



Weekly Newsletter

6 December 2017

Mauri mahi, mauri ora = through work we prosper.

Term 4 - Issue 8

Important Dates

Wednesday 6 December	Te Hau a Uru noho marae
Thursday 7 December	Show for Rooms 1 - 11 in hall
Friday 8 December	Festive Bake Sale & Sausage Sizzle 3:00- 4.30pm
Tuesday 12 December	Helpers morning tea
Wednesday 13 December	Te Hau Rawhiti (Rooms 1-7) Zoo trip
Wednesday 13 December	Anniversary reports sent home to Year 1-3 students due these End of Year reports sent home to Year 4-6 students
Wednesday 13 December	Year 6 Leavers Evening
Friday 15 December	Farewell Assembly 11:30am - 12:30pm
Friday 15 December	Last day of the school year - finish 12.30pm
2018 Tuesday 30 January	Family/Whānau Strengthening meetings with new teacher
Wednesday 31 January	Students start school again - 9:00 am

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)

We hope that you are enjoying the beautiful summer weather - what a change from this time last year! When 'Pack the Bus' arrived on Friday we realised that last year everyone was wearing puffer jackets and feeling the cold when we met them, but that certainly was not the case this year.

A reminder that written reports come home next Wednesday for Year 1-3 students due 'anniversary reports' and all our Year 4-6 students. Also coming home that afternoon is confirmation of your child's new whānau class and teacher for 2018. Please note that if there is anything in the report that you wish to clarify, we encourage you to do this with your child's teacher before the end of the year.

Thank you to everyone who supported both 'Pack the Bus' and Newlands Community House. These charities were very grateful for the koha or donations you brought along to school. We were also inspired by the empathy and generosity of our students (and their whanau), in considering others less fortunate than themselves. Kia ora koutou.

We appreciate this is a busy time of year, however we encourage you to send back your feedback form (or email or speak to us directly) to let us know how swimming went for you this term. Also if your whānau is of Māori descent, we encourage you to send back your thoughts on the Maori Learner profile and feedback on how the school is working with you. The information you share with us helps us improve what we do at Bellevue school. Thank you in advance for making the effort to get this back to us **before 15 December**.

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Karen

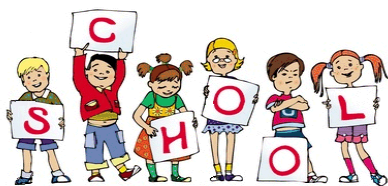


Character Education

As the academic (and calendar) year is coming to an end it is perfect timing to practice and nurture manawaroa or resilience... also to acknowledge our children who have been demonstrating this during 2017. At the Presentation Assembly last Friday students were acknowledged for achieving the Bell Challenge; also for contributing as Big Buddies, Enviro Group, Librarians, Milk Monitors, Peer Mediators, Road Patrollers and School Councillors. Many students were acknowledged more than once for their contributions throughout the year, which certainly showed their ability to be resilient.

Resilience is about keeping on trying and persevering to do our best, even when we feel tired or want to give up. We encourage our young learners to show manawaroa no matter what happens or how they we feel, as we want them to know that they can endure to work through challenging times. Practicing resilience helps them know that they can keep going, they can 'get back up' when things go wrong and can face the odds. It is important for them to know this as learners and as growing citizens.

Manawaroa is about us supporting our children (and each other) to develop the resilience and coping skills we need to deal with set-backs or disappointment. It gives us the 'power' to make choices that enable us to have a satisfying life.



Assembly Dates

Friday 15 December	Farewell Assembly & Year 6 presentations - 11.30am start
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Resilience

life is too short.
grudges are a waste of perfect happiness
laugh when you can
apologize when you should
and let go of what you can't change.
love deeply and forgive quickly
take chances, give everything
and have no regrets
life is too short to be unhappy
you have to take the good with the bad
smile when you're sad
love what you get
and always remember what you had
always forgive but never forget
learn from your mistakes
but never regret
people change, and things go wrong
but always remember
life goes on !!!!

Bellevue Sports News

Miniball

Results

Bellevue Hurricanes vs Crofton Downs Slammers LOSS 36-18 POTD: Luke Caldwell

Game times next week:

Monday 11/12/17: Bellevue Thunder vs Khandallah Stars 3.50pm

Tuesday 12/12/17: Bellevue Hurricanes vs Cashmere Timberwolves 4.20pm

All the best for the last game of the season!

Following the last game next week, please return ALL miniball uniforms to the Sports Uniform Box outside Room 14 in a names plastic bag as soon as possible. For those who have paid the \$10 uniform bond, please ensure that this is returned to school by Thursday morning at the latest. Thank you for your help to get all uniforms sorted before the end of the year.

Athletics - Congratulations to Carter who will be competed at the Regional Athletics Championship on Tuesday in Masterton. We are very proud to have an athlete from Bellevue School qualify for the Regional Championship. Well done Carter!

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.



Wellington North Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards

Miranda Chen, of Room 14, was awarded the Wellington North Primary Schools' Citizenship Award for Bellevue School in 2017 at an award ceremony held last Wednesday at the Johnsonville Community Center. This prestigious event was organised by the Wellington City Council and even the Mayor of Wellington, Justin Lester, attended.

