



Weekly Newsletter

1 June 2016

He rā whatiwhati kō = A day of hard work

Term 2 - Issue 5

Important Dates

Friday 3 June	Board Election - poll closes for voting (noon)
Monday 6 June	Queen's Birthday (school closed)
Tuesday 7 June	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
Friday 10 June	New Board takes office
Wednesday 15 June	Matariki Evening - 6:15pm, school hall. Please <u>do not enter</u> until 6:10pm so Kapa Kids can finish up
Thursday 16 June	FUNdraisers Meeting 7:00pm in Whare iti
Thursday 23 June	BOT Meeting 7:00pm in Staffroom
Friday 24 June	Te Hau A Uru Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle
Wednesday 6 July	Reports go home
Friday 8 July	Last day of Term 2 Pizza lunch day at school
Friday 28 October	Annual whole school emergency evacuation (in Term 4)



Assembly Dates

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 Rose Gillam to Room 4.

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



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

We hope that you enjoy the longer weekend with your children that is coming up at the end of this week. **Please remember that the school is closed on Tuesday 7 June for a Teacher Only Day** in all our local schools. On this day teachers are working to further develop their professional learning so that in turn they can further develop your child's skills, knowledge and abilities.

Last night I had the privilege of attending Newlands College musical production with a number of other teachers, principals and parents/whānau. It was wonderful to see so many students who had attended Bellevue and other local schools, continuing to develop and share their talents. In Newlands our group of schools work together to value each student as an individual and help equip them with the skills, knowledge and positive attitudes they require as they continue their learning journey in our community.

With the beginning of the new month, comes Matariki which is an occasion unique to NZ. Matariki is the Māori name for a group of seven stars known as the Pleiades star cluster. Some people think of Matariki as a mother star with six daughters, so it is often referred to as the Seven Sisters. This group of stars begin to appear in the eastern sky in the last few days of May. The arrival of these stars marks the coming of the Māori New Year, however it is the first new moon after Matariki that officially signals the New Year. Matariki is thought to determine how successful harvest crops will be in the coming season - ie: the brighter the stars, the more productive the crop will be. Matariki is seen as an important time to celebrate the earth, and show respect for the land which we live on. It is also seen as a great time to get together with family and friends. During the coming weeks your child will be learning about Matariki and preparing to share some of this learning with you at our Matariki evening on Wednesday 15 June. Please note this date in your diary now so you do not miss this great event. More details to follow....

Bellevue School is currently advertising for a Maintenance Contractor to keep our school environment well maintained and well presented. Please find this advertisement later in the newsletter, or in today's Independent Herald. If you know anyone who may have the skills and be interested in this contract please show them the advertisement or ask them to approach the school for the application pack.

Have a great week everyone, and an enjoyable weekend. We will see you all at school again next Wednesday 8 June.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

There are a number of children's books and stories that focus on the value of Honesty or Pononga. Stories like 'Pinocchio', 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf' or 'The Emperor's New Clothes' can be a great way to talk to your child/ren about what might happen when we are not truthful or honest with others. These stories can be a great basis for talking about why people might lie, and why pononga or truthfulness is better than being dishonest.

You may also like to share some personal stories about being honest, for example when you have returned something you have borrowed, made amends for hurting others, returned money you have found or kept to an agreement you have made with others. When we give children these examples of honesty it helps them to further develop their understanding of what pononga might look like and sound like. As we encourage them to practise this value we also need to talk with them about how truthfulness is helpful so that they continue to grow their understanding of why it is important, and how it will help them in their lives.

"If it is not right
do not do it;
if it is not true
do not say it."

Kupu Hou (new word)

reo = voice, language
Pronunciation = ree-or

Me kōrero tātou i te reo Māori i te kāinga.

We (3/+inclusive) should
speak the Māori *language*



Thank you

To Matt Purvis for helping us out and disposing of a dead rat found in the car parking area. Matt you are a star!

To Deeann, Carly, Yolandy, Kelvin, Jeff, Richard, Jamie, Kim, Deanna, Lara, Claire, Ayman, Miranda and Liane who transported and helped supervise and supported our students at the Northern Zone Cross Country yesterday.

To all our wonderful cross country competitors who braved the elements to represent us so well on the course and when waiting around in the cold at the cross country yesterday.

Thank you to Megan Kingston-Burke for helping out with the Enviro Group last Friday. Also for sourcing three plum trees for school and planting them.



Star Writers



Read the fantastic descriptive stories that students from Te Hau Rawhiti Syndicate have been writing.

Boom! Crash! Bash! I fell down on my bed. I opened the window and I saw lightning. I said 'wow!' It was sharp as a needle, as long as string, as hot as fire. It made a hole behind my house. It was raining so hard. It gave me nightmares.
Sameera Praveen, Room 6



Boom, crash, smash. Wow! I think that was thunder. The lightning flashes in the sky.
Nicola Brown, Room 1

Crash, bang, rumble! Thunder is invisible and thunder comes from the sky and thunder sounds angry.

Emma Staite, Room 1



Bash, crash! What could that be? I think it is thunder and lightning.

Samhitha Sunkara, Room 1

Bang, what was that? Maybe that was thunder and lightning. Oh my goodness. Wow!

Claire Dubuisson, Room 1



FUNdraisers

FUNdraiser's 'How Can You Help?' Form:



Thank you to the 7 people who have returned their form offering to help with fundraising events. If you haven't returned your form yet it is not too late! Please send your form to your child's class. New forms can be printed off the school website if it has been misplaced or email nerys_roberts@yahoo.com to let us know how you can help.

