



# Weekly Newsletter

27 July 2016

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai = If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall received

Term 3- Issue 1

## Important Dates

Powhiri for new students and staff	Thursday 28 July - 10:45am
Three Way Conferences	Monday 8 August + Tuesday 9 August (later night)
Hearing/Vision Technician visiting	Wednesday 17 August
BOT Meeting	Wednesday 17 August - 7pm staffroom
School Olympics	16 October
Labour Day	Monday 24 October
Annual whole school emergency evacuation - Term 4	Friday 28 October

## Assembly Dates

Friday 12 August	Assembly led by Rooms 8 & 13 - 2:15pm
Friday 26 August	Assembly led by Rooms 1, 2 & 11 - 2:15pm
Friday 9 September	Assembly led by Rooms 5 & 9 - 2:15pm
Friday 23 September	Singing Assembly - 2:15pm



## Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue.

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

Room 2 - Mereana Marino and Syria Carter  
 Room 4 - William Kennedy, Natish Jaganthan, Kash Brown, Mitchell Small, Rezky Rezuan & Max Gubb.  
 Room 12 - Chardene' Van Heerden  
 Room 15 - Calum McNeice

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

NZSL

Haere mai and welcome back to the new term everyone. It is wonderful to see all our students (and their teachers) back at school re-energized and ready for another busy term of learning.

As part of school programmes, Bellevue focuses on a number of guiding principles that our community have identified as important for our learners. These are whakaute/respect, takohanga/responsibility, manawaroa/resilience, māia/confidence and whanaungatanga/empathy and inclusion. We focus on many values or virtues each year to help create and further develop an environment of caring and respect. These are qualities that live within us all so we endeavor to work with our students to build character by focusing on them being the absolute best that they can be. This work also helps to promote a happy, inclusive learning environment.

In two weeks time (Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 August) we have **Three Way Conferences** which is the chance for you, your child and their teacher to talk about your child's learning progress and next learning steps. Please look out for the notice on how to book your meeting time with your child and their teacher, also for the offer of supervised activities for siblings while you are at this important meeting with your child. Please note, that if we do not receive a booking from you by 3:00pm on Tuesday 2 August, a conference time will be sent home to you. All parents/caregivers and their child are expected to attend these important meetings. You are very welcome to bring any caregivers who assist with your child's home learning eg; Nana, Grandad, their nanny. We are really looking forward to these learning conversations so please book in your time as soon as possible.

Have a great week.

Ka kite  
 Karen



## Character Education

This term the focus at school is Manawaroa or tolerance, compassion and empathy. These are an important part of growing resilience in our young people.



At Bellevue School we celebrate diversity. We encourage everyone to acknowledge the different ideas, strengths and perspectives that each and everyone of us brings to our learning community, ie: we tolerate and accept differences.

By showing respect and appreciation for these differences, also celebrating the fact that others do not think, look, speak or dress just like us, we are showing tolerance.

To be tolerant we need to be aware of and free ourselves of any prejudices. It is healthy for us to know that people have different feelings, needs, hopes and dreams.

## Spare Clothing at School

With winter comes the rain and the mud! Oh dear - this means that students often slipover at school and suffer the wet, muddy results.

As the school has now run out of stock of the spare trousers we had in our 'back up' cupboard we would gratefully receive any donations of preloved trousers that your child has outgrown or no longer wears. Please drop these in or send them along to the office.

Alternately, you may like to send an extra set of clothes to school in your child's bag as a back up should they require these.



## Safety at our Gates



A reminder that the road rules and parking rules apply to everyone of us as we drop off and collect our children from school each day. When you park on a double yellow line or do a U-turn in the middle of the road, not only are you risking the safety of our students and their families/whānau but you are breaking the law.

**Please, please...** if you are reminded about safe practice by one of our Road Patrol adults, please do not abuse them. They donate their time to support our student road patrollers (often in some very nasty weather) to help all our children and their families to be safe as they walk and cross the road to school.

The school has alerted police and Parkwise again about the unsafe behaviours taking place outside the school gates at pick up and drop off times so there is every likelihood that you may be fined if you continue to park on a double line or undertake an unsafe turning manoeuvre.

### HELP

We desperately need another two parents or caregivers to help with Road Patrols each week as currently one staff member is doing three duties. This takes them away from preparing for learning programmes... and often they end up covering for our current adults helpers when they are ill too. If you can help this term please contact us at this email address:- [margaret@bellevue-newlands.school.nz](mailto:margaret@bellevue-newlands.school.nz).

