



Weekly Newsletter

1 November 2017

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata = Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.

Term 4 - Issue 3

Important Dates

Wednesday 18 Oct - Wednesday 6 December	Te Hau Rawhiti (Rooms 1-7) Swimming lessons each Wednesday
Now - Friday 24 Nov	Dental Van visiting school
Wednesday 1 November	Te Hau Tonga trip to City to Sea Museum. Morning (Rooms 8 & 9) Afternoon (Rooms 10/ & 11)
Thursday 2 November	Rooms 1, 2 and 7 to ASB Centre 9:40am - 12:30pm
Friday 3 November	Whole school Emergency Evacuation Practice
Monday 6 November	Northern Zone Athletics - Years 4 - 6
Tuesday 7 November	Rooms 3 and 6 to ASB Centre 9:40 - 12:30pm
Thursday 9 November	Vision/Hearing Technician in school
Tuesday 14 November	Rooms 4 and 5 to ASB Centre
Thursday 16 November	Rooms 1, 2 and 7 to ASB Centre
Friday 17 November	Year 6 visit Newlands Intermediate
Monday 20 November - Friday 1 December	Te Hau Tonga (Rooms 8-11) swimming lessons every day
Tuesday 21 November	Rooms 3 and 6 to ASB Centre
Thursday 23 November	Rooms 4 and 5 to ASB Centre
Thursday 7 December	Show for Rooms 1—11 in hall
Friday 15 December	Last day of the school year
2018 Tuesday 30 January	Family/Whānau Strengthening meetings with new teacher
Wednesday 31 January	Students start school again

Assembly Dates

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 there families/whānau. Great to have you in the Bellevue Learning Community:

Scarlett Whale to Room 1
Arnav Joon to Room 3



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

Term 4 is a busy time in New Zealand schools as we endeavour to complete one academic year and make preparations for the following one. Please note the organisation for 2018 notice later in this newsletter and let us know of any factors you believe that need to be considered for your child's learning when placing your child in 2018.

Also remember that this Friday is the annual whole school Emergency Evacuation and reunification with families/whānau practise for Bellevue. We thank you in advance for coming to collect your child (or the children you are the release adult for) **AFTER you receive the text** that lets you know of the emergency this Friday.

We also very respectfully ask that you **do not arrive before** receiving the text as we wish to make this practice as close to what may happen in a real emergency as possible. We remind you that staff will be at school **until the last child is collected** - this is the case for every practice evacuation and every real emergency that requires the school to be evacuated.

There is an extra notice coming home today in hard copy form (and it will also be on our website) with further details about this Friday's evacuation practice so please take the time to look at this, and to visit Wellington Emergency Management Office website for hints on being prepared. www.getprepared.org.nz

Have a great week.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education

**I MAY NOT BE THERE YET,
BUT I AM CLOSER THAN I
WAS YESTERDAY.**



Manawaroa or resilience is about focusing our thoughts and efforts. Even when things are difficult or there are obstacles, we need to keep working through these.

It is about dealing with problems, staying on track, working through any disappointments or 'knock-backs'. Resilience is about building our skills to cope with what ever happens to us in life, and getting through the tough times or tough things. By building our stamina, grit, determination, perseverance and staying power we know we can work through these tough times. It is about taking one step at a time and one day at a time when we are feeling discouraged or things are hard.

Please help your child further develop their resilience or manawaroa and give them support to work through problems.

These skills to persist and cope with disappointments and hard times will enable them to become resilient adults who can cope with the highs and lows in their lives.

Bellevue Sports News

Miniball

Results (Grading Round 2):

Bellevue Hurricanes vs Ngaio Swift WIN 36-16 POTD: Kahurangi Amaru

Next week's game times:

Monday 6/11/17: Bellevue Thunder vs Ngaio Ants 3.50pm

Tuesday 7/11/17: No out draw yet. Kendra will send a copy of the draw home once it has been confirmed.

A reminder that if your child is not playing mini ball this term, please return the sports uniform to the Sports Uniform Box outside Room 14 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Athletics

The Northern Zone Athletics event will be held next Monday 6 November (pp Monday 12 November). Please ensure that the permission form is returned to the Sports Noticebox and the money for the bus is put through your child's classroom money box TOMORROW at the latest. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help during the event. A reminder for all to please meet in **Room 14 on Monday at 8.15am**. The timetable for the day is below. Please note that these times are approximate.

It would be great to see as many supporters there cheering on our team as possible.

