



Weekly Newsletter

2 November 2016 Mai i te kōpae ki te urupa tātou ako tonu ai = from the cradle to the grave we are forever learning Term 4 - Issue 4

Important Dates

Tuesday 1 November	'Fairest of them All' Performance-show for whole school
Saturday 5 November	Car boot sale - cancelled
28, 29 & 30 November	Te Hau a Uru (seniors) - Camp
29 & 30 November & 1 December	Te Hau Rawhiti (juniors) - Beach Ed.
2 December	Festive Bake Sale—3:00—4:30pm
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 - 12:30pm finish
Monday 30 January	First day of 2016 - 9:00am start

Assembly Dates

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

Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue.

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

Nazik Haleem, Charlie Dermer, Timothy Hall, Emma Pando and Leo Reidiger to Room 6.

Max Riediger to Room 9.

Maria Riediger to Room 13

A special welcome to our school learning community to you and to your whānau/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, Hello, (please let us know the greeting in your language if it is not here)

Thank you everyone for participating in the annual whole school emergency evacuation. This practice each year helps us to review our procedures should a situation arise that requires us to evacuate the school. It is an opportunity for all of us to consider how we will reunite with our families/whānau after the event. It also helps the school check that our emergency contacts are up to date, and that processes are in place to reunite students with their families. We appreciate that in a real scenario many parents or emergency release adults would not make it to school for quite some time. Please be assured that staff will stay at school with your child until they are collected by one of your emergency release adults, or until Wellington Emergency Management takes over.

Following Friday's practice evacuation, we are considering how our procedures may be adjusted for the future. If you have any feedback on how the evacuation went for you, your family or your emergency release adults we are keen for you to share this with us to help us improve our preparedness for the future. Please use the feedback form that went home last week (this form that has been emailed again with this week's newsletter) or email us with your thoughts on the 'things that appeared to go well', and the 'things that may help the emergency procedure in the future'. As always we appreciate the way that our parents, caregivers and whānau work with the school to improve what we do.

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

*Confidence
doesn't come when
you have all the answers.
But it comes when
you are ready to face
all the questions.*

Māia or **confidence** is something that helps us to try new things. It helps us discover what we enjoy and what we can do. At Bellevue we encourage all our learners to meet challenges with the knowledge that it is Ok to make mistakes and fail... and that this happens to us all. By failing and then trying a different approach or a new strategy, it helps us to become more skilful and more knowledgeable. It also reinforces that we can become

'smarter' and more skilful by persevering. If we are open to learning, and understand that we are not 'born smart', we then realise we can learn new things by rising to challenges and making the effort to achieve. All of us fail at times, we all make mistakes and we can all learn from these.

Thinking positively and talking with others about how they grow their confidence can assist us to increase our ability to believe in ourselves and our ability to improve what we can do.

Keep talking with your child/ren about when you feel confident, also what you are good at now and what gave you the confidence to do this for the first time. Confidence is about learning to trust ourselves and have the confidence to make the effort to reach the next step in our learning.

Kupu Hou (new word)

Hoa = friend
pronunciation = hor-ah

Ka kite au i ōku *hoa* i te kura.
I will see my *friends* at school.



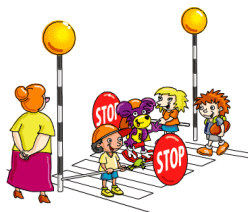
Thank you

Special thanks to ...

All the students, their teachers and support staff for working hard to practice preparedness before and during the annual whole school emergency evacuation practice on Friday.



Road Safety



Just a reminder that as adults we are role models not only for our own children, but all children that see us. Recently it has become noticeable, that an increasing number of parents (after dropping their children off at school at the

beginning of the day or arriving at the end of the day to pick their children up) walk across Bancroft Terrace without using the road patrols when they are on duty. Our student road patrollers have expressed their concern.

In order to ensure all our students' and parents' safety - and to teach our students appropriate road safety we ask that all adults use the Road Patrols on Bancroft Terrace regardless of whether you have your child/children with you or not, as you set an example for all the children coming to or leaving school each day.

Many thanks.

Whole School Evacuation

Thank you for your support in collecting your child/ren at last Friday's annual whole school emergency evacuation day.



To help us make the most of this annual school evacuation to check that we are all prepared should an emergency situation arise when your child/ren are at school., please send your feedback to the school on the feedback sheet provided last week (it is also on our website under 'Notices & Newsletters' or email us to respond to :-

😊 These things appeared to go well...

😊 These things may help improve the emergency procedure in the future....

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.



Chicken Pox

Thank you to the parents who let us know that Chicken Pox is around at the moment.

The virus is spread through the air by infected people when they sneeze or cough, and by touching the chickenpox blisters then touching objects or other people. The illness starts 10–21 days after being exposed.