Miranda won the award as she constantly displays resourcefulness and resilience. She willingly accepts challenges and is a natural leader within our learning community. She has a number of school wide responsibilities such as librarian, peer mediator and kapa haka leader. She is a pivotal member of our school band as the piano player. During our recent production, Miranda provided the accompaniment for the entire production. She is a strong role model in our school and is approachable, caring, helpful and has a wicked sense of humour.

We think that Miranda is an exceptional young lady and we thoroughly believe that she is a worthy recipient of this award.

Look out for a billboard around the Newlands area with the Community Award Winners and the Bellevue School Community award shield which is in the office.

Congratulations Miranda!



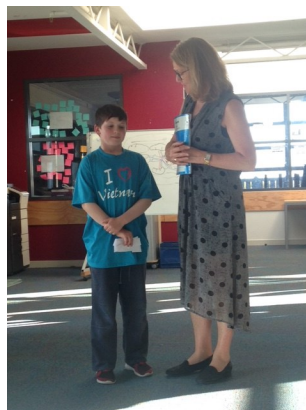
Newlands Speech Competition

Miranda Chen (Room 14) and Luke Caldwell (Room 13) represented Bellevue School at the Newlands Speech Competition last Thursday. The event was held at Newlands Intermediate and included contestants from the Newlands School area.

Both speeches received fantastic feedback from the judge for being engaging, clearly delivered and well researched. Well done to both speakers.

Well done to both Miranda and Luke for representing our school with pride!

Congratulations.



Thank You

Special thanks to...

Jennifer, Brenda, Kasi, Mika, Nik, Jessica, Sally, Boonkerd, Kanoknart, Marie, Jean, Sarah, Austen, Hui Wang and Melissa for helping on the Botanical Garden trip for Te Hau a Uru.

Feta, Toni, Mika, So Boi Lim, Senayt, Jane, Aminath, Phil, Beatriz, Rachael, Kylie, Ranjani, Shirleen, Mele, Courtney, Nita, Mel and Daynah who helped with swimming for Te Hau Rawhiti.

Lorraine for processing orders for the Christmas Cookies that will be ready for pick up on Friday afternoon.

Sarah for the delicious treats she made for the staff to enjoy at morning tea yesterday.



Pack the Bus and Newlands Community House



Thank you to everyone who donated to Pack the Bus and the Newlands Community House. These food donations and gifts will help support some less fortunate people in the Newlands and wider Wellington area, so families can have a more enjoyable festive season.

Thank you from the School Council, The Breeze, The City Mission and Newlands Community House for thinking of others and practising empathy, aroha or compassion for those who may be going through a rough time or are less fortunate at Christmas.



Festive Bake Sale & Sausages

Friday 8th December
3pm - 4:30pm



This Friday (ie: 8 December) there is a bake sale and sausage sizzle afternoon tea fundraiser. A great way to feed your hungry child/ren - and some treats to take home as well!

If you can help work on the bake sale or sausage sizzle stall anytime between 2pm and 4:30pm then please contact Nerys via email/text on: nerys_roberts@yahoo.com or 027340857.

Please look out for the notice coming home in hard copy form today (and also with the newsletter email) asking that you provide a plate of goodies for the bake sale table. Thank you!

Kopu hou (new word)

Meri Kirihimete = Merry Christmas

Pronunciation = meh-ree kree-he-meh-teh



Nāku i tuhi ki tōku kaiako "**Meri Kirihimete** nā āu taurā."
I wrote to my teacher "*Merry Christmas* from your students."



Christmas Cookies Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser and judging by the pallet of cookies that has arrived in the office there were a lot of families who took up this offer.

These can be collected from the staffroom from 2.45pm to 3.30pm this Friday 8 December.



Summer Reading

WANT TO READ ALL HOLIDAYS?



TAKE HOME A BAG OF 10 BOOKS TO READ OVER THE SUMMER!

Visit us in the library and collect a permission form to take a bag of books home for the summer.

To qualify you must be a Year 3, 4 or 5 this year, and returning to Bellevue School in 2018, and have no outstanding books on issue.

Library Stocktake



THANK YOU SO MUCH to everyone who has returned their books.

We still have a few books outstanding. Please remember to hunt for these and return them to school.

Thanks, Sarah

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.

Electronic / Toy day!

This term on Tuesday 12 December the Student Council is hosting an Electronic /Toy Day. Students can bring a toy or an electronic device to play with during their syndicate electronic time.

Please bring a gold coin donation to take part. This money is to buy paint for us to put a mural on the Playpod next year.

By Sebby and Lucy

PS: A note is coming home from us with the newsletter.



Kapai Kidz Holiday Programme

KAPAI KIDZ - 18-22 December

We will be operating from the school hall from Monday 18 December - Friday 22 December. Space is limited, enrol via our website www.kapaikidz.co.nz. All enquiries to Linda Robinson 021 409641 or email linda@kapaikidz.co.nz