## Tyre Taniwha Construction

On Saturday a wonderful group of people began the Tyre Taniwha that our Enviro-group requested the Board provide for students to play on. It was a soggy, muddy job undertaken by a hardworking group of Board, teachers and parents.

A special thanks to Alan from Newlands Pipelines for donating digger assistance to create the trench and move the large tyres into place. Also to Beaurepaires for donating most of the tyres for this playground equipment. We would also like to acknowledge Feta, Ian, Liane, Karen, Mandy, Margaret, Maria, Mark, Matt and Steve for their assistance, perseverance and resilience from 9:00am - 5:00pm on such a miserable, wet and windy day. Over the next little while the Tongue slide will be added, along with some eyes and such. Once the Taniwha is complete, the danger tape will be removed so that everyone can then play on the Tyre Taniwha. In the meantime please help us remind your children to stay outside the white tape so that the construction job can be completed.



## Kupu Hou (new word)

**pōwhiri(tia)** = to welcome, a welcoming ceremony  
pronunciation = p-oh-ferry (tea-ah)

E *pōwhiri* ana rātou ki a mātou.  
They are *welcoming* us.

He pai rawa atu taua *pōwhiri* ki a au.  
I really enjoyed that *pōwhiri*.



## Thank you

Thank you to...

Everyone who supported the Pizza fundraising day on the final day of term 2, also to Adrienne and Sheree who did the organizing, counting and distributing of Pizza's. We raised a total of \$400 towards the new safety surface for the middle area playground.



The wonderful 'Taniwha Tyre Team' who worked so hard on Saturday 23 July to almost complete the taniwha on the grass slope as you enter the school (see above).

Our wonderful cleaning and grounds maintenance people who worked hard over the break so that the classrooms and grounds were ready for our return on Monday.

## Information for Parents from Regional Public Health

### Sore throats still matter—Rheumatic fever is preventable

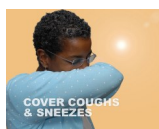
Sore throats matter, and if your child has a sore throat then it is important that they get it checked by their doctor or attend a sore throat clinic, if there is one in your area.

- Sore throats can be caused by a certain type of germ. (Group A streptococcal bacteria, commonly known as a 'Strep throat'). If this germ is not treated, it may cause rheumatic fever and permanent damage to the heart.
- **Rheumatic fever is preventable.** Treatment can be as simple as making sure your child is treated with antibiotics taken once a day for 10 days.

To prevent other people in the family getting strep throat, you should make sure that everyone in the house with a sore throat gets checked by a doctor, as the germ can be transferred from person to person through 'saliva' eg. sharing drinks or food. To prevent 'strep throat' spreading, people should cover their mouth when they cough or sneeze.

More information on rheumatic fever is available by visiting the Ministry of Health website at:

[www.health.govt.nz/rheumaticfever](http://www.health.govt.nz/rheumaticfever)



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school's Public Health Nurse on (04) 570 9002.

## Newlands Intermediate School

Newlands Intermediate School has an Open Evening on Thursday 11 August for all prospective 2017 students. This starts at 7:00pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

On Tuesday 30 August there is a School in Action morning for parents and students to get a feel for the school.

Orientation Morning for enrolled students is on Friday 11 November.

## Annual Emergency Evacuation



A reminder that this year our annual whole school evacuation practise is taking place on Friday 28 October.

Each year the school undertakes this practise drill so that we are prepared and everyone knows what to do in the case of a real emergency.

Evacuation and emergency procedures are reviewed following this practise to make any improvements that are required for future evacuations.

## Three Way Conference Bookings



Please make a booking to attend these important meetings with your child and their teacher.

Please use the on-line booking service link:-  
[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Event access code: 8kxjh

**OR**

Ring the school office, phone 4787037 and Michele will assist you with your booking.

All bookings need to be in **by 3:00pm next Tuesday** (ie: Tuesday 2 August) so that confirmation sheets can be sent home to you before the meeting the following week

If a booking is not received from you, a time will be sent home for this important conference.



Should you be unable to make a time on either Monday 9 or Tuesday 10 August, please contact your child's teacher directly so that you can organise another mutually suitable date and time for this important learn-



## School Banking

If your child wishes to take part in School Banking or you wish to find out about this, please make enquiries at the school office as there are starter packs for students who would like to do this.

ASB works with schools to encourage students to save. There are special certificates and amounts of money that ASB donate into students accounts when they reach a saving goal.

ASB also supports schools by donating \$500 when a parent, staff member or member of the school community draws down a new ASB home loan of \$150,000 or more. We encourage anyone doing this to nominate Bellevue School for this donation.

Students 'post' their bank books into the deposit box in the administration area (near the school office) each week and this is taken to the bank every Friday.

## Yummy Apple Stickers

A reminder that we are still collecting the stickers and coupons from Yummy Apples. Please can you send these to school by 3:00pm on Friday 2 September as they need to be counted and sent off the following week to be in for a share of the sports and PE equipment.

You can find the sheet to attach the stickers to on our website or pick one up from the office.

Thank you for supporting our school by collecting these stickers.





## Netball 2106

### Draw for Saturday 30 July:

Y6 Emeralds v Khandallah College Court 2 at 11.00am

Y5 Pulse v Churton Park Newlands Intermediate Court 2 at 11.00am

Cancellations will be posted on the Northern Suburbs website from 7.30am  
[www.nsnetsball.co.nz](http://www.nsnetsball.co.nz)

Y3/4 Future Ferns starts back this Saturday afternoon.



## Nits

If these little nasties are making you and your child's life a misery, please note 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.



## 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>

## Drive Safely Near Schools

A message from Wellington City Council -

Look out for children when driving near a school. They are still learning about the road and may not behave as you expect.

Remember to ♥drive at an appropriate speed for the conditions, ♥keep alert and watch out for children, ♥follow the directions of school road patrols, ♥always be prepared to stop.

To find out more about road safety, visit [wellington.govt.nz](http://wellington.govt.nz) or call 04 499 444

## Playground Project

Our next playground project is for the middle area playground. Due to the old, worn safety surfacing under this playground, we are now raising funds for this project.

Please support this worthwhile project by taking part in our FUNraisers events, donating to the 'Give a Little Page' or helping us access grants to assist with the costs of doing this for all our children.

There are school calendars/diaries coming up at the end of Term 3, school t-shirts are still available through the office and some other great FUNdraiser items for sale (details of these to come).

We hope that you encourage friends, family/whanau, workmates, neighbours and acquaintances to buy their copy of the entertainment book through the school, and other items from the school as each dollar raised is going towards the new surfacing for the playground at the end of Room 11.



## Miniball

Miniball begins next week.

Years 3/4 - Monday

Years 5/6 - Tuesday

The draw will be sent home.

If you haven't already paid your fees, please do this as soon as possible as they need to be paid before miniball begins.



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where learning grows

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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.

**Have you ever wanted to sing? Beat-box? Dance on stage?**

Do you want a new exciting challenge and to get out of the house on a Monday Evening? We are the Wellington City Chorus and we are a women's award winning group with Sweet Adelines New Zealand.

Come and see what singing barbershop a cappella harmony is all about and have fun while doing it! All ages, all voice ranges and all closet-divas welcome! The ability to read music is not necessary.

Open Night Monday 1 Aug 7pm-9.30pm followed by supper :) or come any other Monday night. Our Rehearsal Rooms, Wellington Bridge Club, 17 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington.

If you have any questions please email us on [wgtncitychorus@gmail.com](mailto:wgtncitychorus@gmail.com) or check us out on [facebook.com/WellingtonCityChorus/](https://www.facebook.com/WellingtonCityChorus/)



### Medium Density Housing in Newlands - Community Consultation:

Wellington City Council is holding 'drop in sessions' at the Newlands Community Centre to provide information and answer questions about a draft change to the District Plan that will make greater provision for medium density housing in a targeted area around the Newlands Town Centre.



Wednesday 10 August 4-7.30pm and Saturday 13 August 10.30am-4pm. Find out more at [planningoursurbs.org.nz](http://planningoursurbs.org.nz)

### St John Youth Penguin Programme - Fun, discovery, building confidence and teamwork

#### Penguins (6 to 8 years) - Johnsonville St John Youth Division need new Penguins!

We meet on Wednesday evenings during term time, from 6-7pm, in the St John Church Hall at 18 Basset Road, Johnsonville (by the roundabout)

#### What you learn:

- How to keep you and others safe
- Healthy lifestyle choices
- Basic first aid skills and tips
- Confidence in communicating
- Creative thinking and planning
- How to help out in your community
- New hobbies and interests

Discover the Penguin Programme at [www.stjohnyouth.org.nz/penguins](http://www.stjohnyouth.org.nz/penguins).

We need new members so phone Amanda on 029 777 6082 or just turn up!