



Weekly Newsletter

30 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 8

Important Dates

30 November	Te Hau a Uru (seniors) - Campers return today
29 - 30 November & 1 December	Te Hau Rawhiti (juniors) - Beach Ed.
2 December	Festive Bake Sale - 3:00 - 4:30pm
Friday 2 December	Pack the Bus
5 - 6 December	Te Hau Tonga (Middles) Beach Ed.
7 December	Celebration Assembly and awards for Bell Challenge and for school responsibilities - 2:15am End of Year reports (years 4-6) and progress reports (years 1-3) home
Friday 9 December	Pizza Fundraiser Lunch
Monday 12 December	Helpers Morning Tea in the hall - starts at 11:00am
Tuesday 13 December	Year 6 Leavers Evening
Thursday 15 December	Final assembly - 11:15am Final day of 2016 - 12:30pm finish
Monday 30 January	First day of 2016 - 9:00am start



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)

It is hard to believe that we are into our last three weeks of the year... 2016 seems to have flown by, but there has been a wealth of learning that has taken place at Bellevue School. Next Wednesday written reports come home for all Year 4 - 6 students and all Year 1-3 students due their anniversary reports. Please look out for these on 7 December when your child arrives home from school. We get these to you before the end of term so that you can check in with your child's teachers if there is something in the reports that you need clarifying or explaining in more detail.

Our Te Hau a Uru students, camp parents and teachers return home today after three exciting days of team and character building activities. It was wonderful to see them all yesterday making rafts, kayaking, trying archery, on the obstacle course, orienteering, cooking damper and their lunch on campfires. They were having a great time with many new experiences, while further developing so many of the competencies and values we believe are important in Bellevue Learning Community. They were certainly practicing confidence, perseverance/resilience, consideration, collaboration, self-management and empathy - as were the camp parents and teachers at this amazing 'Education Outside the Classroom' experience!! No doubt there will be some exhausted campers returning home today and many stories to share on their return this afternoon.

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite
Karen



Assembly Dates

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 John Mabuti in Room 6 to Bellevue School:

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



Character Education

When encouraging students to practise **Māia** or **confidence** we talk about them believing in themselves, standing tall and giving everything their best try. We also remind them to 'fake it until you make it'. It is important for them to know that even if they make mistakes this is fine because it is a sign they are learning. We constantly remind them that if we get something wrong we can always try again and again until we make it.

We encourage students to practice what they want to become or to learn how to do. There have been so many recent examples of students doing just this... at school camp, at Beach Education, in the classroom and in the playground. It is reassuring for children to know that we can try new things, we can always give something another attempt and we can cope with anything that comes our way. When practising confidence we stand tall and proud, we look like we can handle whatever happens and we trust that things will all work out. It helps us to try doing new things - we do not let doubt or fear stop us. We think positively and know it is alright if it does not work out the first time. So please keep talking with your child/ren about practicing having courage and confidence. Help them build their confidence to know what to do when they make a mistake, when something goes wrong or when there is something that they have not tried to do before.

Just believe in yourself. Even if you don't, pretend that you do and, at some point, you will.

— Venus Williams

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Kupu Hou (new word)

whakatauākī = proverb, significant saying.
(Like pepeha these are essential ingredients in *whaikōrero*)

pronunciation = far-kah-toe-key



Ko te nuinga o ngā whakatauākī nā te tangata whai mana i whakatakoto

The majority of whakatauākī have been made by people of status.

Confidence Heroes

The following students were acknowledged in assembly last Friday for demonstrating confidence:

Room 1 - Isabella Shamon

Room 2 - Aina Marissa Math Rapho

Room 3 - Jahzel Leotogi

Room 4 - Jordan Taoipu

Room 5 - Lily Coates, Hunter De Young & Sami Laulau

Room 6 - Charlie Dermer

Room 7 - Nuhaik Haleem

Room 8 - Morgan Saunders & Suzie Dubuisson

Room 9 - Carter Sutherland

Room 10 - Gabriel O'Connor, Adam Mawby & Sebby Urquhart

Room 11 - Khadijah Ahmad, Isabel Johnston, Luke Caldwell & Noah Coates

Room 12 - Allana Caldwell,

Room 13 - Jaja Suphachaisakhon & Maria Riediger

Room 14 - Andre Geard & Samuel Mackay

Room 15 - Maisie McGhee

All Year 5 students who tried out for Road Patrol.



