



Weekly Newsletter

7 December 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 9

Important Dates

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 Last day for Health Survey
Monday 12 December	Helpers Morning Tea in the hall - starts at 11:00am
Tuesday 13 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Evening
Thursday 15 December	Cushion Concert Final Assembly - 11:15am Final day of 2016 - 12.30pm finish + office closes at 12:45pm
Tuesday 24 - Friday 27 January	School office opens 10am - 2:00pm
Friday 27 January	One on one family/whānau meetings with the new teacher
Monday 30 January	First day of school for students in 2017 - 9:00am start

Assembly Dates

Wednesday 7 Dec	Presentations and singing
Thursday 15 December	Year 6 Presentations, Farewells and Singing



Cushion Concert for our Final Assembly **next Thursday at 11:15am.** Join us to sing some festive songs also to farewell our Year 6 students and staff leaving. BYO cushion.

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)

NZSL

With only one week until the end of term, please note the important dates beside this column so that you do not miss any of these events. If your child is in Years 4-6 or in Years 1-3 and due their anniversary report, you will find their written reports coming home with them today. Please look out for these written reports this evening. The reason these come out a week before the end of term is so that you have the opportunity to clarify anything in the report with your child's current teacher before the end of the year.

2017 stationary lists and class organisation are almost finalised. Please note the organisation notice later in this newsletter. Class placement notices come home to you next Wednesday (ie: on 14 December) to confirm your child's whānau class and syndicate for 2017, along with a copy of their stationary requirements for 2017. Also on this sheet is an overview of the individual family/whānau meetings we would like you to come along to on the Friday before school starts. We have been researching ways of improving how we start the year with your child and family. These meetings have proven very successful in a number of schools so we are offering these as a trial in 2017. This is a chance for you and your child to meet the teacher one on one, to share your child's interests/passions and what you want for your child at Bellevue School ie: long term and in 2017. Please book in a time that suits you (see the notice later in the newsletter for further details and how to book). An overview for the meeting will be on the lower half of the Class Placement notice page that comes home next Wednesday.

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

At our Celebrations Assembly today many students were acknowledged for māia or confidence, their contributions to school and their amazing work on their Bell Challenge. These students believed in themselves, stood tall and gave their best to each of the contributions they made.

We continue to reassure students so that they know they can try new things, can always give something another attempt and can cope with anything that comes along. We encourage them not to let doubt or fear stop them but to think positively and know it is fine if it does not work out the first time. Please keep talking with your child/ren about having the courage and confidence to know what to do when they make a mistake or when something does not turn out how they wished. Encourage them to try something that they may not have tried to do before or have not yet succeeded in doing.

By keeping on trying, doing their best and asking for help when they need it your child will be gaining the confidence to be an independent person and to cope with the unexpected things that come along in their lives. We encourage them to find the strength to do what is right and face those hard, unexpected events in their lives.

Every time your child practices being confident in the face of a new challenge, tries out new ways of doing things or makes steps towards trusting themselves to do something, please acknowledge them for increasing their māia or confidence.

Kupu Hou (new word)

tākaro(hia) = play

pronunciation = tah-car-oh (hee-a)

Ka **tākaro** ngā tamariki ki waho.
The children will *play* outside.



Kua **tākaro hia** e mātou ngā kēmu e rua.
We've *played* two games.

Congratulations Kareem

Congratulations to Kareem Omar who was awarded the University of New South Wales Medal. Kareem won the medal for achieving the highest score for all Year 6 students in New Zealand in the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) English. Kareem and his family attended the New Zealand medal presentation in Auckland last Friday. Tino pai rawa atu Kareem! We are very proud of your achievement.



Beach Education

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!

Thank you

Special thanks to ...

Everyone who donated to the Red Nose Day Appeal at Bellevue School. The final total of \$871.20 was deposited into the Cure Kids account from this great day. Thank you everyone for your generosity and supporting the Student Councils Red Day.

All the wonderful parents/caregivers and family members who have already and who are accompanying students on Beach Education Days. This very valuable learning experience would not be possible without your support.

To all the people who baked or made goodies for the Festive Bake Sale last Friday, those who worked on the stalls and those who bought the goodies. We raised \$1190 so well done everyone.

To the wonderful students, parents, families and teachers who donated gifts and items of food for the 'Pack the Bus' initiative. Thank you for the aroha and compassion you demonstrated for children and families who are less fortunate. Kia ora koutou.

To the wonderful women who have been in again this term to collate orders for Pizza Friday and to count money for these. You are amazing!

To Feta for repairing the outside bus due to vandalism.



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 is available 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.

Borrowing has finished for this year, and all books are due back this week.

Please help your child to find and return any books still on issue.

