



# Weekly Newsletter

15 March 2017 We work together for maximum impact Ka mahi ngātahi mō te tukinga nui Term 1 - Issue 7

## Important Dates

Thursday 16 March	Football Tournament
Monday 20 March	Bellevue Teacher Only Day — <b>school closed</b>
Tuesday 28 March	Hearing/Vision Technician at school
Tuesday 4 April	Bellevue School Athletics day
Friday 7 April	Pizza Friday
Tuesday 11 April	Postponement date for Bellevue Athletics day
Thursday 13 April	Final day of Term 1 - Good Friday - 14 April
Friday 5 May	School photo day

**Teacher Only Day**  
- Please note that school is **closed on Monday**.

## Assembly Dates

Friday 17 March	Assembly led by Rooms 5, 6 & 7
Friday 31 March	Rooms 12 & 13
Thursday 13 April	Singing Assembly

## WELCOME

### Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome Sun Losithong to Room 15 and Sand Losithong to Room 7.

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

## 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)

In our current school strategic plan the curriculum goal is to 'Enable all students to access the NZ Curriculum; be successful in relation to curriculum levels, National Standards and become focused on life-long learning.'

One of the ways that we are working to do this is outlined in Sub-goal 2: 'Continue to develop teachers understanding and capability in using collaborative teaching approaches and more flexible learning spaces to implement the NZ Curriculum'.

To help us achieve this goal, our teachers are visiting schools in Tawa, Kapiti and Palmerston North on Monday (ie: Teacher Only Day) to observe and talk with teachers about their collaborative teaching practice; also their use of more flexible learning spaces. In line with Ministry of Education guidelines, Bellevue School is working towards improving ako (teaching and learning) by developing our collaborative teaching and further developing innovative learning environments by sharing practice with other educationalists. Please remember that while the school is closed for instruction on Monday and your children have a longer weekend, their teachers are engaging in this extra opportunity to further develop their professional practice and improve learning for your child/ren.

Please continue to talk with your child/ren about their learning and tell them how school looked when you were attending primary school. By comparing some of the differences in how the classroom looks and is organised you will get an insight into how school's now work to share teacher strengths and also provide more individualised learning programmes for children to assist them to become more confident, connected, actively involved life-long learners. Next term the teachers are planning to hold a special evening to share the changes in practice that are occurring in schools and the reasons for these changes.

Have a great week.

Ka kite  
Karen



## Character Education

"Empathy is a skill like any other human skill. If you get a chance to practice, you can get better at it."

- University of Cambridge Professor Simon Baron Cohen

How are your Empathy Detectives going? By practising Empathy, Aroha and Compassion we improve our skills at working out how others may be feeling. This helps us to reach out to help someone who is hurt or trouble. It enables us to help others in need or forgive someone who may have hurt us.

We encourage everyone to be 'Empathy Detectives' so that they can be more understanding of others, show aroha and compassion for them. It helps us take the time to be helpful or be a friend when others need this. By doing this we are helping our children to show concern for others, also to build caring and considerate relationships. Practising the skills of empathy and compassion helps to contribute towards others feeling less alone in the world - especially when they are hurt or sad.

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— 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](http://www.kelloggs.com/freebooks)

## E-learning and Use of Devices at School



In schools a variety of e-learning devices are used to provide education that is relevant to student needs and which help prepare our students for their future. As part of this your child is involved in e-learning and uses ICT devices as a tool for learning at Bellevue School. They are using a range of technologies to support and enhance their learning.

When students enter our school they, and their parents, sign an agreement for use of electronic devices at school. From this year we are going to update these annually. Please see on our website (and it came home to you in hard copy last week) an information sheet, also a copy of the E-learning and Digital Citizenship Student Use Agreement for you and your child to sign if they are in Year 2 - 6. We ask you to read this through with your child and sign one for each child.

Please note that if page 2 of this form is not returned by next Wednesday (ie: 22 March), your child will not have access to electronic devices to assist their learning until the school receives a signed copy of the agreement. If you have not already done so, please return this to your child's teacher by next Wednesday.

### School Photo Day

Our school Photo Day is **Friday 5 May** (ie: the first Friday of Term 2). More information about photo day will be published in the newsletter towards the end of this term.



### Thank you

Special thanks to...

