



# Weekly Newsletter

18 May 2016

.Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi = With your basket and my basket the people will live

Term 2 - Issue 3

## Important Dates

Thursday 19 May	BOT Meeting 7:00pm Staffroom
Friday 20 May	- Board nominations close (noon) - Playground Opening 2:30pm - Student Council 'I wish I was' Day
Tuesday 31 May	- Northern Zone Cross Country - last day for Norwex orders
Friday 3 June	Board Election - poll closes for voting (noon)
Monday 6 June	<b>Queen's Birthday (school closed)</b>
Tuesday 7 June	<b>Teacher Only Day (school closed)</b>
Friday 10 June	New Board takes office
Wednesday 15 June	Matariki Evening - 6:15pm in school hall
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)



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

NZSL

Last week was Sign Language week. You may already be aware that sign language is one of the three official languages in New Zealand. Although English is the medium for teaching and learning in most New Zealand schools, Te reo Māori and New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) are also official languages in our country.

Please note that you are warmly invited to the special opening celebration for the wonderful new swings, seesaw and adventure playground at 2:30pm this Friday 20 May. We have also invited some other important people who have helped fundraise or provide grants to join us at this event. Pelorus Trust and Pub Charity are joining us, along with the Deputy Mayor and other distinguished guests. We hope to see you on Friday for this community celebration.

The Student Council has organized a fun Dress Up Day this Friday too. They are encouraging everyone to dress up in a 'I wish I was' type costume. This does not mean that your child has to hire or buy items of clothing. We encourage our students to be creative and see what they can find at home or what they might make so that they come along as a character or item that they might wish to be. The gold coin goes to the Make a Wish Foundation to help grant a wish for children who are very ill. We look forward to seeing what creative ideas everyone comes up with for Friday.

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite  
Karen



## Character Education

Honesty or Pononga helps us to solve problems, make good choices and do the right thing.

Being honest is important when we are:-

- \* Doing business eg: buying or selling goods
- \* Making friends and building relationships
- \* Building self-respect and respect for others
- \* Taking part in social activities or working with others
- \* Helping to keep order in our world.

**I DON'T  
WANT  
PERFECT,  
I WANT  
HONEST.**

Sometimes we may be tempted to tell lies, hurt others, keep what we borrow or find, and not keep to our agreements or promises. However we encourage students to **stop, think** through the possible outcomes before they act ie: - if we do these things what might happen. This can help them **make good choices**.

We encourage students to tell the truth as when we do this we have the facts and the problem or issue is already half-way to being solved. Honesty enables people to move forward and resolve issues that have arisen.

## Assembly Dates

Friday 3 June	Assembly led by Rooms 3 & 14 - 2:15pm
Friday 17 June	Assembly led by Rooms 10 & 5 - 2:15pm
Friday 1 July	Te Puawai Amua & Choirs - 2:15pm

## Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue.

We would like to welcome Manav Kapadia and Lucas Merdler to Room 4.

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



There are **FOUR** very **IMPORTANT** words in life  
**LOVE, HONESTY,  
TRUTH and  
RESPECT.**  
**WITHOUT** these in your  
life, you have **NOTHING.**

## Trips and Performances

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their Trips and Performances contribution for this term. The amount is \$10 per child per term. To pay this contribution you can either pay online or send it along to your child's classroom teacher.

Please do not pay directly to the school office as it needs to be recorded via the class finance book.

If you have not paid for Term 1, please do this at the same time. To date each child has paid \$3 towards Life Education visits, and the remaining \$17 from T1 and T2 is going towards trips this term. Please look out for further information from your child's class teacher and teams ie: Te Hau Rawhiti, Te Hau Tonga and Te Hau a Uru.



## Thank you

To Linda and Paul Robinson for their generous donation to the Give-a-little page for our Playground fund. Kia ora korua.

To our Fundraising group who continue to work hard so that we can improve our outside playgrounds and learning areas. Kia ora koutou. Please find a notice from this group coming home with today's newsletter. A hard copy is being sent to each family/whānau for you to help support them and our school.

To all the students who are doing a great job of sharing the new playground equipment and following the rules to keep themselves and others safe while using this. Keep up the great work!