Occasionally children take home books issued to the teachers for classroom use. If you find any books belonging to Bellevue School, please return them to the library or office.



Class Organisation 2017

At this time of year schools are busy getting ready to farewell students and staff who are moving on, while also preparing for the new year. At Bellevue School we are saying farewell to Carly Barnes and Rebecca Pugh, who are both moving to the South Island next year, also to Bex Dabbs, Margaret Hahn and Denise Copley whose fixed term positions end.

We are welcoming three new staff members to our school - Avi Jayasekara, Richard McLeod and Ricky Buchanan. These three teachers are visiting our school before the end of the year to meet the students and the teaching team.

Next year the class organisation, including teacher and class levels are:-

Room 1

- New Entrant/Year 1 - Mrs Anne Smith

Room 3

- New Entrant/Year 1 - Mrs Lesley Waite

Room 4

- New Entrant/Year 1 - Mrs Kathryn Charlesworth

Room 5

- Year 1/2 - Ms Emma Cummings

Room 6

- Year 1/2 - Mrs Anne Gullen

Room 7

- Year 1/2 - Ms Melissa Van Echten

Room 8

- Year 3/4 - Mr Ricky Buchanan

Room 9

- Year 3/4 - Ms Cassie Baggs

Room 10

- Year 3/4 - Ms Anna Borrer

Room 11

- Year 3/4 - Ms Avindra Jayasekara

Room 12

- Year 5/6 - Mrs Deeann Daniels

Room 13

- Year 5/6 - Mr Richard McLeod

Room 14

- Year 5/6 - Ms Kendra Taurua

Room 15

- Year 5/6 - Ms Erica Ward

Mrs Maria Church will be working with students and teachers in a number of classrooms for the first seven weeks of Term 1 before leaving on maternity leave.



Meet the Teacher

At the start of 2017 we are keen for you to have the opportunity to meet one to one with your child's new teacher. We have arranged for meetings to take place on the Friday before school starts ie: 27 January. There will be a 15 minute slot for each child and their family/whanau.

Please note there will be a website address in the newsletter next Wednesday to book a time for you and your child to talk with their new teacher for 2017 on Friday 27 January.

Please remember that this is a great chance to share your child's passions, interests and family aspirations for their year or time at Bellevue School. You also get to meet their new teacher one-to-one before the year starts, and things get busy for you.

We encourage all families to make the most of this informal get together so get ready to book when your child's class placement note comes home next Wednesday. If you prefer to ring or email the school for a booking please do so and we will put your preferred time into the day's schedule.

The school office closes on Thursday 15 December and re-opens again on Tuesday 24 January, 2017.

"Nice to meet you"



Pack the Bus



Santa shares some dance moves.



Thank you to each and every one of you who sent along gifts or food for other families/whānau at Christmas.

- from
the Student Council



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

Chinese Lessons:

Creative thinking and problem solving skills. Gaining an understanding and appreciation of other cultures and diversity. Greater awareness of your own language. An expanded world view.

There are many benefits to learning an additional language! Would you like your child to learn Mandarin Chinese as an additional conversational language? Ni Hao Children's Community classes are social, practical, interactive and games based - we won't sit at desks. Parents are invited to attend classes also.

For more information please go to www.nihao.org.nz

Language Arts



Home

This week your child brought 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.

We realise that it is a busy time of year so we have organised an incentive of a prize draw for families who do this 'Home Learning' task and get it back to us by this Friday ie: 9 December. A \$20 Warehouse voucher draw will be held for each of the three syndicate areas at our final assembly.



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 next Monday.

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.



Lost Property

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

All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



Final Assembly

You are invited and warmly welcomed to join us at 11:15am - 12:30pm on Thursday 15 December. This is our very last day of school for 2016 and our final assembly for the year. It is a special occasion to farewell all our students and staff who are leaving, sing Christmas songs together and present some special school awards for the year of 2016.

We encourage students to wear a Christmas hat or headband, a sparkly decoration, festive earrings or ties to celebrate the end of the year next Thursday.

As there are such a large number of us to fit in the hall we ask that parents/caregivers bring a cushion to sit on the floor for the duration of assembly. By doing this we hope that everyone who wishes to be at the assembly can be seated inside. We will have a few seats at the back of the hall for grandparents or people who have health issues that prevent them sitting on the floor, but please can everyone else squeeze up in the areas that we will have marked out for adults.



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**.

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



Drama Holiday Programme:

Drama Remedy holiday programmes are a great opportunity to expose your child to the art of drama & speech with our exciting and enjoyable workshops which are designed to enhance children's appreciation of the performing arts and to develop confidence and communication skills. To enrol or for more details contact (04) 478 5962 or 022 027 3316 dramaremedy@gmail.com or visit our website www.dramaremedy.co.nz

