



# Weekly Newsletter

1 February 2017

Atawhaitia te rito kia puawai te tamaiti = Nurture the tender shoot so that the child will bloom

Term 1 - Issue 1

## Important Dates

Thursday 2 February	Powhiri for new staff and students 10.45am. All welcome.
Monday 6 February	Waitangi Day - school closed
Thursday 9 February	Kelly Sports in school—"taster" lessons for all students
Thursday 9 February	FUNdraisers meeting- 7:00pm in the Whare Iti
Monday 13 February	Kelly Sports After School
Thursday 23 February	BOT Meeting - 7:00pm Staffroom
Friday 24 February	Twilight Gala 4:00pm - 8:00pm
Monday 13 March	Anti-bullying performance at school
Monday 20 March	Bellevue School Teacher Only Day — school closed
Monday 4 April	Bellevue School Athletics day
Monday 11 April	Postponement date for Bellevue Athletics day
Friday 13 April	Final day of Term 1 - Good Friday on 14 April

## 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

A very warm welcome back to school everyone. Haere mai to new students, whānau and teachers to Bellevue School; also to our students, teachers and whānau who were part of Bellevue Learning Community last year. We hope you had a great time over the school break with your children, family and friends. It is wonderful to see the friendly greetings, enthusiasm and energy our young learners have displayed over the past few days. We know that it is going to be a fabulous year of learning in our school learning community with such energy and commitment to doing our best. For all our new students and teachers there is a welcome Powhiri in the hall at 10:45am tomorrow ie: Thursday 2 February. You are warmly invited to join us for this occasion.

Thank you to all our families who made it along to meet and talk with your child's teacher last Friday or yesterday after school. If you have not already had the opportunity to connect with your child's new teacher please make a time to connect with them in the first few weeks of term. We value these meetings as a way of sharing your aspirations for your child and your knowledge of what works for their learning. We look forward to working with you and your child/ren over the next 11 months to support their learning growth and development.

This year all classes are working in more flexible learning spaces and learning hubs as the school operates a more collaborative teaching model. This means your child benefits from the strengths of more than their whānau class teacher, however their whānau teacher is the first point of contact for them and for you if there is anything you would like to clarify or discuss. At Bellevue we value your input and your support of the school to assist your child's learning so please keep in touch with your child's teacher and the school. We are keen to work closely with you to promote the best possible learning experiences and conditions for your child's learning. As teachers we are very aware that we all learn differently. We learn with, from and about our students as we actively seek to help them make connections and develop a true sense of belonging in our learning community. The concept of ako (learning from each other) is valued in our work with you and your children. So please keep in touch with your child's new teacher so that together we work in partnership to help them continue to develop and grow their skills.

Ka kite  
Karen



**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**

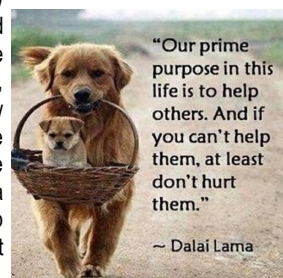


## Character Education

This term the value that we are celebrating and encouraging everyone to develop further is Empathy and Compassion or Aroha.

This value is very helpful to us as we work, play and learn with others. It is about being kind, caring and wanting to help others. It is also about forgiving someone who has made a mistake or hurt us.

Compassion helps us to understand others and ourselves. The New Zealand Curriculum key competencies of *Relating to Others* and *Participating and Contributing* are about interacting with a diverse range of people in a variety of contexts.. Connecting with others, recognising different points of view and building awareness of how our words and actions impact on others, all help us to develop these key competencies.. Developing compassion enables us to be more actively involved in communities and to contribute appropriately as a group member. Successful learners and collaborators are able to demonstrate compassion and empathy for others. They know that they will have more successful lives by demonstrating this value.



"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them."

