



Weekly Newsletter

13 December 2017

Mai i te kōpae ki te urupa tātou ako tonu ai = from the cradle to the grave we are forever learning

Term 4 - Issue 9

2018 Important Dates

Friday 15 Dec	Last day of term - 12:30pm finish
Tuesday 30 January	Meet the Teacher - Family/Whānau Strengthening meetings with new teacher
Wednesday 31 January	Students start school again - 9:00 am
Thursday 1 February	Meet the Teacher - Family/Whānau Strengthening meetings with new teacher
Tuesday 6 February	Waitangi Day Holiday break



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)

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From The Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of the year. I would like to thank each and every one of our students for their hard work and an amazing year of learning. Together with your parents/whānau our job is to support and nurture your talents so that you learn, mature and develop readiness for the next stage of your learning journey. You have worked extremely hard to reach so many of your goals, to further your growth mindset and to develop your understanding of how you learn best. We are very proud of your achievements and appreciate the positive attitude, enthusiasm and confidence that you have demonstrated this year. Also a fond farewell from Bellevue to our wonderful Year 6 students. We will miss you next year, but know that you are ready to continue your learning journey at Intermediate.

Assembly Dates

Friday 15 December	Year 6 Presentations, Farewells and Singing - 11:25—12:30pm
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Cushion Concert

Assembly on Friday -11:15am.

Join us to sing some festive songs, also to farewell Year 6 students and staff leaving.



To our fabulous teachers and support staff at Bellevue, I would like to thank you for the commitment you have to support each student's learning, along with your genuine desire for them to succeed and achieve their best. Your professionalism and willingness to 'go the extra mile' is appreciated. I wish you a very well-deserved, restful and refreshing break. To our lovely teachers moving on to new schools we wish you well in your new learning communities. Ka kite to Anna Borrer, Lara Coates, Margaret Hahn and Marion Harris.

Thank you to our dedicated Board of Trustees who donate their time to govern our school so well. We also thank their families who support them to share this time with the school for the best of all our students.

Other hard-working groups of people are the Jubilee Committee and our FUNdraisers who donated many extra hours organizing and working at events this year to raise the extra funds for equipment or provide educational experiences to support student learning. Kia ora koutou.

And lastly a thank you to our wonderful whānau/families who have supported your children, their teachers, the staff and the school during 2017. Thank you for your support for me as principal of this amazing learning community too. I appreciate your assistance to make Bellevue School the fantastic place of learning that it is.

Please look out for your child/ren's stationary lists, class placement notices and information about the Family/Whānau meetings. These are coming home with them today. Bookings for the Family/Whānau meetings are open from today. We look forward to seeing you at these on Tuesday 30 January.

A reminder to bring a cushion when you join us for the final assembly on Friday where we celebrate a great year of learning, also farewell our students and staff moving on. There will be a few chairs at the back of the hall for grandparents or people who have health issues that prevent them sitting on the floor. However we are keen for as many people as possible to join us for our final get together so will not be setting out chairs to make more room for us all to fit in the hall. You might like to wear something festive as we are encouraging your child/ren to do this on the last day of term too.

Have a great summer break everyone.

Ka kite



Character Education

As we head off into the summer holidays on Friday, we wish all our students a great break from school and a reminder to continue to develop their manawaroa or resilience as they have time with family, friends and are participating in holiday activities. We encourage them to continue to keep trying and to give their best to everything they do. We encourage them to endure to work through any challenging times, get back up when things go wrong and cope with any disappointments or things that go wrong. Every time your child practices being resilient in the face of disappointments or challenges, they are making another step towards knowing that they can keep going and make choices about how they cope with any set-backs or difficult times.

Kupu Hou (new word)

Hari hararei = Happy holidays
Pronunciation = Ha-ree har-rah-ray

Hari hararei kia koutou
Happy holidays everyone.

Happy
Holidays!

Staff News



It was with great sadness that we received a letter last week from Anna to say that she is moving on from Bellevue School. Anna has been an amazing asset to our school over the six years she has taught here. The taonga she has shared with students, staff and parents/whanau has been truly appreciated. We know how fortunate her new school is to have her - our loss is Russell School's gain.