Everyone who looks out for our school grounds, buildings and environment outside school hours. Please remember to call the police immediately if you see anyone behaving unsafely or inappropriately in the school, or damaging property. Your help to protect our school is appreciated.



### The Entertainment Book

Bellevue School is selling Entertainment Books this year to help fundraise for further outside learning equipment for all our students. \$12 of every book sold comes directly to the school. We are selling the traditional book and the new digital version. Order online by using the link below. Please feel free to post this link to your Facebook page to spread the word (you can get the link from the newsletter online).

<http://www.entbook.co.nz/1q04109>

Look out for the hard copy of the order form which is being sent home to all families today so that you can order through school if you would prefer.



### Kupu Hou (new word)

**Taonga** = gift  
Pronunciation = tar-orn-gah

Ka hoko au i tētahi **taonga** mā tāku tahu.  
I will buy a *gift* for my love.

Ka hokona te **taonga** e koe.  
The *gift* will be bought by you.



### School Office Hours

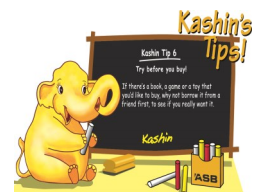
Please remember that school office hours are 8.30am - 3.30pm. We can not always answer the phone or respond to your requests outside these hours as other staff members are often involved in training sessions or meetings outside school times.



### School Banking

Banking day is Friday. Bank books are put into the banking box found in the school office foyer and these are delivered to the bank on Fridays.

If you wish to start banking through the school, contact the office for a starter pack.





## Please Help

Your child/ren attended the El Gregeoe 'You've got the Power' show on Monday which was about 'Bullying and Anti-bullying'. Please chat with them about the messages they received from this great performance as this helps reinforce their learning.



We appreciate you sending along the \$10 per term or \$40 per year to cover the cost of this performance and the other Trips/Performances coming up this year. Please pay online or send the cash to your child's classroom teacher to be recorded via the class finance book.

Online payments can be made to ASB, account 12 3223 0048283 00. Please include your child's name and room number and use 'Trips' as a reference.

Rooms 8, 9, 10 and 11 are visiting the Bug Exhibition at Te Papa next week so please send the Trips and Performance money along to assist us to pay for these performers, buses and entry fees.



## Bellevue Netball 2017

### Bellevue School Netball Coordinator, coaches, managers and umpires required for Years 3-6

A school coordinator is required to enable Bellevue children the opportunity to participate in the Northern Suburbs Netball competition for 2017.



Year 5 and 6 players wanting to play need to commit themselves by Thursday 23 March by returning the signed form received last week. Payment of subs is due by 6 April to allow time to register the teams before the registrations close on 10 April. A coordinator will need to be in place by 23 March to ensure coaches, managers and umpires can be allocated prior to registering the teams.

It is likely that there will be sufficient numbers for two year 6 teams and two Year 5 teams. At present there is only one coach who has made themselves available to coach a Year 5 team. Coaching courses are on very soon for those who want to go on one. Those wanting to coach are encouraged to start pre-season training any time.

There is a proposed netball competition for Years 3 and 4 but at present there is no further information available about when this will start. However a coordinator for Years 3 and 4 is required. Parents will need to participate as star helpers and attend a training season. Once again if there is no parental participation there will be no netball for the children.

If you have any questions about netball please contact me - Jo Johnston - [jo.johnston@outlook.com](mailto:jo.johnston@outlook.com) or 027 2232020. I am available to provide advice and support to the new netball coordinator.

## 'Golden Day' Thank You

What a great way to start celebrating Bellevue School's golden jubilee as we turn 50 this year.

Thank you to our Student Council for helping organise the special Golden Day last Friday. This 'Golden Day' at school is to raise funds for daffodil bulbs for a legacy project for our Jubilee Year. Thanks also to all the students, staff and parents who came along on Friday in their glowing gold and yellow gear. What a feast for the eyes!

We appreciate everyone contributing a gold coin or two for the daffodil bulbs legacy project. We raised a grand total of \$338 towards these, and look forward to planting them out soon so that they will be ready for our special celebration events in the weekend of 15 and 16 September.



A golden glow from Room 15



Having fun and dressing up in Room 4



## Sport & Physical Education

### Northern Zone Football Tournament

Due to the weather, the Northern Zone Football Tournament has been postponed until **Thursday 16 March**. A big thank you to the parents who offered to help with transport and supervision on Tuesday and/or Thursday. We are really looking forward to a great tournament.