~ Dalai Lama

## Assembly Dates

Friday 17 February	Assembly led by Rooms 14 & 15
Friday 3 March	Assembly led by Rooms 8 & 9
Friday 17 March	Assembly led by Rooms 5, 6 & 7
Friday 7 April	Rooms 12 & 13
Thursday 13 April	Singing Assembly

## Welcome to Bellevue School

### Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

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

Room 3 - Lucas Cameron, Ansh Kulkarni, Zoya Fatima

Room 4 - Izabella Dawick, Miles Yin, Anna Geursen, Emily Sargeant

Room 6 - Arlo Street

Room 8 - Alysha Samuel, Shiilah O'Connor-Herewini

Room 9 - Cyra Ignacio

Room 10 - Kaiylin Hunter, Jake Walker-Hall

Room 11 - Dita Street

Room 14 - Fisher Chen

Room 15 - Deizjah O'Connor-Herewini



A special welcome to the Bellevue School learning community to each and every one of you and also your whānau/family.

## Kupu Hou (new word)

**Hui-tanguru** = February  
*Pronunciation* = who-ee tah-ng-oo-roo

Ka hoki mai tātou ā tēnei Hui-tanguru.

We will return in February.

Another name for February is Pēpuere.



## Thank you

Special thanks to...

All the parents/caregivers/whānau who made it along to the Whānau meetings with your child's new teacher for the year on Friday or yesterday afternoon. It was wonderful to share your aspirations for and information about your child and their learning. At Bellevue we are working to strengthen the learning relationships with our families to improve what we do for students' learning.

Our maintenance contractors Feta Laulau, Crest Clean, Seyclean and ShadePro for the great work they did in cleaning and maintenance at the school to prepare it ready for the student's return on Monday. Kia ora koutou.

Playbases for laying the new Playmatta safety surface beneath the playground at the end of Room 11 over the break. Also thank you to our wonderful FUNdraisers and all our community who fundraised last year so that this could be ready for 2017. Awesome!

Alan at Newlands Pipelines for completing the retaining wall that runs alongside the pathway down to Te Hau a Uru classrooms.

Amy Bendall who brought in a freshly baked cake for teachers on Friday when they were having Whānau meetings. This was their fourth teacher preparation day in a row so this was very much appreciated. Thanks for thinking of us Amy.

The wonderful teachers who have spent many days and weeks at school in preparation for a great start to the year of learning with your children. We are very fortunate to have such a committed, professional teaching team who are keen to further the learning for all the children in our school, as well as their own learning and development. Kia ora koutou.



## Twilight Fair

Remember our Twilight Fair is on in just three weeks time. On Friday 24 February from 4:00 - 8:00pm join us to have some fun and raise funds to further develop our outside learning environment for all our students.

Remember to support this fair by contacting the FUNdraisers with how you will help. All profits go towards the external environment for your child's use and learning. Come to the meeting in the Whare Iri next Thursday 9 February to connect with others and have some fun while supporting your child's school.

Please help support this great event, and the addition of more learning opportunities and equipment in our playgrounds for your child to use at school. Our email contact to let us know how you can help is [fundraisers@bellevue-newlands.school.nz](mailto:fundraisers@bellevue-newlands.school.nz)



## Safety for Us All

### PLEASE ....

A special reminder to practice safety, courtesy and consideration when you drop your children off before school - also when picking up after school. In the mornings there is often quite a traffic jam so please follow the road rules ... give way to up hill traffic, go to the top of Bancroft Terrace to turn and no double parking in the Terrace.



### PLEASE ....

Bellevue Kindergarten have asked us to remind you that school parents are asked to park on Link Road so that your children walk into the school, or to use Bancroft Street entrance. Bellevue Kindy parents need access to their carparks for parents/whānau of their young learners.

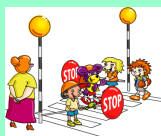
### PLEASE ....

A request from Newlands Buses - If you are parking in Link Road before and after school please be aware that it is a bus route and enough space needs to be left for buses to pass through. On Tuesday this week two cars were parked on either side of the road in the morning and a bus was unable to get through the gap and was held up until a car owner returned to their car to leave.