Another wonderful teacher called Nicola Shuttleworth is joining our staff for Term 1. Nicola will be working in Hub 3, while we advertise the permanent position. Nicola is an experienced teacher who has recently taught at Mt Cook School before spending a year in San Francisco. It is very fortunate for us that her return coincided with us looking for a successful teacher to join our team.



Thank you

Special thanks to ...

All the wonderful parents/whānau who sent along baking for the Bake Sale and those of you who purchased these goodies or sausages at the BBQ Sausage Sizzle last Friday.

Pip Penhey who has provided staff with a weekly 'pick me up' this year. Pip, your baking is outstanding as is your thoughtfulness and caring is. Thank you from us all.

All our amazing parents/whānau who have helped out at the various EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) trips and experiences over the last term. These had been planned for Term 4, and thankfully the weather has been glorious. Thank you so much for your help.

Heather Lange, Jennifer Natta, Lisa Holden, Wes Mounter, Darren Jobson, Kim Edgecombe, Boonkerd and Kanoknart, Kate Ritch, Jean Cowie, Sarah Urquart, Sarah Williamson, Hui Wang, Melissa Xu for helping with the ASB trip for Te Hau a Uru.

Leanne Mackay, Jody Leach, Eddie Coates, Maua Maora, Joseph Head, Frances Poff, Justine Cannon, Lara Coates, Deane Virtue, Jan Virtue for helping with the Te Hau a Uru Noho Marae.

Deepthi, Naima, Ambika, Mika, Debi, Tara, Toni, Chris, Phil, Beatriz, Lisa, Aminath, Felicity, Amy, Jen, Tima, Mo, Ranjani, Shirleen, Mele, Reece, Jean, Mr Samhitha, Meredith, Robin, Cara, Kanonart, Boonkerd, Nita and Amanda who helped on the Zoo trip for Te Hau Rawhiti today.



A Fond Farewell ... we will miss you

Bye—we will miss you all

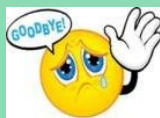
A very fond farewell to all our Year 6 students and the families who have their last child leaving us this year. A very special thank you to the following families for their contributions to and support of Bellevue Learning Community over the years they have been part of our community....

Maxine Avery (Adrienne & Aaron Avery), Harrison Baker, Annaliese Blumhardt, Tia Butters (Mika & Michael Butters), Miranda Chen (Melissa Xu & Michael Chen), India Coates (Lara & Eddie Coates), Maia Commerford, Brody Cooke (Tineka & Gary Cooke), Larina Daweth, Leo Diaz-Poff (Carlos Diaz & Frances Poff), Sebastian Du Plessis, Jacob Etti (Amanda Trethewey & Richard Etti), Tyler Good-Turner, Finley Graham, Caroline Holmes (Joanne Holmes), Kate Jobson, Nabhi Kapadia, Andre Kingsford (Alison Mikoz & Graham Kingsford), Cyprus Kinzett (Stephanie & Warrick Kinzett), Neha Kollati, Nikhil Kollati (Sree Durga Prasad Kollati & Swapna Kollati), Riya Lal, Hannah Leach-McGarva (Jody Leach & Phil McGarva), Tristan Lim, Samuel Mackay (Mandy & Shona Mackay), Eva Maora, Tessa Mawby (Cate & Jamie Mawby), Sandra Natta (Jennifer & Neil Natta), Deizjah O'Connor-Herewini, Jade Parkinson, Darshan Patel, Joshua Payne (Mariena & Ross Payne), Samuel Penhey (Andrew & Pip Penhey), Daniel Phillips, Wence Pineda (Adelyn & Samson Pineda), Robin Prakash (Radhna & Prem Prakash), Gianna Pua (Theresa & Gerald Pua), Dylan Ranchhod (Pratima Raman), Jared Rudd, Hale Siaoasi (Angela & Iele Siaoasi), Seth Stoneham (Melanie Johnston & Carey Stoneham), Paphada Suphachaisakhon, Joe Tebbs (Jeff & Jacqui Tebbs), Anagh Tyagi (Kavita & Manish Tyagi), Sasha Velathanthiri (Angeline Lurdsuami & Mary Pereira), Phoenix Virtue (Jan & Deane Virtue), Noah Williams-Harris (Vannessa & Darcy Williams).