Thank you

Special thanks to ...

All the wonderful parents who accompanied the Year 5 and Year 6 students and their teachers on camp from Monday until this afternoon. You are an amazing group of people who have helped the children have an outstanding three days of 'Education Outside The Classroom' or EOTC. You are amazing and your concert item was hilarious!

Thanks also to the supportive Room 1&7 parents who went on the Beach Education Trip to Worser Bay yesterday and those parents who went today with Rooms 3, 4 & 6. Thank you for your help for Anne and Melissa to take the students for this important EOTC experience. Without you we would not be able to do these extra activities. Kia ora koutou.

Thanks to all the people who supported the Sileni Fundraiser through Lorraine. The school has received \$1,100 from this opportunity. Thank you Lorraine for providing this extra boost to the playground safety surface project. You are a star!



Kindergarten Carpark

A message from Bellevue Kindergarten...

Due to the congestion of traffic and the very poor condition of our driveway, we are requesting that school parents no longer use our driveway and car parks (Including the circle in front of the fence). Recently our parents have been finding it difficult to get either down the driveway or to park between 8:30am and 9:00pm. On checking it appears that there have been a large number of school parents parking there. Please park on Link Road and walk in with your children or use the Bancroft Terrace entrance so that parents with younger students can access our centre safely each day.

Many thanks for your support in this.

Kind regards from
Bellevue Kindergarten

**NO
PARKING**



Weet-Bix Tryathlon

If you would like to participate in the Weetbix Kids Tryathlon for 2017 please go to:

<https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/home/event/12> to register online.

A notice with more information has been attached to last week's email with the newsletter and it is also on our website under 'Notices & Newsletters'.



WANT TO READ IN THE HOLIDAYS?



TAKE HOME A BAG OF UP TO 10 BOOKS TO READ OVER SUMMER!

Visit Sarah in the library and collect a permission form to take a bag of books home for the summer.

To qualify you must be in Year 3, 4 or 5 this year, returning to Bellevue School in 2017, and have no outstanding books on issue.

Library

Library Donations

In previous years, some families of Year 6 leavers, and others leaving Bellevue School, have wished to mark their time here by donating a book to the library. We have a number of fiction, non-fiction and picture books suitable for a wide range of ages and interests that we make these available for donation at about half the retail price. The cost to donors ranges from about \$5.00 to \$20.00.

A library donation plate showing the name(s) of the donor will be placed in front of the book which will be available for borrowing by the donor after cataloguing and covering.

If you wish to make a donation to the library in this way, the books may be viewed at the school office from Wednesday 30 November.

Last Week for Borrowing

This is the last week that books will be issued to students.

All books are due back by Friday 9 December. Please help your children to find and return their books on time.



Pack the Bus



The Christmas Tree is up in the School Foyer for the Student Council, City Mission and The Breeze Pack the Bus presents.



The bus is coming to Bellevue School this Friday 2 December so if you wish to donate a gift please bring these in or ask your child/ren to bring them in over the next two days.

The special Christmas List that has been sent to the school includes:-



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| • Museli bars | • Retail vouchers |
| • Tinned fruit | • Event vouchers eg: zoo, pool |
| • Jellies | • Lego/Mechano |
| • Tinned meat and fish | • Art equipment |
| • Meals in a can | • Educational books |
| • Breakfast Ceremals | • Beach/Picnic/Water toys |
| • Spreads eg: jams, vegemite | • Puzzles |
| • Fancy biscuits | • Outdoor Sports Gear |
| • Sweets/lollies | |
| • Toiletries for the family | |

A special request from the City Mission and the Breeze is that gifts are **NOT wrapped**. This enables them to match each gift to the person who receives it. If you wish your child to put the same item they have brought to school onto the bus, then please tape a small name and class number to the gift so it can be given to them to put on the bus. Otherwise we will just give each child something from under the tree to place on the bus when it comes this Friday.

Beach Education

Te Hau Rawhiti (at Worser Bay)
- Thursday 1 December

Te Hau Tonga (at Worser Bay)
- Monday 5 December
- Tuesday 6 December

Te Hau a Uru (at Titahi Bay)
- Thursday 8 (Rooms 12 and 15)
- Friday 9 December (Rooms 13 and 14)



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, and Beach Education takes place in all weather... even if it rains!

