



Weekly Newsletter

8 February 2017

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

Term 1 - Issue 2

Important Dates

Thursday 9 February	Kelly Sports in school—"taster" lessons for all students
Thursday 9 February	FUNdraisers meeting- 7:00pm in the Whare Ihi. All welcome.
Monday 13 February	Kelly Sports After School Sessions start
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 for all students.
Monday 20 March	Bellevue School Teacher Only Day — school closed
Friday 31 March	School photo day
Tuesday 4 April	Bellevue School Athletics day
Tuesday 11 April	Postponement date for Bellevue Athletics day
Thursday 13 April	Final day of Term 1 - Good Friday on 14 April

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

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome Hana Marcanik to Room 9.

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



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, Malo e leilei, Hello, (please let us know the greeting in your language if it is not here)

NZSL

We hope that you had an enjoyable extended break over Waitangi Weekend, and some quality time with family and friends.

There are many different cultural celebrations already this year - New Zealand's Waitangi Day, Chinese New Year, Thailand's Magha Bucha, Japan's National Foundation Day ... and an exciting occasion for us at Bellevue School too. As of 2 February this year our school has been opened and operating as a learning centre for 50 years. Yes - it is a Golden Jubilee year for Bellevue. There is currently a wonderful group of parents who are working with the Board to organise some special jubilee events for September this year. If you are interested in helping out or sharing some information, photo's or artefacts from 1967 through to current times, please contact these great organisers - see the contact details later in this newsletter. When the celebration events have been confirmed, further information will come to you.

Another exciting event this year is that our school is starting to work more collaboratively in Learning Hubs made up of two or three classrooms. As teachers and students work together in more collaborative ways we will also be using our available learning spaces more flexibly. We are fortunate to be developing increasing opportunities to use our outside learning spaces for learning programmes too. You may have noticed the new safety surface under the playground area outside Room 11, the garden plots nearby and above the hard court area in the middle school, also the new outside chalkboards on the wooden fence. A long jump pit is planned and further development of the external learning environment. Please support our FUNdraisers and their fundraising events as they are providing additional support for developing these external learning spaces for your child/ren this year. The Twilight Fair is only a matter of two weeks away. Please help out with this, also encourage your family, friends and neighbours to come along that evening to try the great food and activities that will be available from 4:00—8:00pm on Friday 24 February. It promises to be lots of fun.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

Thank you for remembering to encourage Empathy, Compassion or Aroha with your child/ren this term. By practising the value of compassion there is more caring, forgiving, and attempts at understanding others feelings, their struggles and situation. People feel less alone. It helps us to be more empathetic or understanding of ourselves and others.

Some ways we can practise this are:-

- taking the time to care
- imagining how others are feeling
- asking how others are and listening patiently
- noticing when someone is hurt or needs a friend
- forgiving others when they make a mistake
- forgiving ourselves when we make mistakes
- doing a service for someone else
- helping an animal who is hurt

This value assists us to work, play and learn with others. It is about being kind, caring and wanting to help others. It helps us to grow our understanding of others, and ourselves. We can make connections with others and meet with more success as we work and play with others.

Empathy Quotes

Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody

Anonymous



— GET —

FREE BOOKS

FOR YOUR SCHOOL WITH
KELLOGG'S & NEW WORLD







NEW WORLD



See you at breakfast

— Back to school —

For every NewWorld receipt dropped into the iestore collection box showing the purchase of two participating Kellogg's products your school will be able to redeem 1 free book. Promotional Period 1 Jan – 31 Mar 2017. Max 20 books per school. For full list of participating Kellogg products and Terms & Conditions visit www.kelloggs.com/freebooks

Twilight Fair - coming soon!

Twilight Fair 24 February 4:00-8:00pm



This is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year so please support us in this event. We are having a second-hand book stall so please bring any adult or children's books that you no longer need to the office reception and place them in the boxes provided. Senior classes have a notice going home today asking for specific activity items. These items can also be placed in the marked boxes in the office reception. A notice asking Junior and Middle block families to provide homemade goodies for the bake sale will go home the week of the fair.



To make this event a success the FUNdraisers committee requires a few more volunteers to help out on food or activity stalls. If you are able to take a shift helping out then please email us on fundraisers@bellevue-newlands.school.nz

Thank you
Bellevue FUNdraisers

Kupu Hou (new word)

whakatipu(a): to grow
Pronunciation = far-car-tee-poo (ah)

E whakatipua ana te pātītī e Papa-tū-ā-nuku.
The grass is being grown by Papa-tū-ā-nuku.

Nā Maru te kūmara i whakatipu.
Maru grew the kūmara.



Thank you

Special thanks to...

Lara who is coming in to sort out all of the musical instruments again this year. She is also donating her time to help teach music groups each term and to tutor the music ensemble on Monday lunchtimes. Kia ora Lara.

Pip who continues to provide a tasty treat for staff each week, which is very much appreciated. Kia ora Pip.

