



Weekly Newsletter

14 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 10

Important Dates

Thursday 15 December	Cushion Concert Final Assembly - 11:15am Final day of 2016 - 12.30pm finish School 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 your child's new teacher
Monday 30 January	First day of school for students in 2017 - 9:00am start

Assembly Dates

Thursday 15 December	Year 6 Presentations, Farewells and Singing
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Cushion Concert - Final Assembly tomorrow at 11:15am.

Join us to sing some festive songs also to farewell Year 6 students and staff leaving.



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

As this is the last newsletter of the year I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students for their hard work and a wonderful year of learning. You have worked extremely hard to reach so many of your goals, to further your growth mindset and to develop your understanding of how you learn best. We appreciate the positive attitude, enthusiasm and confidence that you have demonstrated this year. Have a well-deserved holiday over the summer.

Also a warm-hearted farewell from Bellevue School to our wonderful Year 6 students. Although we will miss you next year, we know that you are ready to continue your learning journey at intermediate.

To our fabulous teachers and support staff at Bellevue I would like to thank everyone of you for the incredible commitment you make to supporting each student to learn, succeed and achieve their best. Your dedication, professionalism and hard work is a credit to you all. I wish you a very well-deserved, restful and refreshing break. To our lovely teachers moving to new schools we wish you well in your new learning communities. Ka kite to Carly, Rebecca, Bex, Margaret Hahn and Denise Copley.

Thank you to our dedicated Board of Trustees who continue to donate their time to govern our school so well. We also thank their families who enable our Board members to share this time with the school for the best of all our students.

The other hard-working group of people are our FUNdraisers who have continually put in many extra hours to organise events to raise the extra funds for equipment or educational experiences to support our students learning. What a huge year it has been raising the funds to provide the new playground within a term of the old one being removed. Kia ora koutou.

And lastly a thank you to our wonderful parents, caregivers and whanāu/families who have supported your children, their teachers, the staff and the school during 2016. Thank you for your support for me as principal of this wonderful learning community too. They say that "It takes a village to raise a child" so thank you for making this possible at our school. We really appreciate your support and assistance to make Bellevue School the fantastic place of learning that it is.

Please look out for your child/ren's stationary lists, class placement notices and information about the Family/Whanau meetings. These are coming home with them today. Bookings for the Family/Whanau meetings are open from today. We look forward to seeing you at these on Friday 27 January.

A reminder to bring a cushion when you join us for the final assembly tomorrow where we celebrate a great year of learning, also farewell our students and staff moving on. There will be a few chairs at the back for those unable to sit on the floor, however we are keen for as many people as possible to join us for our final get together so will not be setting out chairs to make more room for us all to fit in the hall. You might like to wear something festive as we are encouraging your child/ren to do this on the last day of term too.

Have a great summer break everyone.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

As we head off into the summer holidays tomorrow, we wish all our many students a great break from school and a reminder to continue to develop their māia or confidence as they have fun with family and friends. With so many different experiences or ways that children can continue to grow their skills and abilities in activities they take part in with you over the break, we encourage them to continue to stand tall and give their best to everything they do.

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)

Hari hararei = Happy holidays
Pronunciation = Ha-ree har-rah-ray

Hari hararei kia koutou
Happy holidays everyone.

Happy
Holidays!

Thank you

Special thanks to ...

Everyone who responded to our Home Learning Task last week to let us know your thoughts about the Health and PE programmes at Bellevue. The prize draw for each syndicate area is drawn at tomorrow's assembly.

Tracy, Sheree and Hannah who helped with the organisation and the distribution of pizza's at Pizza Day on Friday.

Pip Penhey who has provided staff with a weekly 'pick me up' this year. Pip your baking is outstanding as your thoughtfulness and caring is. Thank you from us all.

Miranda Browne for transporting students to the Running Academy each week.

School Grounds

Hooray - over the summer break the new safety surface is being installed under the playground beside Room 11. There may also be some building work taking place in the Resource Room beside Room 1, and along the driveway down to the senior block. If you are in the school grounds please look out for any work vehicles to make sure you are safe.

Also we appreciate you looking out for our grounds and buildings over the break. If you notice anything untoward, or people misusing the school, please ring the police directly so that our school is free of vandalism during the holidays. Many thanks.



Thanks

A Fond Farewell ... we will miss you

Bye—we will miss you all

A very fond farewell to all our Year 6 students and the families who have their last child leaving us this year. A very special thank you to the following families for their contributions to and support of Bellevue Learning Community over the years they have been part of our community....