PRIMARY SPORT WELLINGTON ATHLETICS 2017 - PROGRAMME

		Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	AWD
	9.00 – 9.30am	Warm-Up					
Round 1	9.30-10.30am	Relays Discus and Shot Put (Year 7 & 8 only)					
Round 2	10.30 – 11.15	Quoit	High Jump	Vortex	Long Jump	Sprints 100m 200m	Vortex Quoit
Round 3	11.15 - 11.55am	Vortex	Long Jump	High Jump	Sprints 100m 200m	Quoit	Long Jump Sprints
Round 4	11.55 - 12.35pm	Sprints 60m 100m	Quoit	Long Jump	High Jump	Vortex	
Round 5	12.35 - 1.15pm	High Jump	Vortex	Sprints 80m 150m	Quoit	Long Jump	
Round 6	1.15pm - 1.55pm	Long Jump	Sprints 80m 150m	Quoit	Vortex	High Jump	
	2.30 - 2.30pm	800/1500 metres - Years 5 - 8					

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 takes 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.

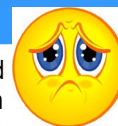
When registering, don't forget to link your child's registration to **Bellevue School** or go directly to <https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/29/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/6dd14861-31b5-44ab-bd6d-83e89dd2083a>. Alternatively, please email kendra@bellevue-newlands.school.nz and I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

Student Success - Charlie and Tabitha (Room 8 and Room 10) competed with their team Aspire from BigAir gym at the National cheer and dance competition in Wellington over the weekend. They placed third at the comp out of 5 National teams. This is a huge achievement as the team have been training extremely hard this year. In addition to that, for many of the members this is their first year doing cheer sports. Ka mau te wehi!



Parent Notices to Students During the Day



Please note that the school is finding it increasingly difficult for our office staff to complete the many and varied tasks required of them. We are concerned that over the past few months they have been receiving an increasingly huge number of calls with 'last minute' notices from some of our parents/families to pass on to their child/ren. These late notices are often arrangements that could be made with child/ren before they leave for school in the morning. Currently our office staff often spend 30 - 45 minutes each day (usually at the end of the day) to pass on a number of social arrangements that have been called in. **WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO DO THIS.** We simply can not provide a personal message service for such large numbers of students during the day or at the end of the day.

Please note that we are not talking about those emergency situations where you need to get a message to your child when something unexpected has come up. **We are very happy to pass on anything that is urgently required due to unforeseen circumstances.** It is the regular families who ring (often close to 3:00pm) and ask our office staff to tell their child to do something that could have been arranged directly with them before they went to school (eg: to meet them on the corner/at a friend's house) that is affecting our office managers' ability to do the many other important tasks required of them. Please, please do not ask our wonderful office managers to pass on something that you can easily sort with your child in advance. Many thanks for helping our office people to fulfil the other important responsibilities required of them.

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

Bell Challenge

Many students have been working away all year on the Bellevue BELL Home Learning Challenge. Finished portfolios showing evidence for all completed challenges need to be brought in and shared with your classroom teachers by Friday 24 November.

Every completed challenge needs to be signed off by the student, parent and teacher.

Thank You

Special thanks to...

Ana , Phillipa, Imelda , Yolandy , Michele , Paul, Heather, Frank , Simon, Yogesh and Aubrey who accompanied Te Hau Tonga students to the Wellington Museum of City & Sea today.

Feta, Toni, Rebecca, Steve, Aminath, Rachel, Phil, Nik, Kylie, Sarah, Amy, Teresa, Heather, Ranjani, Shirleen, Sira, Mele, Nita, Daynah, Amanda, Debbie, Melissa & Tamzin who helped with swimming for Te Hau Rawhiti



Safety for us All

PLEASE

A special reminder to practice courtesy and consideration when you drop your children off before 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

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.



Kopu hou (new word)

maunga = mountain
Pronunciation = mah-ow-ng-ah

Ko Rangitūmau te *maunga*.
Rangitūmau is the *mountain*.

Ko Pukehuia te *maunga*.
Pukehuia is the *mountain*.



Arrival at School Time



Please do not bring your child to school or allow them to arrive at school before 8:30am in the morning. There is an increasing number of children in the foyer before this time each day which prevents the staff preparing for all our students learning.

Please help us do the best for your child and all our children. **MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD DOES NOT GET TO SCHOOL BEFORE 8:30am** unless they attend Kapai Kids 'Before School Programme'

Many thanks from all the staff.