### PLEASE ....

Due to the limited space available and the entry/exit safety issues in the school car park, we ask parents to refrain from using these parks during school hours.



If you have a health issue and require entry via the car park or need to use a park during the day, please contact the school office to arrange this.

### PLEASE ....

Remember that children look at adults as role models for behaviour. By using the school Road Patrol Crossing you are helping all our students be safe. Please do not be tempted to cross outside this crossing area when the Road Patrols are on duty.

### PLEASE ....

On very windy or blustery days, it is not safe for the Road Patrols to use the orange 'lolly-pop' signs as students may be dragged on to the road by the wind. On these windy days you will need to look closely at the Road Patrols as adults will use their arms instead of the signs to indicate that there are people crossing the road.

## Road Patrol Helpers Please

### Please note

Trained Year 6 Road Patroller students are on duty every day with support from an adult supervisor. Please consider being one of these adults to support our Road Patrol students as currently we only have five adults to cover ten duties. You may be able to do mornings 8:20 - 9:00am or afternoons 2:55 - 3:15pm. Please contact our Deputy Principal Margaret on [margaret@bellevue-newlands.school.nz](mailto:margaret@bellevue-newlands.school.nz) or complete the form that came home with the newsletter today. We need your help to keep your children safe.

Please note that ... *if it is too windy for the signs:*

1. The Deputy Principal makes the decision that students will not do Road Patrol duty. In her absence the principal makes the call, and if both Principal/Deputy Principal are absent the Assistant Principal makes the decision.
2. Two supervising adults will be on Bancroft Terrace to assist students to cross safely, one on either side of the road. These **Supervising adults are not permitted to stop traffic** but can assist the students to cross when there is a break in traffic.
3. When there is a break in the traffic, the adult on the school side of Bancroft, (who has clearer vision of the road) decides if it is safe to cross and communicates this with the other adult. Both adults step out on to the road, a meter or so away from the kerb AND then allow the children to cross. They will be standing **with their back to the kerb**, so they can see any approaching traffic in either direction and wearing a high-vis vest/coat so that approaching traffic can see them.
4. Once the children waiting to cross have gone past, the adults put their arms out straight, either side of their body like a 't' indicating to any other children approaching to cross that they cannot cross and must wait.
5. Kenmore Street is used as a usual pedestrian crossing where cars will stop for people to cross.

Thanks again to the wonderful parents who donate their time each week, also to the teachers who help our Road Patrols to assist students to cross the roads safely.

**Please find attached a notice from Margaret about Adult Helpers for 2017**

## Library

### Summer Reading

Just a reminder to Summer Reading borrowers that books are due back from holiday use now.

Sarah is looking forward to seeing everyone in the library this year, also seeing you borrowing books to read and enjoy. Come into the library to find your next good read.



## Yummy Apple Stickers



Please keep collecting the yummy apple stickers and bag labels in 2017 so Bellevue students can benefit from a share of the sports equipment available from this promotion each year.

If you need a sheet to put the stickers on please pick one up from the office, or you can find this on our website in the Notices and Newsletters section. Thank you.



## School Opening Time



A reminder that children are not to be at school before 8:30am on school days, unless they attend Kapai Kids 'Before School' programme in the hall.

This is to enable the teachers and support staff time to prepare for your child's busy day of learning, then be available to greet your children when they arrive in their classroom at 8:30am.



## Kelly Sports 2017

### IS COMNG 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 co ordination 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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/events/2171-Bellevue-School-Newlands) call 9727201 or email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz)

Kelly Sports will be in on Thursday 9 February to provide a 'taster' lessons for all classes.