Shanelle who is continuing her great work with Te Puawai Amua again this year. Kapa haka is a valued part of Bellevue Learning Community. Kia ora Shanelle.

Michele and Amanda who have been working hard over the past weeks to process stationery orders, enrol new students and assist the teaching staff with their administration requirements for the beginning of the year. Kia ora korua.

Anne Smith, Lovinia, Marion and Mandy who are currently updating the junior school reading books and storage boxes to enable more ready access to quality early reading materials for our youngest readers. Kia ora koutou.



Twilight Fair

Remember our Twilight Fair is on in just two 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 Ihi this 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

School Opening Time

A reminder that children are not to be at school before 8:30am on school days, unless they attend Kapai Kidz 'Before School' programme in the hall. Please do not enable your children to arrive before 8:30am or drop them off to school earlier than this.

The teachers and support staff need 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.



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 and on wet days there is often 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 children walk into the school, or to use Bancroft Street entrance. Bellevue Kindergarten 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 last 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.

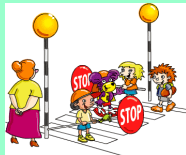
PLEASE



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.



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.



Road Patrol Supervisors Please

Please note



Our trained Year 6 Road Patroller students are on duty every day with support from an adult supervisor. 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 consider being one of these adults to support our amazing Road Patrol students as currently we **only have four parents to assist Margaret and Karen to cover ten duties** each week.

You may be able to do either a morning 8:20 - 9:00am or an afternoon 2:55 - 3:15pm, or even work with another parent friend to share a weekly duty day and time.

We desperately need your help to keep your children safe. Please contact our Deputy Principal Margaret to let us know how and when you can help out on margaret@bellevue-newlands.school.nz.



Library

We welcome visits to our school library. Please note this reminder to our summer readers that books are now due back in the library.

Overdue books:

Books are borrowed for two weeks. Years 0-2 can borrow up to two books, Years 3-4 up to four books, Years 5-6 up to five books. The school does not charge for overdue books, but we do invoice for lost or damaged books. If your child has an overdue book, we still encourage them to borrow up to their limit.

Our procedure for following up overdue books:

- Step 1 - Talk to the child and remind them about their overdue books
- Step 2 - Send home an overdue slip
- Step 3 - Rind parent / caregiver
- Step 4 - Letter with invoice

Your child visits the library every week with their class. The library is also open every playtime and lunchtime.



Book bags:

These are extremely useful not only for storing books but also for protecting them from food and spills. Please ensure your child has a book bag for their library visits.

If you have anything you would like to share or concerns regarding the library, please contact Sarah on library@bellevue-newlands.school.nz

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, 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 or call 9727201 or email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz

Kelly Sports will be in school this 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. 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



Bellevue Netball 2017

Northern Suburbs Netball will be following Netball New Zealand's playing format recommendations.



Year 6 - seven aside netball on a full court with 3m high netball hoop.

Year 5 - six aside Future Ferns netball on a full court with 2.6m high netball hoop.

Year 3/4 - five aside Future Ferns netball on 2/3 court with 2.6 m high netball hoop.

Year 2 and 1 - four aside Future Ferns netball on 1/3 court with hula hoops as the netball hoop.

All girls and boys interested in playing netball can register their interest soon.

Netball requires parental support. The following help is required - coaches, managers, coordinators and star helpers. Training sessions for all these roles are made available and are free through Northern Suburbs Netball. Those wanting to help are invited to the NSN committee meeting to be held on Wed 15 Feb, 7pm at Newlands Intermediate School in the staff room.



ANZ Future Ferns - Year 5 - 6V6 netball: 6V6 is starting in 2017 for Year 5 netballers.

Research has shown that to build on the skills from the year 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 ANZ futureFERNs programme, we need to reduce the number of players from 7 to 6 for this age group so:

- They get more touches of the ball
- Have more space to get the basics of netball right and
- Have more fun out there on the court

To help transition into the new 6V6 format we are holding a year 5 6V6 taster session with:

Irene Van Dyk on Saturday 11 February & Sunday 26 February 2017

**At - Hataitai Netball Centre
 From - 10:00am till 11:00am**

This initiative also provides a FREE opportunity for parents & coaches of junior players to learn more about the new format and how to best support our year 5's to transition.

Year 5 girls and boys come along and give 6V6 netball a go!

Register via www.netballwellington.co.nz

Jubilee Organisers

If you are interested in sharing some information or assisting with the organisation of the celebrations please contact Mandy Mackay at: mandarin.mackay@gmail.com

Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon

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



This event is being held 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.

A notice was sent home last week with all Te Hau Tonga and Te Hau a Uru (ie: middle and 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!

Scholastic Bookclub

All orders are due in by Tuesday 14 February. Payment is either by cash, credit card (details on bookclub form) or by cheque made out to Scholastic Bookclub. Please take your order directly to the classroom and not to the office.

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 (58cm) 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.