



Weekly Newsletter

4 May 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 2 - Issue 1

Important Dates

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| Tuesday 10 May | Bellevue Cross Country 10:30am on the lower field |
| Thursday 12 May | FUNdraisers Meeting 7:00pm Whare iti |
| Friday 13 May | Bellevue Cross Country postponement date 10:30am on the lower field |
| Thursday 19 May | BOT Meeting 7:00pm Staffroom |
| Friday 20 May | Playground Opening 2:30pm |
| Tuesday 31 May | Northern Zone Cross Country |
| Monday 6 June | Queen's Birthday (school closed) |
| Tuesday 7 June | Teacher Only Day (school closed) |
| Thursday 16 June | FUNdraisers Meeting 7:00pm Whare iti |
| Thursday 23 June | BOT Meeting 7:00pm Staffroom |
| Wednesday 6 July | Reports go home |
| Friday 28 October | Annual whole school emergency evacuation (in Term 4) |

Assembly Dates

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| Friday 13 May | Assembly led by Rooms 6 & 12 - 2:15pm |
| Friday 3 June | Assembly led by Rooms 3 & 14 - 2:15pm |
| Friday 17 June | Assembly led by Rooms 10 & 15 - 2:15pm |
| Friday 1 July | Te Puawai Amua & Choirs - 2:15pm |

Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue.

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

Zac Le Cheminant, Isabella Shamon and Mason Schuurmans to Room 1; Atrisa Aghamohammadi and Evelyn Lord to Room 2 and Aria Horsfall-Whioke to Room 8

Also a warm welcome to Kendra Taurua our wonderful new teacher in Room 14.

A special welcome to our school learning community to you and to your whanau/families.

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, Mabuhay, Hello, (please let us know the greeting in your language if it is not here)

NZSL

Welcome back after the school break everyone. We hope that you had the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful weather with your child/ren. As you can see the new playground is taking shape. The swings and seesaw were opened today, and the contractors are hoping to complete the adventure playground so hopefully this will be used from next week. Please note that we are organizing a special opening celebration for 2:30pm on Friday 20 May. An invite will come to you soon, once the details of this have been confirmed.

It has been brought to our attention that some parents/caregivers of our junior students are concerned that the new playground appears to be for older students. Please note that the new playground has been especially designed to be used for students of various sizes, abilities and confidence levels. As it takes shape you will note that there are many different features that can be used in a number of ways — depending on the confidence and skill levels of students. As with the unsafe playground that was removed a term ago, there will be some features that appeal to more confident students, and some that may look to be lower for our taller students or higher for our shorter students. However you will find that children have an amazing ability to use inventive ways of making the most of playground equipment.

To make sure that everyone gets a fair chance to use the equipment, and learn how to use it with everyone's safety in mind, we have organized special days for students to play on the equipment initially (in the same way as we have for use of the scooter tracks that went in this year).

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite
Karen

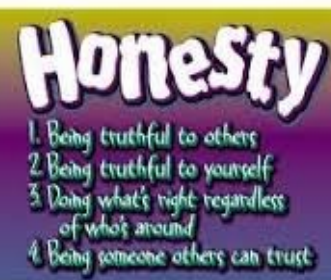


Character Education

This term the value our focus is on Honesty or Pononga. Being honest helps us do the right thing. In the classic poem 'Children learn what they Live', it says that "if children live with honesty they learn truthfulness". Without this it would be difficult to encourage any of the other values that help us to live successfully with others.

When we are honest we can be relied on not to lie, cheat or steal. Pononga is important because it builds trust. When we are honest people take us at our word and know we will honour our promises. They know that we will not pretend to be something that we are not or tell untruths. They can believe us and respect that we are not exaggerating or telling lies.

We recognise that it is not always easy to tell the truth when we have made a mistake or wronged someone else, so we are working to do this with each other and to practice this to help us have successful lives.



Room 14 Teacher

Over the school holiday break there has been a change to the teacher working with students in Room 14. It was with much sadness that we heard from Fiona that she needed to leave Bellevue School for personal reasons. We will miss her and wish her well.

However we have been very fortunate to secure Kendra Taurua who is going to be the teacher in Room 14 for the remainder of 2016. Kendra is a wonderfully skilled, New Zealand trained teacher who has had experience teaching at the Year 5/6 level, much of this teaching at Island Bay School. Kendra has literally just returned from two years teaching and travelling overseas. We are very fortunate that she is both available and has decided to join the teaching team here at Bellevue. Please help us welcome Kendra to our school and our learning community.

Perseverance Heroes

At assembly on the last day of term 1 the following students were acknowledged for demonstrating perseverance or manawaroa:

Savain Amarasena (Room 1)

Zachary O'Connor (Room 2)

Phoenix Carter (Room 3)

Bree Finau (Room 5)

Maia Rakanui (Room 6)

Thomas Cooper and Ezra Mill-Cameron (Room 8)

James McCourtie (Room 9)

Gabriel O'Connor, Adam Mawby and Tommy Ruka-Karauti (Room 10)

Ella Du Plessis and Aanika Kaul (Room 11)

Brayden Rutene, Zaki Ahmed and Sophie James (Room 12)

The Whole Class (Room 13)

Sophie Purvis and Riya Lal (Room 14)

Cyprus Kinzett and Brody Cooke (Room 15)

Otago Problem Solving Group:

India Coates, Ayla Duffy, Kaitlyn Russell, Allana Caldwell and Robbie Morrison (Room 12)

Tristan Lim (Room 13)

Zack Dearman and Rohan Mani (Room 14)

Kareem Omar, Miranda Chen, Dmitry Joffe-Devoy and Charlotte Harris (Room 15)



Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property which we will put on display outside the hall on Friday 10 May after assembly. If it is wet this will be on display in the covered veranda areas of Rooms 1 - 6.