Chickenpox is contagious from 1–2 days before the blisters appear. Avoid close contact with other people, stay home from work and keep children home from school and early childhood education centres for 1 week from the appearance of the rash until all blisters have dried. A person with chickenpox can pass the virus on from 1 - 2 days before they get the rash until after the rash blisters have dried up, which usually takes 5 - days.

Remember: chickenpox is serious for pregnant women and people who are have a reduced immune response .

Always turn away from others and use tissues when you cough or sneeze. Always wash your hands after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.

Chickenpox can also spread through touching the blisters and then touching objects or other people.

Wash hands often, especially if you're the caregiver of a child with chickenpox – and make sure they do the same.

Discourage children from scratching the blisters.



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.



Beach Education

Te Hau Rawhiti

- Tuesday 29 November,
- Wednesday 30 November,
At Worsor Bay

Te Hau Tonga

- Monday 5 December
- Tuesday 6 December
At Worsor 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.



Te Hau Tonga Market Day

Last week Rooms 8,9,10 and 11 held a Market Day as a celebration and culmination to their inquiry "Does Money Grow On Trees?" It was wonderful to see the way that they had developed and improved a product for a market. The preparation and organisation for this special event involved learning about choices and change as they improved or adapted their products for sale.

Take a look at these few photos of their market day stalls. You can view more of these on their class blogs.



Well done Te Hau Tonga - great learning and you had a huge number of satisfied customers too.

Bellevue 'Buddy Bench'

Recently the peer mediators have been facing a problem, which they couldn't solve. This problem was that children kept coming up to them and asking "Can we play with you?" or "Can you find someone for us to play with?" We couldn't really deal with this so we went to Ms Hardie. Ms Hardie helped us solve this problem by suggesting something called a Buddy Bench.

We started to look into the bench and slowly made a proposal to the Board of Trustees. After a while we got a letter of agreement for one buddy bench to see how it works.

So a buddy bench is where a student can go to if they don't have anyone to play with or if they can't find their friends. Hopefully everyone will use this bench and maybe if it works well we may even get one in each syndicate.

Allana & Gaure (Peer Mediators)



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, after their meeting this Friday. Please keep 'Pack The Bus' in mind as a way that we can think of others and practise empathy, aroha or compassion this term.



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 purchased 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 each.

Festive Bake Sale



Bellevue School's Car Boot Sale has changed to a Festive Bake Sale 3:00 - 4:30pm (after school) on Friday 2 December.

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

Please remember this date and bring along some money when you collect your children after school that day.

There will be some great afternoon tea options and some goodies to tempt you at this after school event. See the FUNdraisers newsletter attached to today's newsletter for more details.

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.

Food for a Healthy Heart

Wednesdays 30 Nov, at 5.15pm - 7.00pm, Johnsonville Community Centre

The Heart Foundation are running a friendly and informal FREE session to about nutrition and healthy food choices, for people living with heart disease and their whanau.

To register call 04 472 2780 or cathl@heartfoundation.org.nz



Festive Season Wine



An opportunity to buy some great Sileni Wine is being offered by Lorraine. She is organising this and donating all the profits to the school playground resurfacing project.

Wine can be ordered for the next three weeks. Final day for ordering is **Friday 25 November**.

Look out for the notice and order form that is coming home hard-copy today and is also attached to this week's newsletter email. Please encourage your family, work mates and neighbours to organise their 'festive spirits' from this Sileni opportunity.

Bell Challenge



Many students have been working away all year on the Bellevue BELL Home Learning Challenge.

Finished portfolios showing evidence for all completed challenges need to be brought in and shared with your classroom teachers **by Friday 25 November**.

Every completed challenge needs to be signed off by the student, parent and the teacher.

Pedestrians to School



Please remember how important it is to enter and exit the school via the gate to the pedestrian pathway.

Students and parents may then go through the gate by the Reading Recovery Room and walk behind our Te Hau Rawhiti classroom block to get to the middle school area.

For safety we politely request that you do not walk through the car-park gate at any time to enter or exit our school grounds.

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**.



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Giant Car Boot Sale

Saturday 19 November at Petone Rugby Club carpark (opposite Mitre 10 Mega)
Gates open: 6:00am sellers, 7:00am buyers
Gates close: 2:00pm

Cake stalls, Raffles, Sausage Sizzle, Coffee Cart, Car wash

Book your car boot sale parks at:
paintit.nz/carbootsale

All queries to: petoneontour@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the Petone Rugby Club U12 Players touring Brisbane in July 2017



Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics

We still have a few spaces available this term. We run classes Mon, Tue, Wed, and Sat in Thorndon and Mon in Northland.



Rhythmic Gymnastics is a mix of dance and 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 to arrange a FREE trial.

For more information about Elements and our classes, visit www.rhythmicgym.nz