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

10 February 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Work has begun on the bottom block refurbishment. We are all looking forward to having all the classrooms completed to the same standard throughout the school.

Don't forget to make your appointment times on the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz as we did last year. Full information was on the separate notice sent home last 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**

Last year we were fortunate enough to have more than 10 parent volunteers acting as parent tutors of reading for students in the front block. This meant ten of our students were able to have extra daily practice. This extra opportunity on the top of the classroom programme had a very beneficial impact on all of the students involved. Angela Johnston is running a training session for volunteers on Thursday afternoon. If you are able to give 90 minutes once a week to work in this programme we would love to work with you. The training session is on Thursday this week at 1.30pm in the staffroom. Please let us know if you are interested.

Dates to Remember:

Thursday 11 February
Friday 12 February
Monday 15 February
Wednesday 17 February
Friday 26 February
Wednesday 3 March
Thursday 4 March
Friday 12 March
Monday 15 March
Friday 19 March
Monday 22 March
Sunday 21 March
Friday 26 March
Thursday 1 April
Monday 19 April
Friday 23 April
Friday 7 May
Tuesday 8 June
Tuesday 26 October

Parent Tutor Workshop – 1.30pm – 3.00pm Staffroom
School Assembly led by Rooms 3 & 9
Meet the Teacher Interviews – 2.00pm start
Fundraiser Meeting for School Fair – 7.00pm Staffroom
School Assembly led by Rooms 1 & 10
School Picnic – Days Bay
Homework Evening – 7.00pm
School Assembly led by Rooms 2 & 8
Last day to call for BOT Nominations
School Photos
Paid Union Meeting 1.30pm – 3.30pm – no classes after lunch
School Fair
School Assembly led by Rooms 4 & 11
Last day of Term I
First day of Term II
BOT Nominations close
BOT Elections - Voting Day
Teacher Only Day
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We would like to welcome Grace Keown to Room 2, Terepai Nelio to Room 4 and Taniera Brown to Room 12.

Character Education – the value for this term is Responsibility

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to consider responsibility at school which includes:

- Being ready for each day by hanging up belongings and bringing equipment needed into the classroom
- Taking learning seriously. When a teacher asks something of each child the right thing needs to be done
- All students bringing a named hat to school – a spare one to stay at school is a good idea

Teacher Aide Positions - We have been able to finance some additional teacher aide hours for 2010. We currently have two positions available, both in the front block during literacy time. If you are interested in one of these positions, please send a letter of application and short CV to Jan Win. These can be left at the office and need to be with us by Tuesday 16 February. At this stage we have a position for one hour a day and another for two hours a day.

Paid Union Meetings - There is a paid union meeting for all teaching staff on Monday 22 March at 1.30pm – 3.30pm. As all teaching staff are entitled to attend we will be asking you to collect your children at 12.30pm on that day. I will send more information close to the date.

Scholastic Bookclub – Orders and payment need to be into school by Thursday 18 February. Late orders cannot be accepted. If paying by cheque, please make it out to Scholastic Bookclub.

Board Elections - 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.

School Fair – There is a Fundraiser meeting to discuss the school fair on Wednesday 17 February at 7.00pm in the school staff room. The date for the school fair is Sunday 21 March. Everyone is welcome to attend so if you would like to be involved in organising the fair or have some good ideas, come along. This is a great way to meet other parents and become involved in the school community.

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. Thankfully we have had parents volunteer for Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, therefore we now only need parents to assist on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Can you please help? 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.

Mural for the Middle Block - Approval and funding for the paint has been given to create a mural on the concrete block wall in the middle block. Now we need some volunteers. We need help to finalise a design, getting the outline onto the wall, and then the painting. We will also need to borrow painting equipment such as drop sheets, paint brushes, rollers, and ladders. If you can help with any of this, big or small, please contact Robyn on 970-6979 or email rwilson@paradise.net.nz. We want to try and get the mural completed this painting season if possible.

Kind Regards
Jan Win (Principal)

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Northern United Junior Hockey Club – Children’s Hockey 2010 - Registrations are being taken for all junior grades upstairs at McDonalds Johnsonville on Saturday 6 March from 3.00pm to 5.00pm & Sunday 7 March from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Experienced or beginner players from 4yrs and up. Competitive Saturday grades or beginner /development squad on Sunday afternoons. No experience necessary. Coaching is provided. Sticks and Balls available. Contact Gavin on 972-3609 or gn@paradise.net.nz

Breathing Space Workshops:

Being Present With Your Children – This workshop will run from 1.00pm-4.00pm, Sunday 28th February. You will come away from this workshop with clear examples of how you can make the most of your time with your children and how parenting can be even more enjoyable.

Understanding Your Anger – This workshop will run from 7.00pm-10pm, Wednesday 10th March. You will come away from this workshop more aware of what your ‘triggers’ for anger are. You will develop strategies on how to become calmer within yourself and with your child/children.

The Music Learning Centre in Tawa is now accepting enrolments for individual and group tuition in violin, viola, cello, flute, guitar, drums, music theory and composition. Also sign up now for orchestra, choir and chamber music. Email info@musiclearning.co.nz for more information or call 232-1231.

Baby Mice free to a good home, very cute. If you are interested please phone Hilary on 9736975.

**Bellevue School
Road Patrol Supervision**

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

Name _____

E-mail address _____

Phone number _____