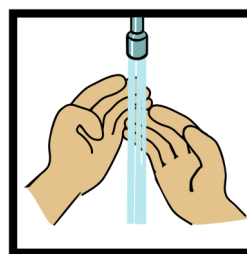
ringaringa: hands

Pronunciation = ring-ah-ring-ah

Horoia ō *ringaringa*.

Wash your hands.

Washing hands is a great way to help prevent the spread of illness.



Kapai Kidz Holiday Programme

Is operating from the school hall from Monday 18 April to Friday 29 April (excluding 25 April).

All enquiries to Linda Robinson 021 409641 or register via our website www.kapaikidz.co.nz

Spaces are limited.



School Grounds and Buildings

Over the school break we really appreciate you looking out for our school grounds and buildings. We believe that Paparangi School suffered fire damage recently when someone lit a fire in a rubbish bin which ignited a building.

Schools are often the victims of theft and wilful damage, especially over the holiday breaks. Police advise that you can contact our nearest police station at any time that you notice something untoward occurring in our grounds or around our buildings. We appreciate you helping to do this so that our wonderful school stays vandal free and in a good state of repair for our students.

Bellevue School Netball – Years 5 & 6

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

Team practice Wednesday 13 April 3.15pm - teams to be registered with NSN by 15 April

Team practice Wednesday 4 May 3.15pm - team uniforms to be handed out

First game - Saturday 7 May - draw will be published on Northern Suburbs Netball website during the first week of term 2.

Year 3 & 4 Future Ferns Those wanting to play in the Future Ferns netball sessions can still do so, please contact me. First Session - Saturday 7 May (no uniform required)

Please contact Jo Johnston jo.johnston@outlook.com



The Entertainment Book

Bellevue School is selling Entertainment Books this year to help fundraise the last \$5000 to upgrade the playground. \$12 of every book sold comes directly to the school. We are selling the traditional book and the new digital version. Order online by using the link below, and feel free to post this link to your facebook page to spread the word (you can get the link from the newsletter online).

<http://www.entbook.co.nz/1g04109>

Also if you would like a poster for your workplace, see the school office or contact Heather Lange on phone 478 3692 or email at heatherandmattlange@gmail.com

The entertainment books have arrived and are available from the school office.



Give-a-Little Website for Playground

The Givealittle site has so far raised \$1045.00 towards the new playground. Please remember to share the link with friends and family (and on social media) to help raise more funds. Remember all donations of \$5 or more are eligible for a tax credit.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/playground4bellevue>



Star Writers



Collapsing to the ground the leaves fall, while crunching up to oblivion when stood on. In the enchanting forest all the colourful colours live. You just want to admire it because nature is just so beautiful that I want to cry! But the sad thing is it's only autumn - so you better enjoy it while you can!

by Wynter Railton, Room 9



Scrunching on the ground the leaves snap. Red, yellow, orange, brown and green autumn colours staring at you! Autumn is one of the best times of the year. The leaves fall off the trees and you can jump in the pile they make for you. You jump in like a kangaroo bouncing into the grass and no-one can find you.



by Liam Boyd-Smith, Room 9

Twirling, the leaves all tumble onto the colourful piles of red, brown, yellow and tiny specks of green. It's like a sunset but at day. The soft sounds of birds singing makes me sleepy. Crunching, they all look like tiny sugar plum fairies dancing in the dim light. The strong wind violently blows the leaves high up in the air, making a tiny tornado.

by Leah Wilson, Room 9



New Playground Construction

Hooray - Construction of our new playground is under way. The first stage is the surrounds for the playground.

Then ... during the holiday break there will be contractors in the school from Thursday 21 April as they start to install our new playground. We have been advised that this may take until Friday 6 May to complete, so construction may continue until the end of the first week of Term 2.



Bellevue Cross Country

This event is next term - held on Tuesday 10 May
Postponement date: - Friday 13 May
Start time: 10:30 am on our lower field

We look forward to everyone keeping up the running practise over the next few weeks and seeing you there during our second week of Term 2.



Thankyou

To Shanelle Ruka-Karauti for the wonderful work she is doing with our tamariki in Te Puawai Amua—both teina and tuakana groups. Kia ora Shanelle.