We would like to farewell the following students and their families who are also leaving Bellevue:-

Kyson Ward (Jennifer Steeneken & Robert Ward), Ty Nguyen, Madison Nguyen (Sophear & Cuong Nguyen), John Mabuti (Charo Tolentino & Allan Mabuti), Amber Gregory (Louise & Steve Gregory), Pina Strambach (Katharina & Thomas Strambach), Krystal Rounds (Siteri & Saki Rounds), Noah Coates, Lily Coates (Lara & Eddie Coates), Fisher Chen (Hui Wang & Tao Chen), Mereana Marino, Jett Marino (Jodi Wilson)

Farewell also to Anna Borrer, Lara Coates, Margaret Hahn and Marion Harris who are moving on from Bellevue. We appreciate the wonderful contributions and taonga (treasure) that you have shared with our students and within our learning community during your time with us. All the best for your new positions at other schools and remember you always remain part of our school whānau.



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.

The last day to get your permission slip in for Summer Reading is Thursday 14 December.



Library

Borrowing has finished for this year, and all books are due back now.

Please help your child to find and return any books still on issue.

Occasionally children take home books issued to the teachers for classroom use. If you find any books belonging to Bellevue School, please return them to the library or office.



Congratulations

A special congratulations to Cassie Baggs and Kendra Taurua who are both about to be married over the school break. We wish Cassie and Dan, also Kendra and Mitch, a very happy, enjoyable day with their family and friends, and will welcome them back in the new year with new titles/surnames.

You may have noticed our 'Brides to Be' in some different attire on Monday. Here is a photo of the future Mrs Cassie Woodhouse and Mrs Kendra Edwards in their bridal outfits provided by the staff.



Stationery for 2018



If you are purchasing student stationery for 2018 from school it will not be available for purchase until the first day of the school term, Wednesday 31 January.

We also ask that you send your order along to the classroom teacher so that it can be recorded in the finance book before it is sent along to the office for processing. Please do not take your order to the office directly as office staff are not able to process orders on an individual basis.

Class Organisation 2018

At this time of year schools are busy getting ready to farewell students and staff who are moving on, while also preparing for the new year. At Bellevue School we are saying farewell to Anna Borrer who is moving to Russell Street School next year, also to Margaret Hahn and Marian Harris whose fixed term positions end.

We are welcoming one new staff member to our school for Term 1 while we have the opportunity to advertise and appoint a permanent teacher to the position Anna is leaving. The teacher who is joining us for Term 1 is Nicola Shuttleworth. She visited our school today to meet the students and the teaching team.

The class organisation, including whanau teacher/class levels for 2018:-

Room 1 (Rocket Room)

- New Entrant/Year 1 - Mrs Anne Smith

Room 2-

- New Entrant Class (for later in the year as numbers grow)

Room 3

- New Entrant/Year 1 - Ms Daisy Leckie

Room 4

- New Entrant/Year 1 - Mrs Kathryn Charlesworth

Room 5

- Year 1/2 - Mrs Anne Gullen

Room 6

Year 3/4 - Mrs Maria Church

Room 7

Year 3/4 - Mr Ricky Buchanan

Room 8

- Year 3/4 - Ms Nicola Shuttleworth

Room 9

- Year 3/4 - Ms Cassie Baggs (soon to be Mrs Woodhouse)

Room 10 and Room 11

- Year 1/2 - Ms Avindra Jayasekara, Ms Christina Pike, Ms Melissa Van Echten

Room 12

- Year 5/6 - Mrs Deeann Daniels

Room 13

- Year 5/6 - Ms Kendra Taurua (soon to be Mrs Edwards)

Room 14

- Year 5/6 - Mr Richard McLeod

Room 15

- Year 5/6 - Ms Erica Ward



Meet the Teacher

At the start of 2018 we are keen for you to have the opportunity to meet face to face with your child's new teacher. We have arranged for meetings to take place on the Tuesday before school starts ie: 30 January, and also on Thursday 1 February (after school). There is a 15 minute slot for each child and their family/whanau.

Please note the website address is:- www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

The code for the Parent/Teacher meetings is: **vpvte**

From today you can go online to book a time for you and your child to talk with their new teacher on Tuesday or Thursday. This is a great chance to share your child's passions, interests and family aspirations for their year or their time at Bellevue School. You get to meet their new teacher one-to-one before the year starts, and things get busy for you.