## 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 October - Friday 15 Dec

### Holidays & Observances:

#### Term One:

Monday 6 February - Waitangi Day observed  
 Monday 20 March - Teacher Only Day  
 Friday 13 April - Good Friday

#### Term Two:

Monday 5 June - Queen's Birthday  
 Tuesday 6 June - Teacher Only Day

#### Term Four:

Monday 23 October - Labour Day



## Stationery

Many thanks to those parents who have paid for their child/ren's stationery so that they are already using their books for learning from this week. If you wish to purchase your stationery from school please give your order directly to your child/ren's teacher so that it can be recorded in their finance book before sending it along to the office for processing. Thank you



## Classes and Staff Names

Please note the organisation for 2017, including the teacher, the name they wish to be called by the children (in brackets) and year levels in each whānau room.

**Room 1** -- New Entrant/Year 1  
 Anne Smith (Mrs Smith)

**Room 2** - 'Explore' teaching space

**Room 3** - New Entrant/Year 1  
 Lesley Waite (Lesley)

**Room 4** - New Entrant/Year 1  
 Kathryn Charlesworth (Kathryn)

**Room 5** - Year 2  
 Emma Cummings (Emma)

**Room 6** - Year 2  
 Anne Gullen (Mrs Gullen) &  
 Marion Harris (Miss Harris)

**Room 7** - Year 2  
 Melissa Van Echten (Melissa)

**Room 8** - Year 3/4  
 Ricky Buchanan (Mr B)

**Room 9** - Year 3/4  
 Cassie Baggs (Cassie)

**Room 10** - Year 3/4  
 Anna Borrer (Anna)

**Room 11** - Year 3/4  
 Avi Jayasekara (Avi)

**Room 12** - Year 5/6  
 Deeann Daniels (Deeann)

**Room 13** - Year 5/6  
 Richard McLeod (Richard)

**Room 14** - Year 5/6  
 Kendra Taurua (Kendra)

**Room 15** - Year 5/6  
 Erica Ward (Ms Ward)

Maria Church (Mrs Church) is working with students and teachers in a number of classes for the first seven weeks of term before going on maternity leave.

Margaret Hesketh (Margaret) works in classes and in the office area, along with Karen Hardie (Ms Hardie)

Lovinia Bartlett (Lovinia), Mandy Toms (Mrs Toms) and Jan Virtue (Jan) work to assist students and teachers in a number of classes.

Amanda Beauchamp (Amanda) and Michele Clarke (Michele) work in the office area each day.

Please remember if there is anything that you would like to clarify or any issues that arise for your child, we encourage you to talk with your child's teacher as soon as possible. Even if it seems to be a small thing to you we urge you to talk directly with your child's teacher so that it does not become a big issue for them (or you).

This year classes are organised in Learning Hubs that work collaboratively together. Although your child is working with more than one teacher in these hubs, their whānau teacher is your first point of contact throughout the year so please contact them if there is something you wish to clarify or discuss.

## Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon

Bellevue are entering a team in the Kids Weet-Bix Triathlon 2017.



This is at Kilbirnie Park, in Wellington, on Sunday 19 March 2017.

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

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

You do not need a code. The registration form has a tick box asking if you would like to link to a school. When you check it, a list pops up with the school's who are registered and Bellevue are right near the top.

Participants must be 7 years old to enter.

Please look out for the notice that was sent home today with all Middle & Senior students.

## School Banking

The ASB joins with us to provide your child the opportunity to take part in school banking. You can obtain a starter pack from the school office if you wish to organise your child to do this.

Banking day is Friday. Bank books are deposited in the banking box found in the school office foyer.

We encourage students to learn the skills of saving and budgeting their money for special purposes.



Happy Banking!

## School Lunches

**Monday Lunch Orders** will start again on Monday 13 February.



## School T-Shirts & Sunhats



Bellevue School T-shirts are available from the school office in blue or green and sizes 6 - 14 for \$20 each. Sun-hats are available in three sizes - small (54cm), medium (58 cm) and large (61cm) for \$15 each.

These are great quality T-shirts and sunhats. A sample of the T-Shirts and sun hats are on display in the office foyer.

You can purchase these from the office or on-line.