Magnetic Times Table Fundraiser:

We will be selling a times table magnet for \$6.00. The magnet can be put on your fridge or turned into a puzzle. Make learning the times table fun by ordering yours now! Order forms are coming home with the newsletter today.

Orders due in by Friday 17 June.

Please send your order form and money to your child's class. See sample below or come into the office to view.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Important health information – Measles preparedness

25 May 2016

As you may be aware from news reports there are currently people with measles (English measles) in the Waikato, Northland, Nelson and Levin regions.

Measles is a highly infectious and serious illness. **If** a student or staff member is diagnosed with measles in your school, other students and staff (teaching, administration, sports coaches and any other staff that have face to face contact with students) will be required to have written evidence that they have either had two doses of measles vaccine (MMR) after they were 12 months of age or doctor diagnosed measles. This information can be found in you/your child's Wellchild or Plunket book or from a print out from your doctor.



Anyone who does not have evidence of measles immunity will be required to stay off school until 14 days after their contact with the person diagnosed with measles.

Measles vaccine is free from medical centres and we strongly encourage anyone who is not vaccinated to get their vaccine as soon as possible.

An information sheet about measles can be found at: www.rph.org.nz >Public health topics/Infectious diseases/Measles.

Dr Annette Nesdale
Medical Officer of Health
Regional Public Health

School Trustee Elections

Bellevue School Board of Trustees Election 2016

Voting papers, candidate statements, and instructions have been posted to all eligible voters on the school roll.

Please return your vote to the school either by post (ensuring it is sent prior to the close of voting, Friday 3 June 2016) or by placing it in the ballot box located in the school office by 12 noon, Friday 3 June 2016.

Many thanks

Amanda Beauchamp,
Returning Officer



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 the remaining funds to pay off our new playground.

Remember all donations of \$5 or more are eligible for a tax credit.

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

A Safety Reminder

Our playground is open for use after hours and in the weekends. However children must be accompanied by their parents or a supervising adult. It is unlawful to leave your child unattended at school after hours and in the weekends. Thanks for respecting this by ensuring your child does not come to the school grounds after hours unless they are supervised.

Please note that if your child should be at school unattended after school they will be sent home.



Maintenance Contractor

Bellevue School - Newlands

Skilled, experienced building maintenance person required for 16 hours service delivery per week. Ability and commitment to keep school environment well maintained and well presented.

Please send for application pack:
principal@bellevue-newlands.school.nz

Closing date 3pm Friday 10 June.

For further information or to arrange a visit to the school: phone (04) 478-7037 or
principal@bellevue-newlands.school.nz

School Entry Area

A number of neighbours and parents have expressed their concern (and horror) at some of the driving behaviours they have experienced when people are dropping off or collecting their children - especially on wet days. Please demonstrate respect and follow the rules of the road as we do not wish to have anyone get hurt.

If driving in and out of the entrance way to drop your child to Kapai Kids we also ask you to take it slowly as we do not wish any pedestrians to be hit as you enter or exit the school.

Entertainment Books

We are selling through the office for \$60 - with \$12 from each sale going directly to the school. There are thousands of dollars of savings at restaurants, retail outlets and family activities.



Order the book or go digital and have them available on your phone.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1q04109>

Northern Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who ran in the Northern Zone Cross Country yesterday.

It is a huge achievement to make it to this level and you all ran well in very wet and cold conditions.



Netball 2016

There is no netball this Saturday over Queen's Birthday weekend.

Year 1 and 2 Future Ferns Netball Programme Term 3 2016:

Northern Suburbs Netball is running the Future Ferns programme for Y1 and Y2 boys and girls. It will be run on Sunday afternoons and held inside at Nairnville Recreation Centre. It will run for all of term 3. If you haven't already please register your child's interest to jo.johnston@outlook.com. Further information will be sent out once you have registered your interest.



Nits

If these little nasties are making you and your child's life a misery, please remember that the school has a Robi Comb and two nit combs that you can borrow to help get rid of them. Please contact the school office to access these combs.



Trips & Performances

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their Trips & Performances contribution for this term. The amount is \$10 per child per term. To pay this 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 pay at the same time. To date each child has paid \$3 towards Life Education visits. 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: Te Hau Rawhiti, Te Hau Tonga Te Hau a Uru.



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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.

Tawa Recreation Centre & Adventure Plus July School Holiday Programme:

The July Holiday Programme has a Scouts theme, action packed for boys and girls.

Held at Duncan Street, Tawa for ages 5 - 12 years. To book, phone 04 232 2260 or visit: wellington.govt.nz/holidayprogrammes

More information is available on the school office notice board.



Tawa Pools Wacky Olympics:

Ten sports will be contested

Date: Saturday 2 July

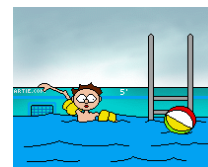
Time: 6:30pm—8.30pm

Ages: 8 - 12 years (under 8 welcome with supervising parent)

Cost: \$5

Food Available: Sausages, chips & drinks - \$1

Come along and have some fun!



Quiz Night Fundraiser:

In support of 2-club football 2016 Juniors player development trip to Argentina with Boca Juniors.

When: Sunday 31 July

Time: 6:30pm, quiz starts at 7:00pm

Where: 1841 Bar & Restaurant, 1 Disraeli, Johnsonville

Cost: \$15 per person - selling fast

Get your sports team or work group on board for a fun night!



Quiz, Auctions, Prizes

Contact Gareth to reserve your tickets: ggr888@gmail.com or text 021 364314