Please come along and check for any items that your child/ren may have misplaced.

All unclaimed items by the end of school on Friday 10 May will be donated to charity.



Kupu Hou (new word)

Wai = water

Pronunciation = why

Inumia te wai!
Drink the water!



Please note that we encourage our students to drink water at school rather than soft drinks.

Thank you

To the Board members and construction workers who have spent many hours at school during the break to ensure that our playground construction work has been going to plan.

To the parents, caregivers, families and Kapai Kids supervisors who have helped look out for children using the grounds over the holiday period while construction work has been taking place.



Powhiri this Thursday

You are warmly invited to join us at our Powhiri this Thursday to help us welcome our new students and staff since our Powhiri last term. Please come along to the hall at 10:40 am this Thursday (7 May) to join in this special welcome for our new people to Bellevue School and to have a cuppa with us after the welcome ceremony.



Bellevue School Netball – Years 5 & 6

The draw for Saturday is as follows:

Y6 Emeralds v Johnsonville Firecrackers Newlands College Court 1 at 11.00am

Y5 Pulse v Paparangi Pandas Newlands College Court 6 at 12.20pm

Cancellations will be posted on the Northern Suburbs website from 7.30am www.nsnetball.co.nz

Good luck and enjoy your netball!



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.



School Trustee Elections

The School Trustee Elections are being held this year, and we need you to get involved.



Our school is governed by a democratically selected group of people called the Board of Trustees. These trustees make important decisions about our school's strategic direction, student progress, management, school culture and more.

Being a trustee is an important and rewarding role. Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can all be trustees. We are looking for a range of people with a variety of skills and experiences, who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning.

Our Election Day is 3 June 2016.



Make sure your vote counts – vote for the candidates who bring the best skills to the table. All parents of full-time students can be nominated and should vote in the elections.

Give-a-Little Website for Playground

The Give-a-little site has so far raised \$1075.00 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>



FUNdraisers

Please note that our next meeting is at 7:00pm next Thursday 12 May in the Whare Ihi. Come along and join us as we plan some fun events that support important projects and help provide extra learning opportunities for our students. We are currently raising the final funds for the new playground and for upgrading/renewing the safety surface under the playground next to the kindergarten.

Coming home with your newsletter today is a flier for a special promotion for Norwex cleaning products that enable you to clean without chemicals. Please note that this promotion runs from today until 31 May.

Our Give a Little Website is still up and running, the Entertainment Books are available from the office or on-line, as are our school T-shirts. All funds from these fundraisers support the upgrade to the playgrounds for your child/ren to use.

See you at next week's get together.



Bellevue Cross Country

This event is next week - 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.



Distributing Leaflets at School

Thank you to the parent/caregiver who alerted us to the fact that there has been another parent/caregiver handing out pamphlets for exercise classes and Herbalife products. Unfortunately this was done without the Board or school's knowledge, and we request this stops immediately.



Please note that it is not acceptable to distribute fliers or advertisements on school grounds or through the school newsletter without prior approval from the Board. Any advertisements, fundraisers and information that comes out from the school, or distributed on school grounds, is only allowed by permission from the Board and/or Principal.

Please can we respectfully ask that anyone who wishes to do this comes to the Principal and/or Board and talks with us. Thank you.

Road Safety

PLEASE

A special reminder to practice courtesy and consideration when you drop your children off before school. In the mornings and after school 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

Ensure that both you and your children use the Road Patrol crossing area when you deliver and collect your child from school.

PLEASE

Remember that on very windy or blustery days, it is not safe for the Road Patrols 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 there will be adults on duty using their arms instead of the signs to stop the traffic to let others cross. We want them to be safe as they do this important job for us too.



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 starts at 2:30pm and finishes with a shared afternoon tea in the hall. Further details about this great event will come home once details have been confirmed. We 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

Newlands Fun Fit Camp - only \$2 per session!

There are 2 sessions a week and we welcome all fitness levels.



For your \$2 you get:

A fitness session in a fun and friendly environment
Nutritional advice
Personal Wellness Profile to track your progress

Join our Facebook page for more information:

www.facebook.com/groups/Newlandsfunfitcamp/

Race to Explore Wellington Zoo, then Greater Wellington, with the Metlink City Safari on May 15:

This awesome family adventure sees teams start by racing to explore Wellington Zoo, before heading out to explore greater Wellington. This year's event has a wild animal theme. 'Wild Animals' will be located all over Greater Wellington. A map book will show you exactly where they are - your challenge is to find the quickest and smartest way to visit the most of these - both by foot and by all forms of public transport.

You may be racing to catch the ferry to Seatoun, the Cable Car to Kelburn, a train to Tawa, or a bus to Queensgate.

3 and 6 hour events are available

Details and registration is at www.citysafari.org.nz. Numbers



Blended Family Success Workshop

Discover how to help children adjust to step family life and create a united, supportive home life. **Overcome common obstacles and learn practical strategies that really work from New Zealand's leading stepfamily presenter.** Only one Wellington workshop this year. Numbers

limited. You must register to secure your place.

When: Saturday 28 May, 9am to 4pm

Venue: Sapphire Consultants, Petone

For more information go to:

www.blendedfamilyfocus.com/workshop

email: adele@BlendedFamilyFocus.com

or phone/txt: 021 404742.

Dancepointe Academy Ballet classes:

4yrs – young adults Beginners of all ages welcome. Child can experience a free trial class to see if it is an activity that they would like.

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