



Weekly Newsletter

18 October 2017

Whaia te iti kahurangi = Reach for the stars.

Term 4 - Issue 1

Important Dates

Wednesday 18 Oct - Wednesday 6 December	Te Hau Rawhiti (Rooms 1-7) Swimming lessons each Wednesday
Friday 20 October	School Disco Junior (R1-7) from 6:30 - 7:15pm Senior (R8-15) from 7:30 - 8:30pm
Monday 23 October	Labour Day Holiday - school closed
Thursday 26 October	Welcome Powhiri for new students & their whānau - 10.40am hall - All welcome
Monday 30 October - Friday 24 November	Dental Van visiting school
Friday 3 November	Whole school Emergency Evacuation Practice
Monday 20 November - Friday 1 December	Te Hau Tonga (Rooms 8-11) swimming lessons every day
Friday 15 December	Last day of the school year
2018 Tuesday 30 January	Family/Whānau Strengthening meetings - each student, their family and their new whānau class teacher
Wednesday 31 January	Students start school again

Assembly Dates

Friday 27 October	Assembly led by Rooms 10 & 11
Friday 17 November	Assembly led by Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4
Friday 1 December	Assembly - Presentations & Te Puawai Amua, Choir, Band performances
Friday 15 December	Farewell Assembly & presentations

WELCOME

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue and welcome to the following students and their families/whānau. Great to have you in the Bellevue Learning Community:

Leo Avery, Joyce Qin, Prannav Venkatraman & Eyal Gebregziabihier to Room 1, Ruby-Jean Pearce to Room 6, Luc Verhoeven to Room 9, Ataliyah Wallace-Soal to Room 11 and Jayden Kapp to Room 15.

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

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope that you managed to enjoy some time with your children over the break. If your child was due their written report you would have received this in the last week of Term 3. We hope that you found time to share and talk with your child about their progress as these regular learning conversations are really important for their learning. Please help your child to continue to grow their learning by talking with them about their development, what their next steps are and what they can do when they find something challenging. Also the power of persisting... as per the story of The Tortoise and the Hare (see below)

A very big thank you to everyone who came along to see 'The Magic of Bellevue' show, also to those of you who helped out before, during or after the production in the last week of term. We really appreciate your support to help our learners share their skills and talents. It is hard to express how proud we were of each and everyone of our stars who helped produce then perform in this amazing event. It is a big ask to have over 300 students pull together a production such as this, especially when it is performed at a venue outside our school grounds. I am intensely proud of the students; also the amazing staff we have at Bellevue who make it possible for our students to create and participate in such a wonderful experience. What a great example of team work everyone. It surely does show the power of teams working together and the adage "Teams = Together Everyone Achieves More".

Term 4 is a another busy and exciting time of learning at our school. Today Te Hau Rawhiti had their first swimming lesson at Rewa Rewa Pool and later this term Te Hau Tonga have swimming lessons at Keith Spry pool in Johnsonville. There are a number of other Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) events coming up so look out for notices from your child's whānau room teacher, their learning hub and through the newsletter each week so that you do not miss out on any of the important events in the final term for 2017.

Have a great week - and may the sun keep shining.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

This term we are focusing on recognising and developing the value of manawaroa or resilience. When we work to develop this value in ourselves we are focused on building stamina, grit, determination, perseverance and staying power. It is about us working to achieve our goals no matter how long it takes or what obstacles appear to stop us.

The Tortoise and the Hare story is a great example of resilience. Even though the tortoise was slower than the hare, he won the race because he preserved - he did not let anything stop him or distract him. He stayed focused on his goal, kept going and achieved the result he desired.

Please help your child further develop their manawaroa by encouraging them to stick with their commitments, pace themselves and be persistent. Support them to work step by step to achieve their goal and acknowledge their progress - no matter how small or how slow this headway is.

Never discourage anyone
who makes continual progress,
no matter how slow.



Bellevue Sports News

Miniball - Registration for the term 4 miniball league is now closed. Bellevue School has entered one year 5-6 team (Hurricanes) and one year 3-4 team (Thunder) in the Nairnville Recreation Centre competition for term 4. We have a few spaces available in the year 3-4 team. If your child is in year 3-4 and would like to play during term 4, please contact Kendra **TODAY**.

Games begin on Tuesday 24 October for the year 5-6 grade and Monday 30 October for the year 3-4 grade. A notice including fees payable and game times for the next two weeks will be sent home tomorrow. Alternatively, please see the Sports Noticeboard in the office for game times and other information.

Next week's game times:

Monday 23/10/17: No game for year 3-4 (Labour Day)

Tuesday 24/10/17: Bellevue Hurricanes vs Ngaio Gators 3.50pm



Athletics - The Northern Zone Athletics event will be held on Monday 6 November (pp Monday 12 November). We are unfortunately unable to run the long jump events this year however we are running the year 4 and year 6 finals for the high jump event this week. Finalist names are confirmed in the daily notices each morning.