Special Assemblies

Please remember that there are two special assemblies at the end of the year. Next Wednesday 7 December (2:15pm) there is a Celebrations Assembly where awards are presented for Bell Challenge and special responsibilities in the school such as Librarians, Peer Mediators, Road Patrollers.

The Farewell Assembly on Thursday 15 December (11:15am) includes our farewell to the Year 6 students and staff leaving, also presentation of special Bellevue Trophies. We hope that you can make it along to these special assemblies.

Festive Bake Sale & Sausage Sizzle



Friday 2nd December 3pm - 4:30pm

This Friday we are holding our festive bake sale, sausage sizzle and Christmas gifts fundraiser. **Please remember to provide a small plate of homemade afternoon tea goodies** for the stall and drop it off to the hall kitchen on Friday morning.

Smencils, Bellevue school t-shirts and sun hats will also be on sale. Socialise with friends, have a yummy afternoon tea and get some Christmas shopping done while supporting your child/ren's school



Home Learning

Next week your child is bringing some Home Learning for you to assist them with. It is a Health and PE survey. Every two years we ask parents/whānau to help us review our Health and PE programmes to check that they meet the needs of our children and their families.

Knowing it is a busy time of year there is an extra incentive of a prize draw for families who do this 'Home Learning' task and get it back to us by Friday 9 December. There is a \$20 Warehouse voucher draw for each of the three syndicate areas at our final assembly.



Sileni Wine Orders



Thank you to everyone who ordered or convinced their family, friends, acquaintances to order wine from Lorraine's Fundraiser.

Lorraine will contact you directly regarding pick up details for your order.

This fundraiser raised \$1,100 towards the replacement safety surfacing for the playground at the end of Room 11.

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**.



Helpers Morning Tea

If you have helped out at the school in any shape or form during this year, we hope that you have received an invite to the special morning tea.

If your invite has not arrived and you have helped out, please join us in the hall on Monday 12 December at 11:00am. We warmly invite you to this opportunity for the school to acknowledge our wonderful community support in 2016.



Pizza Fundraising Lunch

We are having a Pizza lunch on Friday 9 December.

Please look out for the Pizza order form that is coming home today in hard copy form and will also be put on our website as well as attached to our newsletter email.

All funds raised go towards safety matting for the Middle Playground.



Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property which will be on display after the assembly on Wednesday 7 December and also after the final assembly on Thursday 15 December.

All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



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

KHANDALLAH TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB (KTSC)

"Summer Pass" (valid for use between 12 December 2016 to 31 January 2017)

Give the gift of family fun and activity this Christmas. Available right now, the **"Summer Pass"** and play unlimited* tennis and squash throughout the summer school holidays.

Prices start at \$100 for families, \$50 adults and \$25 children (plus \$20 access card)

KTSC - 7 tennis courts, 4 squash courts, Sauna, members lounge

Thump Sports - on-site Pro Shop

Evolve Tennis - Professional tennis coaching

For an application form - phone 939-6210 or email ktsc@paradise.net.nz

To purchase your pass, come down to 55 Delhi Crescent with your completed application form between 9.30am and 1.30pm Mon-Fri and you/your family can be on the court on 12 December for a whole 6 weeks BARGAIN

Numbers strictly Limited - Enquire NOW

**Some conditions apply*



Kaipai Kidz Holiday Programme:

We will be operating from 12.30pm - 6.00pm on Thursday 15 December, then from 7.30am - 6.00pm on Friday 16 December and Monday 19 - Friday 23 December.

All enquiries to:

linda@kapaikidz.co.nz or 021 409641



Kids Have FUN at Craft House - School Holiday Craft Classes and Birthday Parties

Join us at Craft House for a full week of crafting FUN before Christmas and once school has finished. Offering the usual Christmassy classes such as Christmas crackers, cards and tags, tree decorations, a holiday wreath and a repeat of the popular 'gingerbread' house of last year made from biscuits and lollies. We will also make a gift box filled with handmade chocolates, a tiny paper gingerbread house inside a snow globe and a star shaped version of our popular 'light it up' class. In January we will have lots of summer FUN with classes planned for two weeks from 16 - 27th of January. Keep your eye on our website for more details coming soon! Prices start at just \$25 for a 2hr class and before/after class care is also offered for a small surcharge. Open to all children 7 years and above. Join us for a two hour session, a whole day, a week ... it's up to you!

See all the details

at www.CraftHouse.co.nz

For more information or to book, call us on 499 4499 or email info@CraftHouse.co.nz