We encourage all families to make the most of this informal get together. If you prefer to ring or email the school for a booking please do so and we will put your preferred time into the day's schedule.

Please note:- The school office closes on Thursday 15 December at 12.45pm and re-opens again on Friday 26 January, 2017 from 10:00 - 2:00pm.



Final Assembly



You are invited and very welcome to join us at 11:25am - 12:30pm on Friday 15 December for our Farewell Assembly in the hall.

This is our very last day of school for 2017 and our final assembly for the year. It is a special occasion to farewell all our students and staff who are leaving, sing festive songs together and present some special school awards for the year of 2017.

We encourage students to wear a Christmas hat or headband, a sparkly decoration, festive earrings or ties to celebrate the end of the year on Friday.

As there are such a large number of us to fit in the hall we ask that parents/caregivers bring a cushion to sit on the floor for the duration of assembly. By doing this we hope that everyone who wishes to be at the assembly can be seated inside. We will have a few seats at the back of the hall for grandparents or people who have health issues that prevent them sitting on the floor. Please can everyone else squeeze up on your cushion in the areas that we have marked out for adults. Many thanks.



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

Kapai Kidz Holiday Programme:

We will be operating from the school hall on the following dates:

Friday 15 December (12.30pm - 6.00pm)
Monday 18 December - Friday 22 December (7.30am - 6.00pm)
Monday 15 January - Tuesday 30 January (7.30am - 6.00pm)

Space is limited, enrol via our website
www.kapaikidz.co.nz

All enquiries to Linda Robinson 021 409641 or email linda@kapaikidz.co.nz

School Grounds over the Holidays



Please watch our property during the holidays. Although there are cameras in operation, we also appreciate you looking out for our grounds and buildings over the break.

If you notice anything untoward, or people misusing the school, please ring the police directly so that our school is free of vandalism during the holidays.

Many thanks

From the students, staff and Board of Trustees

Term Dates 2018

Our year starts for whanau/families on:-

Tuesday 30 Jan - Whanau Strengthening meetings

Student learning programmes start/term times are :-

Term One: Wed 31 January – Friday 13 April

Term Two: Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July

Term Three: Monday 23 July - Friday 28 Sept

Term Four: Monday 15 Oct - Tuesday 18 Dec

Holidays & Observances:

Term One:

Tuesday 6 February - Waitangi Day observed

Friday 30 March - Good Friday

Monday 2 April - Easter Monday

Tuesday 3 April - Easter Tuesday

Wed 25 April - ANZAC Day (in Term 1 break)

Term Two:

Monday 4 June - Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 5 June - Teacher Only Day - school closed

Term Three:

Teacher Only Day - school closed (to be confirmed)

Term Four:

Monday 22 October - Labour Day

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property which will be on display on the hard court area outside Room 1 and 2 after the final assembly on Friday 15 December. If wet, it will be under the porches of Rooms 1 and 2.

All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



Twilight Fair 2018



Due to other commitments in the school during March 2018, the Board and Fundraisers have made the decision to postpone our next Twilight Fair until 2019.

However there will be other fun fundraising activities occurring in 2018, so watch out for these in next year's newsletters.

School Lunches

Pita Pit lunches will start again on Wednesday 31 January 2018. These lunches are available on Wednesdays only. Orders are done online at www.lunchonline.co.nz

Lunches are also available from **NZ Kids Food Lunches** every day and can be ordered online at www.nzkidsfood.co.nz

Please go the websites for more information.



Safety Message

Please note that a parent has brought to our attention a safety concern in our area.

There has been a man approaching children at the Newlands Mall dairy talking to them and offering to buy them sweets.

Please talk to your children about being aware of these kinds of situations and how to keep themselves safe.

The Police have also been informed of this incident.



Bellevue Sports News

Miniball

Results:

Bellevue Hurricanes vs Cashmere Timberwolves DRAW 28-28 POTD: The team for a fantastic season
This week is the last round for miniball this term.