Once the high jump finals are confirmed, a notice to those children who have qualified for the Northern Zone event will be sent home by the end of this week. Please look out for this.

Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYATHLON 2018 - The dates for the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYATHLON 2018 have been announced and registrations for this exciting event are now open! The Wellington event will take place on Sunday 18 March 2018 at Kilbirnie Park. The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is designed for Kiwi kids aged 7-15 years to help them stay active and healthy through a programme of participation. The series has been running since 1992 and is a rite of passage for Kiwi kids, to date over 300,000 Kiwi kids have given it a TRY. Open to Kiwi kids of all sporting abilities the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is a fun day out for kids, parents and families. Participants get to swim, cycle, and run their way around age appropriate courses, either as an individual or as part of a team of two.

Every participant who enters receives:

- a Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon medal
- a downloadable certificate of achievement
- an official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon t-shirt, drawstring kit bag & swim cap
- complimentary breakfast from the Weet-Bix Breakfast Tent
- PLUS the chance to WIN awesome spot prizes and meet their sporting heroes.

Check out <https://tryathlon.co.nz/> to find out more information.

When registering, don't forget to link your child's registration to **Bellevue School** or go directly to <https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/29/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/6dd14861-31b5-44ab-bd6d-83e89dd2083a>. Alternatively, please email kendra@bellevue-newlands.school.nz and I can send you the direct link to register your child/children.

This will not only help our school win a range of great prizes but it also gives you a special discounted School Group entry price.

School Disco - this Friday

The Student Council's school disco is on **this Friday, ie: - 20 October.**

Junior Students (Rooms 1—7) at 6:30—7:15pm

Middle and Senior Students (Rooms 8—15) 7:30—8:30pm.

Tickets \$5:00 (please send money to your whānau class teacher and tickets will come home to you or you can buy a ticket at the door on Friday.) Each person gets two free glow sticks on entry to the hall.

Chips, lollies, drinks and further glow sticks are on sale at the disco for \$1:00 lollies,

Parents please deliver your children to the hall and pick them up at the hall.

We look forward to dancing with you on Friday! - **the Student Council**



Tune into kids not Cell Phones in our Classrooms



At Bellevue we actively encourage all adults who are in our school to interact with students and take part in activities when they are here. We ask that you please tune in to your child/ren and our students rather than your phone.

When you are in class, visiting classes or helping out at school we respectfully ask that you refrain from using your cell phone in our classrooms, unless you are using this to take photos or as part of the activities in the room. Naturally if there is an emergency or you are awaiting urgent news, we would not wish to prevent access to this.

Please remember that we want you to talk with and interact with our young learners in the time that you are in their rooms and the school.

Many thanks
Staff and Board
Bellevue School



Kopu hou (new word)

tūranga waewae = place to stand or stomping ground
Pronunciation = too-rung-ah why-why

Ko Wairarapa tōku tūranga waewae.
Wairarapa is my *place to stand*.

Ko Bellevue tōku tūranga waewae.
Bellevue is my *place to stand*.



Powhiri

Next Thursday ie: 26 October is the welcome powhiri for our new students, their whānau and new staff at 10:40am in the school hall.

We warmly invite current parents and whanau to join with us to welcome these new people to our learning community.



Jubilee Corner and Sandpit



Please note that all current fundraising events and activities are focused on terracing the Jubilee Corner area (ie: the current muddy and eroding hill-side area between the middle area playground and lower block). This is currently an 'out of bounds' play area until we can make it a more useable and safe area for play.

The other area we are working towards redeveloping into a more useable outside learning area is the sandpit.

The school is also applying for grants to help these projects come to fruition.

Items Needed

As part of their learning during EOTC week, Te Hau a Uru students will be making and cooking on camp ovens.

To make these we need to collect 25 large milo, coffee or baby formula tins, 25 large tuna tins (not the 85-90 gram tins) and old candles that we can melt down.



If you use tuna at home or your work office has milo or coffee tins that get recycled or thrown away could you please save these and send to the school office.

We would like to have the items collected by Friday 24 November.

Thank you
Te Hau a Uru Teachers



Thank you

Special thanks to...

To Tracy, Heather and Hannah for organising and delivering pizza orders to classes on the last Friday of Term 3. Kia ora koutou. Your help is appreciated, and so were the pizzas!

Everyone who bought tickets, supported your young actors/dancers and came along to the production as such an enthusiastic audience.

Helpers before, during and after the show. Also to the Edgecombe family who used their van to transport props, chairs and the likes to and from the college hall, then back to school after the show. The Coates family for transporting musical instruments and props to and from the show.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Adam Mawby who has been selected for the Under 10 Wellington Touch Development Team.