### Weetbix TRYathlon

The Wellington Weetbix TRYathlon is **THIS Sunday 19 March**. If you have registered, please check the Weetbix TRYathlon website and download the Event Guide which has lots of information for parents and children taking part. Please read this information carefully. There is also a copy of this guide on the Sports Noticeboard display in the office. Good luck to all Bellevue School children participating this weekend!



### Bellevue School Athletics Day

The Bellevue School Athletics day is **Tuesday 4th April (week 10)**. We welcome parents to join us on this day. More information to come in the next few weeks.

Te Hau a Uru and Te Hau Tonga are currently having practices sessions each Friday mornings to help practise the skills ready for athletics day.



### Sports Noticeboard

Keep an eye on the new Sports and P.E. Noticeboard in the office. Here, you will find photos, spare notices and information relating to sports and physical education at Bellevue School.



### Kelly Sports 2017

If your child/children are attending the Kelly Sports Sessions and you need and information about this please ring Kelly Sports directly on (04) 9727201 or email: [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz)

If your child is going to be away for a session or you are unsure if it is going ahead due to bad weather please ring Kelly Sports on the above number about this and not the school office.



## 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. Thanks



## Jubilee Organisers

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

## Adult Role Models

When you deliver your children to school or pick them up at the end of the day, please can we respectfully ask that you only cross the road between the road patrol signs.

It is really important that our students and learners see all our adults modelling this safe behaviour. Unfortunately students have noticed a number of parents crossing the roads away from the patrol area once they have delivered their child or on the way to pick up their child. This does not send a safe message to students so please wait on the footpath and then cross between the road patrol signs, rather than crossing at other places on Bancroft Terrace.



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## 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 goods or services advertised.

### School Holiday Computer Classes

For ages 5 – 15 in Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch or Python, Create 3D Games, Web Design, Animation, Video Editing or Build a PC and if you young the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 499-2211 or visit [www.grandtraining.co.nz](http://www.grandtraining.co.nz).



### Teacher required for school holiday computer class

We require a teacher for our Minecraft, web design, Java, Python and Scratch coding classes in the school holidays.

### Holiday Programme - Drama, Dance & Music

**Drama Remedy** holiday programmes are a great opportunity to expose your child to the art of drama & speech with our exciting and enjoyable workshops.

April holiday programme will be 3 days of activities based on Drama, Dance and Music. To enrol or for more details contact (04) 478 5962 or 022 027 3316

[dramaremedy@gmail.com](mailto:dramaremedy@gmail.com) or visit

our website

[www.dramaremedy.co.nz](http://www.dramaremedy.co.nz)



**At BIGAIR GYM** in Tawa we are continuing to do new and exciting things, come and see our new gym pit and look online for our new classes. Our popular classes include **Gymnastics** (Preschool & School age), **Trampolining, Tumbling, Parkour & Cheerleading**. GYMNASTICS teaches the fundamentals of strength and coordination which supports all sports, and children gain increased self-confidence as they progress through Bigairs gym programme. PARKOUR is fun as kids learn safe and new ways to move around obstacles. Children that love cartwheels, handstands and walkovers will enjoy GYM and TUMBLING classes. Anyone that has a trampoline at home will love learning new skills in Bigairs TRAMPOLINE classes. For all those dancers and gymnasts, we have our famous Bigair **Cheerleading** Teams, including a new junior team for 5-9 years. Plus we offer **Birthday Parties** which are fun and easy for parents! Bigair Gyms Classes for Term 2, and fun & active **School Holiday Programme** are open for bookings NOW! For all queries and booking: (04) 2323508 or [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz).



### Neighbours Day 2017

**When/Ahea** - Ratapu, Poutu-te-rangi 26, Sunday March 26

**When/Kei whea** - Nga Hau e Wha 0 Paparangi  
**Time/Te wa** - 1.00pm - 4.00pm

We would like to invite you to attend our event where we will be promoting 'growing our community' by having **Fun activities** including - Push play, face painting, kiddy Komer, bouncy castle, spot prizes, refreshments, BBQ & Hangi.

**Traditional Activities** - Whakatau, Raranga display, Rongoa display, Maara kai display, Kapahaka and Hangi.

You are welcome to bring a display that promotes your kura.

Bring a picnic basket and enjoy the day!!