Taziyah Amoah (Olivia & Charles Amoah), Rudresh Balamurali Krishna, Jade Bennie, Hamish Browne (Miranda & Calum Browne), Allana Caldwell, Andrew Cheng (Sophia & Frank Cheng), Andrew Cho (May Young & Bevan Cho), Ryan Chy, Aria Coleman, Akira Cook, Grayson Cook, Jessica Curry (Nirosha & Jason Curry), Zack Dearman (Brenda Smith & Jason Dearman), Pomare Dickson (Gordon Dickson & Anne Smith), Alya Duffy (Carla Leighton & Paul Duffy), Rafiq Farah, Caoimhe Finn-Burke, Andre Geard (Carol Geard), Charlotte Harris (Sheree & Craig Harris), Joel Head, Lamitta Hermez (Sanaa Yosif & Saman Korkess), Ashleigh Howell (Lynelle & Jonathan Howell), Sophie James (Sharlene Tanirau), Dmitry Joffe-Devoy, Ryder Kapua (Renata Tomicek), Lea Kingsford, Eva Koorey-Te Huki (Angela Koorey & Tama Te Huki), Ryan Mackay, Rohan Mani, Molly Martin (Melissa Greig & Dennis Martin), Calum McNeice (Megan McNeice & Brendan McNeice), Owen Merdler, Jaxon Mill-Cameron, Dana Mistry, Robert Morrison (Linda Morrison & Massey Morrison), Kareem Omar, Greg Parkinson, Sophie Purvis (Jennifer & Matthew Purvis), Stefani Rivera (May Ann & Joseph Rivera), Kaitlyn Russell, Brayden Rutene (Lisa White), Gaure Sharma (Ambika & Rakesh Sharma), Anjali Sharma, Leighton Smyth (Anna Pointer), Lori Thomson (Nicola Thomson), Zaki Zaki.

We would also like to farewell the following students and their families who are also leaving Bellevue:-

Danielle, Anthony & Hayley Dennison (Melissa & Jason Dennison), Maisie McGhee (Esther Paku & Irvine McGhee), Niqui De Leon (Sandra & Eugene De Leon), Sophia Beilensohn (Brigitte & Matt Beilensohn), Elain Chen (Li Bian & Tianjiao Chen), Anye & Decius Howarth (Anuwela & Jason Howarth), Chardene Van Herdeen (Dene Cohen-Van Heerden & Craig Van Heerden)

Farewell also to Carly Barnes, Rebecca Pugh, Bex Dabbs, Denise Copley and Margaret Hahn who are moving on from Bellevue. We appreciate the wonderful contributions and taonga (treasure) that you have shared with our students and within our learning community during your time with us. All the best for your new positions at other schools.

Farewell from Bellevue Learning Community. Please come back to visit.

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

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

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.



Stationery for 2017

If you are purchasing student stationery for 2017 from school it will not be available for purchase until the first day of the school term, Monday 30 January. We also ask that you send your order along to the classroom teacher so that it can be recorded in the finance book before it is sent along to the office for processing. Please do not take your order to the office directly as office staff are not able to process orders on an individual basis.



School Lunches

Monday school lunches will resume on Monday 13 February 2017.



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 have recently visited our school 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 the website address is:- www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

The code for the Parent/Teacher meetings is: **b48z3**

From today you can go online to book a time for you and your child to talk with their new teacher on Friday 27 January. This is a great chance to share your child's passions, interests and family aspirations for their year or time at Bellevue School. You 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. 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.

Please note:- The school office closes on Thursday 15 December at 12.45pm and re-opens again on Tuesday 24 January, 2017 from 10:00 - 2:00pm.

"Nice to meet you"



Final Assembly



You are invited and very welcome to join us at 11:15am - 12:30pm tomorrow (Thursday 15 December) for our Farewell Assembly in the hall.

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 tomorrow.

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 have marked out for adults.



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

Kapai 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

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'.



Term Dates 2017

Term One: Monday 30 January - Thursday 13 April

Term Two: Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July

Term Three: Monday 24 July - Friday 29 Sept

Term Four: Monday 16 Oct - Friday 15 December

Holidays & Observances:

Term One:

Monday 6 February - Waitangi Day observed

Friday 14 April - Good Friday

Monday 17 April - Easter Monday

Tuesday 18 April - Easter Tuesday

Monday 25 April - ANZAC Day

Term Two:

Monday 5 June - Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 6 June - Teacher Only Day

Term Four:

Monday 23 October - Labour Day

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property which will be on display on the hard court area outside Room 1 and 2 after the final assembly on Thursday 15 December. If wet, it will be under the porches of Rooms 1 and 2.

All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



Happy Holidays



A reminder that school finishes at 12:30pm tomorrow and resumes again at 9:00am on Monday 30 January 2017.

The office closes at 12:45pm tomorrow and reopens between 10:00 - 2:00pm on Tuesday 24 - 27 January, then resumes normal school hours again when the students return on 30 January.

Have a safe, happy break over the summer.



Kelly Sports 2017

IS COMING TO BELLVUE SCHOOL...

Kelly Sports are very excited to offer their after-school sports programme at Bellevue School starting on Monday 13 February for eight weeks. The programme is a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop and enhance ball skills; catching, kicking and throwing, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness.

Term 1 - two weeks each of Football, Volleyball, Athletics and Touch Rugby. We teach new skills/ability by using games and fun drills. It is a great way to try new sports, improve skills and maintain fitness - all while having FUN! Classes start at 3:05 - 4:05pm - Monday 13 February to Monday 3 April 2017. Fees are \$80 (early bird rate of \$75 if paid before 29 Jan 2017). You can find out more and book at www.kellysports.co.nz/events/2171-Bellevue-School-Newlands call 9727201 or email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz