



Weekly Newsletter

19 October 2016

Toi te kupu, toi te mana, toi te whenua = permanence of language prestige and land.

Term 4 - Issue 2

Important Dates

Thursday 20 October	FUNdraisers meeting
Monday 24 October	Labour Day break
Thursday 27 October	Board of Trustees meeting—7pm
Friday 28 October	Whole School Evacuation
Tuesday 1 November	Performance/show for whole school
Saturday 5 November	Car boot sale
Saturday 12 November	Car boot sale postponement date
28, 29 & 30 November	Te Hau a Uru (seniors) - Camp
29 & 30 November & 1 December	Te Hau Rawhiti (juniors) - Beach Ed.
5—6 December	Te Hau Tonga (Middles) Beach Ed.
Friday 2 December	Pack the Bus
7 December	End of Year reports (years 4-6) and progress reports (years 1-3) home
Thursday 15 December	Final assembly - 11:15am Final day of 2016 - 12:30 noon finish
Monday 30 January	First day of 2016 - 9:00am start

Assembly Dates

Friday 21 October	Assembly led by Rooms 6 & 12
Friday 11 November	Assembly - Te Puawai Amua & Choirs
Friday 25 November	Assembly led by Rooms 3 & 14
Wednesday 7	Presentations and singing
Thursday 15 December	Year 6 Presentations, Farewells and Singing

Emergency Evacuation

Remember that next Friday is our annual whole school emergency evacuation practice.

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

Yesterday we welcomed our newest students at this term's powhiri. We are very proud of the way our students actively participate in these welcome ceremonies and value the significance of them. At Bellevue we encourage all our new students and whānau to feel part of our wonderful learning community. As the whaikoreo boys and karanga girls lead the whole school at powhiri each term we observe their growth in skills, confidence and mana as the year progresses. Kia ora koutou. We are particularly proud of the way that all our students support these leaders at powhiri and respect the importance of welcoming manuhiri (visitors) to our school.

At Bellevue we pride ourselves on promoting a welcoming learning environment where all can learn and grow. Our motto 'e tipu e ako - where learning grows', and our vision 'We are active, connected, life long learners' is the essence of what we do here. Following a recent visit by prospective parents and an agency worker we received a lovely letter commending the staff and students 'who made us so incredibly welcome', saying 'The teachers were also amazing, as they did not seem to mind the interruption as we entered each classroom and it was pleasing to be greeted with smiles and a cheery hello from many of the students. Without exception, all the rooms felt bright, warm, and very safe.' This is affirming for our staff and students who work together with our parents/whānau/community to bring our school motto and vision to life.

Have a great week and longer weekend everyone. See you back at school next Tuesday.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

Learning is all about having an open mind-set, knowing that with hard work we can improve, and working to achieve our next steps. Learning to have confidence (māia) is an important step in helping our young people to grow and develop into successful adults.

Practicing confidence is about knowing that we are worthwhile whether we win or lose, succeed or fail. When we feel sure of ourselves and gladly learn from our mistakes we demonstrate the value of māia. Being confident enables us to try new things and discover what we are best at. It helps us think positively, cope with adversity and understand that all things can work out for the best.

Keep encouraging your children to trust themselves and to have the confidence to make the effort to reach the next step in their learning.



Kupu Hou (new word)

Iwi = tribe, people (at a gathering)
pronunciation = ee-wee

Tokomaha ngā tāngata o tērā iwi.
What a lot of people in that *tribe*.

Ko Kai Tahu te iwi.
Kai Tahu is the *tribe*.

Ko Ngāti Hāmoa te iwi.
I am Samoan.



Thank you

Special thanks to ...

Sandra Yip for donating some clothes to school for students to use if they need a change when they get wet or dirty.

To the student council and Carly for organising such a successful disco last Friday, also to all the teachers who came along to help and the parents who helped clean up at the end of the evening. You are all stars!



Toy Orders

Please note that the **last day for these orders is 30 October**, so take a look at the Chalk catalogues that came home last term and get your orders in as soon as possible.

If you have misplaced your catalogue we have a few spares available at the office. The catalogue is full of educational toys for children of all ages, and perfect for gifts... birthdays, Christmas and other occasions.



Please place your orders **before 30 October**.



Term 4 Sunhats

Remember that your child needs a sunhat at school every day during Term 1 and Term 4. It is compulsory to wear a sunhat when outside during the summer months for protection from the sun's harmful rays.

Please help your child to have a named sunhat at school each day (they may wish to have a sunhat that they leave at school), otherwise they will need to work and play under the covered veranda areas. School sunhats are available from the school office at a cost of \$15:00 each.



Whole School Evacuation



Friday 28 October is our annual whole school emergency evacuation day.

When you are contacted your child will need to be picked up by one of their emergency release adults. If you collect children other than your own please make sure you know their family name as this

makes it easier to find them on the roll.

Please note that teachers/staff will be at school until your child is collected both for this practice and in a real emergency situation.

We ask that you check your emergency contact details and release adults are up-to-date. Further details about this evacuation are in the note attached with this week's newsletter.

Appointment Verification

Please note:

If you need to take your child out of school for an appointment it is a Ministry of Education requirement that we ask for verification of that appointment. This can be in the form of a text on your phone or an appointment card/slip.

Please bring this in when you sign out your child for their appointment.

Many thanks for you help with this.

Important Notice

Absentees

If your children are away from school for any reason please phone the school and leave a message on the absentee line giving your child's name, room number and the reason they are away. This enables us to complete our rolls promptly to ensure that all our children are safe.

Thank you for your help with this.

School T-Shirts



The Bellevue School T-shirts (as designed by Akira) are available to purchase from the school office.

Please note that these can be ordered in either blue or green, and in sizes 6 - 14 at a cost of \$20 each.