Kia ora koutou.



## Honesty Heroes

At Assembly last week the following students were acknowledged for demonstrating honesty or pononga:

Jack Christian (Room 1)

Mason Stutter (Room 2)

Jahzel Leutogi (Room 3)

Clare Geursen & Thea Lim (Room 5)

Katherine Ruyters (Room 6)

Ruby Bennie, Carter McMorran-Scheule & Ezra Mill-Cameron (Room 8)

Nathan Blumhardt & Riley Dreaver (Room 9)

Lucas MacKay (Room 10)

Bronte Mounter (Room 11)

Kate Jobson (Room 12)

Jessica Curry, Eva Koorey-Te Huki & Joe Tebbs (Room 13)

Danielle Dennison & Anjali Sharma (Room 14)

Anagh Tyagi (Room 15)

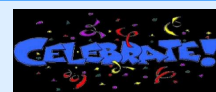
Also to Ethan Phillips (Room 8) for caring and compassion when helping a fellow competitor who was hurt during the Cross Country run... and then finishing his race!



## Kupu Hou (new word)

**Whakahari** = celebration

Pronunciation = far-car-hah-ree



He nui rawa te whakahari o ngā tāngata i taua tāone, ka pō toru e **whakahari** ana e tahuna katoatia ana te tāone ki te raite - ikōrekoreko ana tērā.

There was great rejoicing by the people of that town, and for three nights they celebrated and the whole town was illuminated with lights - how it sparkled.

## Star Writers

I am at my swimming and my Dad is watching me and I am doing some freestyle.

- Nicola Brown, Room 1



I made a rocket ship out of an empty bottle. I drew windows on my rocket ship and put a triangle on the top.

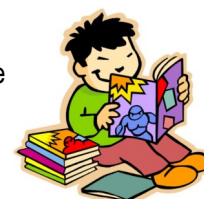
- Kyson Ward, Room 2

## Scholastic Bookclub

All orders are due tomorrow, Thursday 19 May. 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.

Late orders cannot be accepted.



## 'I Wish I Was' Day

This Friday (20 May) the Student Council is organising an 'I Wish I Was Day' to raise funds for the Make a Wish Foundation.

The Make a Wish Foundation provide wishes for very sick children in New Zealand. We can support them by getting dressed up and bringing a gold coin donation on the day. Have fun deciding what you might dress up in for this fun day.



## Bellevue School Netball – Years 5 & 6

### The results from last Saturday 14 May were:

Y6 Emeralds lost 7-14  
Y5 Pulse won 8-2

### The draw for Saturday 21 May is as follows:

Y6 Emeralds v Churton Park Starbursts Newlands College Court 6 at 11.00am  
Y5 Pulse v QMC Kikorangi Newlands College Court 6 at 11.40am

Cancellations will be posted on the Northern Suburbs website from 7.30am [www.nsnetsball.co.nz](http://www.nsnetsball.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](mailto: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 \$2,150 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>



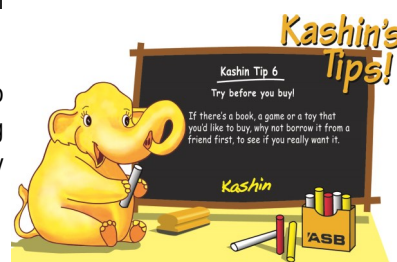
## School Banking

Please remember that the ASB bank joins with us to provide your child the opportunity to take part in school banking. You can obtain a starter pack from the school office should you wish to organise your child to do this.

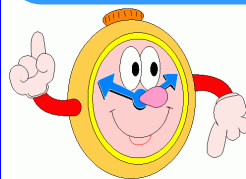
Banking day is Friday. Bank books can be deposited in the banking box found in the school administration area.

We encourage students to learn the skills of saving and budgeting their money for special purchases.

Happy Banking!



## School Start Time



for the busy day of learning in their rooms.

A little reminder that school is open for students from 8:30am each day. We respectfully ask that you keep your children at home until that time so that teachers have the opportunity to prepare

Children can arrive from 8:30 - 9:00am each day. This gives them time to hang up their bags, greet their teachers, see their friends and class mates before the bell rings at 9:00am to start the day in class.