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



Resilience Heroes

The following students were acknowledged in Assembly for demonstrating resilience or manawaroa in the school:

Room 1: Prannav Venkatraman

Room 2: Oscar Roper & Scarlet Rakanui

Room 4: Leo Riediger & Amelia Sleep

Room 5: Savain Amarasena & Aimee Haines

Room 6: Ruby Pearce & Melody Hamer-Brewer

Room 7: Danelle Rudd

Room 8: Sophie Kak & Ethan Phillips

Room 9: Emilie Church & Luca Nicholls

Room 10: Kanwar Singh & Zalika Ali

Room 11: Ataliyah Wallace-Soal & Michael Dickson

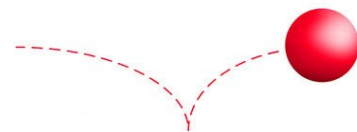
Room 12: Noah Williams-Harris

Room 13: William Provis, India Coates & Eva Maora

Room 14: Aanika Kaul

Room 15: Leah Wilson & Jayden-Roy Kapp

Resilience



Emergency Evacuation



Our whole school emergency drill is this Friday 3 November. Please find attached to the newsletter today a notice with further details for this event. Every student needs to be collected by/reunited with their parents or emergency release adults on Friday. This practice 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.

Please note that any changes to emergency release adults needed to be done by last Friday ie: 27 October. No changes will be made this week so your child/ren will only be released to their parents or the adults currently listed on the register.

Year 6 visit to Intermediate

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.



Swimming Lessons

Te Hau Rawhiti (Rooms 1-7) students are swimming 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 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.

Organisation for 2018

At this time of year all schools look at the number of children likely to be in each year level at the beginning of next year, to make decisions about class organisation and placement for the following year. At Bellevue we aim to assemble whānau classes and learning hubs that best provide for all our students learning. The number of classes we start the year with is dependent on the staffing entitlement received from the Ministry of Education, which is based on the number of students we have in the school. Currently we are looking at how classes/hubs are to be arranged for the beginning of 2018.

When looking at class composition, the challenge for schools is to assess each child's needs and to meet these, regardless of which whānau room they are in or the mix of year groups. The focus is on the quality of teaching to support student's learning. We are very fortunate to have a team of excellent teachers here at Bellevue School.

Please note that there are many important factors taken into consideration when placing students in classes. These include:-

- * Individual needs and achievement
- * Peer relationships
- * Learning groups and friendships groups
- * Age and year group
- * Gender balance and number of students
- * Siblings in adjoining years

Whilst this can make the task a challenging one, we are committed to making the most appropriate placement after all these factors have been considered.

If there are any factors you believe need to be considered for your child's learning when placing your child next year, please contact the school over the next two weeks. You can talk with your child's teacher, or senior teacher ie: Anne Smith (Assistant Principal) Anna Borrer/Deeann Daniels (Senior Teachers) Margaret (Deputy Principal) or Karen (Principal), but need to have passed on your considerations for your child's learning before 9:00am on Friday 10 November.

Please note that this is not about requesting a particular teacher or class for your child but sharing what you think assists your child's learning most. Also you need to note that we cannot make any guarantees about where your child will be placed. We need to consider the requirements of all our students and how we can best meet these. You and your child will find out their whānau room for 2018 when class placement notices come out with reports on Wednesday 13 December.

Also if you know of any students who are likely to be starting our school, or leaving in the near future, this would assist us in organising placements for 2018. Thank you.

Dental Van visiting

FREE Dental Checks at Bellevue School

The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile is at Bellevue from 30 October until 24 November. Once seen, your child will be given a letter that informs 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 check-up 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.

Library Donations

In previous years some families of Year 6 leavers, and others leaving Bellevue School have wished to mark their time here by donating a book to the library.



We are holding a number of fiction, non-fiction and picture books suitable for a wide range of ages and interests. We make these available for donation at about half the retail price. The cost to donors ranges from about \$5 - \$20.

A library donation plate showing the name/s of the donor will be placed in the front of the book which will be available for borrowing by the donor after cataloguing and covering.

If you wish to make a donation to the library in this way, the books may be viewed at the school office from Monday 30 October.

Library Stocktake

In weeks 6 and 7 of this term, the Library will be closed for stocktaking.

All books will need to be returned to the Library by Friday 17 November.



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 \$20:00
- school sunhats for \$15:00
- school pens for \$5:00.

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