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BELLEVUE STUDENTS ARE ACTIVE AND CONNECTED LEARNERS, RESPECTFUL OF SELF AND OTHERS, CONFIDENT AND PREPARED FOR A LIFE OF LEARNING

3 February 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to a new term. It is great to be able to greet our returning students as well as our newly enrolled students. The teaching staff have been working together since last Wednesday so it was good to welcome the students back today.

We will be holding our annual 'meet the teachers' evening on Monday 15 February starting at 2.10pm. The school programme on this day will end at 2.00pm to allow for the number of interviews needed.

You are offered the opportunity of 10 minute interviews to meet your child's teacher and share your wishes, concerns, hopes and achievements with them. This is not a report on learning progress, but a chance to open up the communication channels between home and school.

We will be making the interviews on the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz as we did last year. Full information will be on the separate notice to go home this week. It is vital that you let us know if your child needs supervision at school from 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

The code you will need to use is **VVGCV**

This year is the triennial Board of Trustees election. Please consider if you would like to put your name forward for election. The roll of the Board of Trustees is one of governance and seeing the big picture of what we are doing at Bellevue School. There will be more information coming out during the next few weeks.

Dates to Remember:

Friday 5 February	Duffy Show – Hall 9.30am
Thursday 11 February	Parent Tutor Workshop – 1.30am – 3.00pm
Monday 15 February	Meet the Teacher Interviews – 2.00pm start
Wednesday 3 March	School Picnic – Days Bay
Thursday 4 March	Homework Evening – 7.00pm
Monday 15 March	Last day to call for BOT Nominations
Friday 19 March	School Photos
Thursday 1 April	Last day of Term I
Monday 19 April	First day of Term II
Friday 23 April	BOT Nominations close
Friday 7 May	BOT Elections - Voting Day
Tuesday 8 June	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 26 October	Teacher Only Day

Character Education – the value for this term is Responsibility

Our definition: Willingness to be answerable, to be trustworthy and accountable for your own behaviour.

We are making a series of two week foci for each of our Cornerstone Values. For the first two weeks of school we are concentrating on being responsible for hanging up your bag and bringing your things into the classroom before the bell goes. Although this sounds a small responsibility for some children it is still a challenge.

We would like to welcome the following students to Bellevue School:

Jamie Cooke, Dominique Poultney, Ishta Knot and Joe Skene-Lowe to Room 1

Lawrence Reeves, Elaina Weitekamp, Hamish Mokrzecki, Troy Rowe-Roberts, Poppy Killen, Trinity Avery, Allan Li, Lance Kuklinski, and Jesse Ritchie to Room 2

Kanye Perera to Room 4

Morgan Harrison, Celeste Curtis and Taylor Haig to Room 5

Alex Curtis to Room 8

Brenna Cooke, Shannon Poultney and Rhys Bickerton to Room 9

Dianah Faraon, Emily Phipps, Harrison Clegg and Kobi Haig to Room 10

Joshua Nicholson to Room 11

Ethan Fillette and Regan Lightfoot to Room 12

Amy Skene-Lowe to Room 13

Duffy Show - We are fortunate to be able to host the first performance of the Duffy Show for 2010. The show tours the country supporting high quality story telling and books as part of the Duffy Books in Schools programme. This show will be performed for our students on Friday at 9.30am. If for any reason you do not wish your child to attend please let the class teacher know.

News from the stork - Amaria and Hayden Picard are pleased to announce the birth of Scott Rawiri Hemi Picard on 29 January weighing in at a very healthy 9lb 12oz.

Road Patrol Supervision - Bellevue has a fantastic team of newly trained Road Patrols who began their duties at the end of last year and continue these this year. It is important for the patrols to have parents to support them in their duty in the morning. Therefore we are asking for parent volunteers to watch over the road patrols each morning. They need only do one day per week and need to be there from 8:25am to 9:00am. If you are happy to assist with this please indicate on the return slip at the bottom of this page and return it to the office.

Homework Meeting - On Thursday 4 March we will be holding a meeting at 7.00pm to explain the expectations for homework. Margaret Hesketh will be introducing a new approach to homework which Bellevue will be starting this year. Parents and children are welcome to come!

North Wellington Junior Touch – Last year we had some of our students playing Junior Touch in a team with children from Paparangi School. This year it would be great to have some Bellevue teams.

This is a fun, no-contact sport and a great way to keep fit. The cost is only \$20.00 per child per term and is played in Term 1 and Term 4. Teams consist of up to 10 children, with no more than 6 on the field at one time. There is also the opportunity for further training including rep trials.

One of our parents, Tara Fagan has kindly offered to organise this for children who are interested in playing this year. If you are in Year 3 – 6 and would like to play, please ask your teacher for a notice.

School Lunches will start for the year on Monday 8 February. A menu is attached for your information. School lunches are available on Mondays only and orders should be written on the front of an envelope with the child's name & room number, with money enclosed.

Lunches are made by an outside company so it is important that your child puts his order in the classroom lunchbox as soon as they arrive at school as a courier picks up the lunchboxes from the school hall just after 9.00am.

Kind Regards
Jan Win (Principal)

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Raroa Music Centre Enrolments for 2010 - Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at reasonable cost. There are still classes available for choir, recorder, violin, cello, clarinet, saxophone, flute and trumpet. Enrolments close on 12 February.

Girl Guiding – Come and join Girl Guiding New Zealand. Registration will take place on 9 February at St Oswalds Hall from 6.00pm – 7.30pm.

Canadians 7's Team will be visiting on Wednesday 3 February at 3.30pm at the Johnsonville Rugby Club, Helston Park. Free sausage sizzle and juicy for all children.

Bellevue School Road Patrol Supervision

I am happy to assist with Road Patrol supervision on _____ (specify day) morning.

Name _____

E-mail address _____

Phone number _____