## Wanted - Tin Cans

The Te Hau Rawhiti Syndicate would like to make lanterns during Discovery time so if you have any clean recycled tin cans please bring them along to the school office.

Please make sure that the lids are removed and there are no sharp edges on the top of the tin.



## Golden Fresh School Donation

The team at Golden Fresh are donating a complimentary bag of Apple Snappz to every child who wishes to eat these.

They have a passion for Kiwi Kids and know the importance of eating healthily while at school. This snack is due to arrive in the school tomorrow (Thursday 19 May).

If you **do not** wish your child to have this snack please let their classroom teacher know by 11:00am on Thursday 19 May.



## Use of Playgrounds Outside School Hours.

Yes - our wonderful new playground is available for community use outside school hours. We respectfully ask that people using it do so carefully, so that they are safe and our new playground remains in good condition too.

Please note that any children using this equipment must be supervised by an adult. If your child is here at school over the weekends or after school, they need to have you or another responsible adult organised by you with them. It is unlawful to leave your child unattended at school after hours and in the weekends. Also Kapai Kids After School Care service is not responsible for supervising any students who are not attending their programme so please ensure you are there if your child is playing at school after school hours during the week.

The same safety routines and rules apply outside school hours. Only two students are allowed on the bucket swing at any one time, and one person coming down the slide at once. People lining up for the seesaw and swings need to do so outside the boxed area. When on the seesaw or swing and others are waiting, those on the equipment are allowed only 20 swings or 20 up/downs on the seesaw before allowing the next person a turn.

## Playground Opening

Please join us this Friday afternoon ie: on 20 May at 2:25pm. We are meeting on the sloped hill area near the new playground for an opening ceremony.

This event starts at 2:30pm with a short welcome from our Board Chair, followed by a blessing from a local kaumatua, a song from our students, a ribbon cutting and finishes with a shared afternoon tea.

Please bring along some food to share. This can be delivered to the hall kitchen at the beginning of the day or when you come along in the afternoon.

We hope that you can join us to help celebrate the amazing effort our local community has made to provide this new playground.

We have a few local celebrities joining us for this great event.



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## Bellevue School

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where learning grows

We are on the web

[www.bellevue-newlands.school.nz](http://www.bellevue-newlands.school.nz)

## Community Notices

*Community notices are included as space allows, and are limited to no more than 100 words. Every effort is made to present accurate information, however the board does not accept responsibility for any inaccuracies. The Board is unable to accept responsibility for goods or services advertised.*

### Norwex Fundraiser:

Reduce the chemicals in your home with Norwex. Save money, time & the environment!

5% discount to you

30% to the school

View the catalogue in the school office or online:

<https://melissabartram.norwexbiz.nz/>

Last day for orders is Tuesday 31

May.

Call or text Melissa for questions or orders 021 340 661.



### Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics

We still have a few spaces available this term. We run classes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday in Thorndon and Monday & Thursday in Northland.

Rhythmic Gymnastics is a mix of dance & gymnastics. It develops hand-eye co-ordination through the use of apparatus – rope, hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon.

If your daughter loves to dance and is looking for something a little different, then come along to a class and give it a try!

Email [info@rhythmicgym.nz](mailto:info@rhythmicgym.nz) to arrange a trial.

For more information about Elements and our classes, visit [www.rhythmicgym.nz](http://www.rhythmicgym.nz)



### Kiwi Conservation Club Play testers needed:

Are you great at playing non electronic games? Do you care about the environment? If so, why don't you come along and test some new games designed for KCC members- sharing your thoughts will make them even better.

Kiwi Conservation Club has been working with Massey University to design games and activities for our KCC members to enjoy. To ensure that these activities are the best they can be we need feedback about what's good and what needs improvement.

We are running 3 play sessions and at each of the play sessions children, aged 5 -13, will have the opportunity to try out these new activities and share their thoughts.

Places are limited so if you would like to register to attend one of these sessions, please email me and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

**Play Session 1: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm-3.30pm at Massey University Wellington**

**Play session 2: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1.30pm-3.30pm at Massey University Wellington**

**Play Session 3: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm-3.30pm at Otari Wilton**