Great work Adam!



Congratulations to Brody Cooke who travelled to Hamilton as part of the Johnsonville St John's Youth team and got first place in Pairs 1 and Pairs 2, second in Drill and Inspection and third place overall.

Amazing effort Brody!



Bake Sale

As part of their Bell Challenge India & Eva are having a Bake Sale this Saturday, 21 October from 9.30am - 1.00pm at New World, Newlands.

They are raising money for the SPCA. Come along and buy some delicious treats and help them raise money for a great cause.



Emergency Evacuation



Our whole school emergency drill is on Friday 3 November where every student is reunited with their parents or emergency release adults. This practice exercise is very important so that the children, their teachers and our community know what to do if the situation should arise where we have to evacuate from the school site.

To help us keep everyone safe in any emergency situation please check that the school has the correct emergency contact numbers and release adults for your child/children. Please let us know of any changes that occur throughout the year as this happens.

Year 6 visit to Intermediate

If your Year 6 child is intending to go to Newlands Intermediate in 2018, please ensure that you have enrolled them. Newlands Intermediate asked us to notify parents that they require enrolments for 2018 to their school by Monday 16 October so if you have not done so please contact them to enrol them as soon as possible.

All Year 6 students intending to attend Newlands Intermediate next year are visiting their open morning on 17 November from 9:00—12:00pm. Buses will collect your child from Bellevue and return them at the end of the visit.



Dental Van visiting

FREE Dental Checks! Bellevue School

The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile will be at your school from 30 October until 24 November 2017. Once seen, your child will be given a letter that will inform you of what happens next. This will be either:



- ▢ Your child requires no further appointments this year.
- ▢ Your child needs an appointment at your local Dental Hub Clinic for further care.
- ▢ Please contact us to change this appointment if required.
- ▢ Please search your child's school bag!

Your local Hub clinic is: Raroa Hub Clinic Haumia Street Johnsonville Phone 0800 825 583. If you have pre-school aged children please call us to arrange an appointment for their annual dental checkup at the Dental Hub Clinic. Family appointments are available so more than one family member can be seen at the same time.

To book or reschedule your appointment, or update your contact details, please call 0806 2801



Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt
www.beehealthy.org.nz | 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)

Swimming Lessons

Te Hau Rawhiti (Rooms 1-7) students started swimming lessons today and are swimming on Wednesday's for the first eight weeks of this term. There are lessons each Wednesday at the Rewa Rewa pool so please help your child/ren remember to bring their togs each week for these lessons.

Please note: If your child is in Te Hau Tonga (Rooms 8, 9, 10 and 11), your child/ren will be swimming from each day from Monday 20 November to Friday 1 December at the Keith Spry pool in Johnsonville.

Students are transported by bus to and from the pool for their lessons.

If you have not already done so, please forward \$50 towards the cost of pool entry, swimming instruction and the bus.

Many thanks.



"The Magic of Bellevue" Photos

We are currently looking for photos of the school production to share with students and whānau. As all our staff were busy supporting students we currently do not have any of these to share with your children at school. If you are happy to share photos with us please can you send them along to school via the office to office@bellevue-newlands.school.nz, [principal @Bellevue-newlands.school.nz](mailto:principal@Bellevue-newlands.school.nz) or to a staff members email.

Many thanks

Unwell Children



If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please phone the school and leave a message on the absence line advising us of **your child's name, room number and the reason they are away**. If your child is away for more than a day it is important that you **phone in every day to advise us** of their continuing absence to ensure the safety of all of our children.

If your child is away during the school term for any other reason (such as a holiday) we ask that you advise us in writing of the dates they will be away, their return date and the reason. This information is required to be included in our Absence records for the Ministry of Education.

Entertainment Books

Are now available from the school office at a cost of \$65 or you can order them online at:
<http://www.entbook.co.nz/1g04109>

\$13 of every book sold comes to the school. All these funds go towards further outside learning equipment for all our students.

Bellevue T-towels

We have Bellevue School T-towels available from the office for \$10:00 each These would make wonderful gifts for Christmas.

Also available from the office are:-
school T-shirts for \$20
school sunhats for \$15:00 school pens for \$5:00.

All funds raised from these items go towards our Jubilee corner playground development.

Sunhats - term 4

Remember that your child needs a sunhat at school every day during Term 1 and Term 4. It is compulsory to wear a sunhat when outside during the summer months for protection from the sun's harmful rays.

Please help your child to have a named sunhat at school each day (they may wish to have a school sunhat that they leave at school), otherwise they will need to work and play under the covered veranda areas. School sunhats are available from the school office at a cost of \$15:00 each.