A huge thank you to the parents, caregivers and whānau who supported our teams with coaching, managing and supporting our teams. It has been amazing to hear all about the improvement in our tamariki's skills and this would not be possible without the support of our wider whānau. Kia ora koutou katoa! We look forward to seeing you all again next season.



Outstanding Sports Uniforms

If you have any outstanding sports uniforms at home, please return these to the Sports Uniform Box outside Room 14 as soon as possible. For those miniball players who paid their uniform bond, please return these to school on Thursday at the latest so that we can process your bond refund. Thank you.

Regional Athletics

The official results have come in and we are pleased to report that Carter Sutherland was placed 9th in the Year 4 Boys Vortex at the Regional Athletics Championships in Masterton. His throw was 28.69m. Well done Carter on a fantastic achievement!

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.

Junior Capo Opportunity

Are you a keen footballer? Can you encourage friends to get along to Wellington Phoenix games? Wellington Phoenix are launching a new initiative called 'Junior Capo', which aims to help more young footballers get to the games and have a good time with their friends while watching the sport they love.

The Phoenix are looking for Junior Capos from across the Wellington Region to help us get as many young supporters to our games as possible. If you are a young football fanatic who believes you can influence your friends and family to attend Phoenix home games, then being a Junior Capo is the perfect role for you!

As a Junior Capo, you will be in charge of recruiting as many friends/teammates/family members as you can for each home game. You will liaise with the Community Engagement Assistant regarding how many people you are bringing to the game, and will be given access to special ticket discounts for you and your entourage.

Recruiting friends is easier than ever before, with modern technology and social media, so we encourage Junior Capos to use their creativity and communication skills to gather as many future Phoenix fans as possible.

Criteria

- * Bring a minimum of 5 friends to each home match
- * Be in close, regular contact with our Community Engagement Assistant, Katie
- * Actively promote the Wellington Phoenix and encourage attendance to games

Benefits

- * Receive a unique junior capo shirt
- * Discounted tickets for you and your friends
- * Seating in 'junior capo zone'
- * Opportunities to engage with Phoenix players on matchdays
- * Capos that bring along the most friends over the season will receive awards for their efforts

For more information see the Wellington Phoenix website. If you are interested in this role, please email kendra@bellevue-newlands.school.nz and she will put you in contact with the Community Engagement Assistant.

Bell Home Learning Challenge Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have persevered and successfully completed the Bell Home learning Challenge in 2017.

Well done to all of you.



Year 3 - Bancroft Award	Year 4 - Kenmore Award	Year 5 - Horokiwi West Award	Year 6 - Stewart Award
Emilie Church Leo Sargeant Olivia Wylie Tabitha Urquhart Luca Nicholls Aanya Gupta Josie Lange Katherine Ruyters Kendra Mistry Allegra Mounter	Pakawa Moldon Seren Mawby Ethan Roper Noah Coates Gabriel O'Connor Nathan Blumhardt Tiernan Finn-Burke Jess Foster Thomas Cooper	Isabel Johnston Bianca Clark Gabriella Joffe-Devoy Bronte Mounter Adam Mawby Belinda Tan Meg Lange Danielle Steel Elijah Sinclair	Riya Lal Eva Maora India Coates Hannah Leach McGarva Maia Commerford Annaliese Blumhardt Tyler Good-Turner Gianna Pua

Thank You from the Board of Trustees

*Another year is almost done. We are all a little older and a lot wiser. The Board of Trustees would like to say **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the Bellevue Staff for their hard work and dedication during the year, the Fundraisers for their effort and organisation of events, the kids for their continued perseverance and smiles; also the families, friends and supporters of the school. Bellevue is a friendly, happy and well respected school because of you all. **THANK YOU.***

Please keep safe over the long break and we look forward to all of you returning in the new Year. If you are moving on we wish you success and please be aware that you are always welcome to come back and visit.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Bellevue Board of Trustees.

Happy Holidays

A reminder that [school finishes at 12:30pm this Friday 15 December](#) and resumes again at 9:00am on Wednesday 31 January 2018.



The office closes at 12:45pm on Friday, reopens between 10:00 - 2:00pm on Friday 26 January, then resumes normal school hours again when the students return on 31 January.

Have a safe, happy break over the summer.



Santa's reindeers visited school yesterday and made an appearance at the helpers morning tea too. What fun!