To Lara Coates for sharing her musical passion and expertise with Year 2 students in Term 1, and also the students who meet on Friday lunchtimes to join the music ensemble.

To the parents and caregivers who joined us yesterday to help farewell Carlos. It was lovely to have parents join the students and staff to thank Carlos for the wonderful contributions he has made to Bellevue during the years he was here.

The teachers and support staff who work so hard to bring the best possible learning opportunities and experiences to all the students at Bellevue School. We wish you all a happy and restful break.

To Sheree Harris who collated all the pizza orders for this Friday and counted up the monies. This fundraising event has raised a further \$400 towards the new playground.

Safety Outside our Gates

A number of parents have expressed their concern about parent behaviour outside our school gates when dropping off their children or collecting them at the end of the day. Please note that u-turns are very, very likely to cause an accident and we do not wish any of our children, or our parents/caregivers to be involved in an accident.

A parent has recently written and asked us to note "...some basic etiquette for parents on the Bancroft cul-de-sac turning area...."

Because we invade a residential area twice a day the cars, and vehicles associated with the house renovation happening up there (near the end of the cul-de-sac) are parked inside the circle, the only way to ensure all our traffic moves smoothly is for cars to feed into that turning circle one at a time, with the others waiting a reasonable distance behind to allow the turn to happen and the car to exit (that often requires a reversing manoeuvre depending on the number of cars parked and the size of the vehicle making the turn). Its pretty simple and, on the whole, we parents do that but there are a number who seem completely oblivious to this and whizz up in front and overtake the waiting cars to the end, only to get in the way of the car making the turn and requiring everyone else to reverse up to un-do the whole thing. This causes a whole lot of extra shifting about and backed up traffic. (and a whole lot of frustrated arms thrust in the air and general grumpiness from the line of cars waiting their turn...the queue-jumper is never very popular, lets be honest!)"

Please be considerate to residents and other parents by showing patience and following safe road user practices.



Playground Opening

Please mark your diary for the afternoon of 20 May. We are going to hold a special opening ceremony for the playground that is being installed.

This event will start at 2:30pm and finish with a shared afternoon tea in the hall. Further details about this great event will come home early next term. We do hope that you can join us to help celebrate the amazing effort our community has made to replace the old, unsafe playground that had to be removed at the end of last year — and within one term! This was no easy feat. Well done everyone.

Keep up the great work of fundraising for the last dollars for this amazing asset for our students to use.



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Community Notices

Swap Shop - Wardrobe Destash and Shake-up:



This is a fundraiser for Newlands-Tamariki Playcentre's outdoor renovation.

Wednesday 13 April, 7:30pm
\$5 on the night to participate
Bring 5+ items of clothing and accessories in good condition and peruse what other people have brought
Go home with new-to-you items to enjoy!
Items can be dropped off ahead of time at our Playcentre during open hours (Tuesday-Friday 9am-12 noon) or contact the page for alternative arrangements
Any unclaimed items will be donated to Dress for Success, Women's Refuge and/or Kiwi Community Assistance.
Supper available to purchase

DANCE CLASSES IN NEWLANDS

Angela Goodall Dance Academy offers classes in Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop and Pre School Dance.

Fun, friendly learning environment.



Studio-Unit 1/64 Kenmore Street, Newlands

If you are interested contact Angela at email angelagoodalldance@xtra.co.nz or text 021 1743500 or facebook
Angela Goodall Dance Academy

Feel free to pop into the studio to have a look.

Cashmere Avenue School Fair (Khandallah)

When: Sunday 10th April

Time: 11am to 3pm, rain or shine.

Fun and games for the whole family, Quality jumble, kids clothes, toys, an incredible auction and lots of delicious food!



Drama Holiday Programme:

Drama Remedy holiday programmes are a great opportunity to expose your child to the art of drama & speech with our exciting and enjoyable workshops. April Holiday programme will be 3 days of activities based on Drama Games, Mime and Improvisation. To enrol or for more details contact (04) 478 5962 or 022 027 3316



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Dance Pointe Academt New Zealand

Beginners of all ages welcome or children come along for a free trial class to see if it is an activity that you would enjoy.

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