To view a sample of the T-Shirt, please take a look at the one on display in the office foyer.

School sunhats are also available from the school office at \$15 per sunhat.

Beach Education

Te Hau Rawhiti

- Tuesday 29 November,
- Wednesday 30 November,
- Thursday 1 December

At Worser Bay

Te Hau Tonga

- Monday 5 December
- Tuesday 6 December

At Worser Bay

Te Hau a Uru

- Thursday 8 (Rooms 12 and 15)
- Friday 9 December (Rooms 13 and 14)

At Titahi Bay



Please note that Beach Education costs \$11.50 per student which comes from your \$40 per year (or \$10 per term) Trip and Performance monies.

Also note that Beach Education takes place in all weather.

Disco

A special thanks to, and from, our School Council.

Thank you everyone for coming along to the school disco last Friday. It was wonderful to see you all having such fun - and your amazing dance moves!!

Thank you to our School Council for organising this fun event again, and to the wonderful 'DJ Dylan' who is an ex-pupil from Bellevue too.

This event also raised \$1,400 towards the safety matting for the playground beside Room 11.



Star Writers



Hooo! Hooo! went the wind. The wind was like the sea at a beach and it was like an ice block. The wind felt like a ghost. I saw trees going side to side. The trees looked like they were going to fall.

- Olivia, Room 7



The wind felt like a soft song across my ear and it looked like the grass was making a rainbow and it sounded like hail.



Wosh woo hoo went the wind softly across the sky and it was also like a giant blowing the whole entire world with his huff and his puff and it was cold as.

- Eden, Room 7

The daffodils bloom and tulips bloom. The tulips colours are red, pink and white.

- Olivia, Room 5



How a Maori Canoe is Made

A canoe is important because Maoris travel to go to war with other tribes. They fight over who the land belongs to.

When Maoris make a canoe, a tall thick log is cut. A strong baby plant is put in each end for flax ropes to hold on to. The log could be turned by pulling on the ropes. Small fires were lit to make a bigger hole in the cut-out part of the log.

The log was pulled and hauled to the sea. Sometimes the Maoris let it roll down hills to save them work.

At the beach the canoe was cut with stone adzes so the hole was big enough for people and their stuff. Off they went to sea to fight and fish!

The canoe was used for a lot of reasons when Maori lived in New Zealand bush long ago.

- Harper, Room 3



Pack the Bus



The Student Council are joining with the City Mission and The Breeze again this year to think of others less fortunate at Christmas.

This year the bus comes to Bellevue on Friday 2 December so we will be collecting new toys, games, books, board games, art equipment, vouchers or festive food as we did last year.

More details will follow from the School Council about when we will put the Christmas Tree up and start collecting these, but please keep this in mind as a way that we can think of others and practise empathy, aroha or compassion this term.



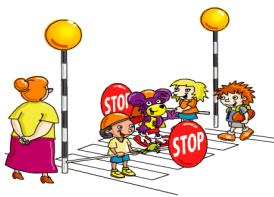
Safety Please



Please remember not to turn into a driveway to turn your car around on Bancroft Terrace.

By backing out to turn around you could easily hit another car or miss seeing one of our students who are walking on the pavements. PLEASE - do not do this! PLEASE - always go up to the top of Bancroft Terrace to turn around. DO NOT turn into driveways and back into the traffic as this is dangerous

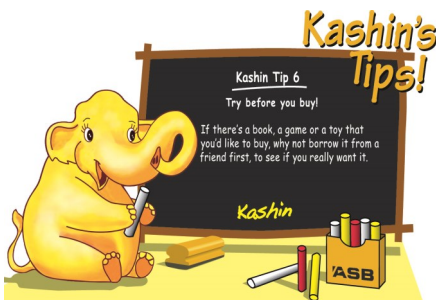
Look out for our children and parents by following the road rules to turn at the top of the terrace.



Banking at School

A reminder that your child can bank with the ASB through the school. Please contact the office for further details and enrolment forms.

Bank books need to be deposited in the bank box in the office foyer These are taken to the ASB every Friday.



ASB Donation Voucher



ASB have extended their offer of donations to schools so if a parent, staff member or family member of the school is taking out a home loan of \$150,000 or more, our school can then be nominated. ASB donates \$500 per home loan to the nominated school.

Donation vouchers are available at the school office. This offer is available for home loans drawn down **before 31 December 2016.**

Car Boot Sale

Bellevue School's Car Boot Sale is on Saturday 5 November at 10am - 12:00 (noon). The 'Bad Weather' contingency is that it will be postponed until 12 November (the following Saturday).

There will be a sausage sizzle, cake stall and goods galore.

If you wish to have a car-boot stall, we need more sellers. To book a space or for more details, please contact Lorraine on phone 027 600 4401.



Scholastic Bookclub

Brochures were sent home last week for Scholastic Book Club.



All orders are due in by this Thursday 27 October. Late orders cannot be accepted.

If you are paying by cheque please make it out to Scholastic NZ.



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Whooping Cough

We have been advised that a sibling of a child at school has been diagnosed with whooping cough.

Whooping cough is infectious and can be very serious for babies and young children.

If your child has a persistent cough please take them to the doctor to get it checked.

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.



Meet best selling New Zealand author Juliette MacIver - Saturday 29th October, 2pm to 3 pm. Suitable 6 and under.

Join Juliette at our special Tea Party to celebrate New Zealand Bookshop Day. Juliette will be reading her new books "Gwendolyn" and "That's Not A Hippopotamus". She will also be available to sign any of her other books you may wish to bring.

We have fun activities, cake and drink, take home bags and a special reading of "The Tiger Who Came to Tea". No charge, all welcome but bookings are essential.

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