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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 March 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last year we consulted with a focus group of parents and students about the purpose and practice of homework. Please take the opportunity to come to school on Thursday evening to hear about our plans to provide for learning needs at the same time as encouraging a love of learning. Some of you may have read the focus of homework undergoing revision in a number of Wellington schools. Come and learn about how we will be doing it at Bellevue – Thursday evening at 7.00pm in the library. Students are welcome to attend with their parents.

We will shortly be calling for nominations for membership of the Bellevue Board of Trustees. If you are interested please contact an existing board member or come to a Board meeting. The next meeting is this evening at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

**Dates to Remember:**

Wednesday 3 March	Board of Trustees Meeting - 7.00pm Staffroom
Thursday 4 March	School Picnic – Days Bay
Thursday 4 March	Homework Evening – 7.00pm Library
Friday 12 March	School Assembly led by Rooms 2 & 8 – 2.20pm
Monday 15 March	Last day to call for BOT Nominations
Friday 19 March	School Photos
Sunday 21 March	School Fair
Tuesday 23 March	Northern Zone Cricket – Alex Moore Park 8.00am – 2.30pm
Thursday 25 March	Northern Zone Cricket Postponement Date
Friday 26 March	School Athletics Day
Friday 26 March	School Assembly led by Rooms 4 & 11 – 2.20pm
Tuesday 30 March	School Athletics Day Postponement Date
Wednesday 31 March	Board of Trustees Meeting - 7.00 Staffroom
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

We would like to welcome Bryony Rielly to Room 3 and Jayden Rankin to Room 4.

**School Picnic** - You should have all received a notice about this yesterday. We are now going to Days Bay on Thursday. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing including sunhat, lunch and a drink. As always parents are welcome to join us for all or some of the time. Don't forget to get those permission slips and payment for the buses back to school if you haven't already. This is a great experience for the whole school to enjoy together and a real opportunity for our year 6 students to show leadership and responsibility.

**Character Education – the value for this term is Responsibility**

Since we are having a meeting about homework this week it is timely to use this as an illustration of responsibility. In the early years of school children bring their reading books home every day. The expectation is that they will practice the reading with an adult. The expectation is that the child is responsible for bringing the book home and the adult is responsible for spending 10 minutes with them while they practice.

**Paid Union Meeting – The Union meeting that was to have taken place on Monday 22 March has been cancelled and will now take place in term 2. I will advise you of the date when it has been confirmed.**

**Help Us Raise Funds for Ceiling-Mounted Data Projectors in the Classrooms** - Purchase the Little Red Book – Wellington's own Dining and Entertainment Coupon Book – only \$29.95 and \$8.00 goes to the School. It contains \$1,000 worth of discounts at dining and entertainment venues. An information sheet and order form were sent home with last week's newsletter. Spare order forms are available at the school office.

**School Gala** - As you can see from the dates above, this year's Gala will be held on Sunday 21 March. Let's hope it's a great day that we can all enjoy. The fundraising focus for this year is ceiling mounted data projectors in the hall. We have a small group of people working hard on this project. There will be opportunities for you to offer your help over the coming weeks and on the day.

**Invitation** - Parents and caregivers are invited to attend a seminar – **DYS-LEXIA DYS-MANTLED** on Thursday 25 March 7.00pm to 8.30pm at Newlands Intermediate. The presenter of this seminar is Laughton King who himself has dyslexia and has written two books 'Reaching the Reluctant Learner' and 'With, Not against'. If you are interested in finding out more about him go to his website [www.natalieart.com/ontour.htm](http://www.natalieart.com/ontour.htm) . There is no charge for attendance at this event, sponsored by the Tawa Newlands RTLB cluster.

**School Photos** – Photo envelopes are being sent home today. A photo envelope is required for each child in the family, but payment for all your photos can be included in the eldest child's envelope. If you want a family photo taken, please come to the office to collect a separate envelope. Please return photo envelopes with payment to your classroom teacher.

**Surplus Piano** - We currently have a piano in Room 14 that is surplus to requirements. If you would like to come and take it away for a donation please get in touch with Jan.

Kind Regards  
Jan Win (Principal)

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES:

**Encore! School of Music (Johnsonville/Churton Park area)** - Our excellent teachers would love to teach you piano/keyboard, singing, guitar, drums, clarinet, saxophone or flute. More instruments coming soon! Call 0497 MUSIC today or check out: [www.encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz](http://www.encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz)

**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](mailto:gn@paradise.net.nz)

**Newlands Junior Rugby Club Registration Dates** - Friday 5 March 2010, 5.30pm - 7.30pm at Johnsonville Rugby Club, Helston Road – come and register and receive your free rugby ball.

1 player \$50, 2 players \$80, 3 or more \$120. This includes mouth guard, team photo, Saturday P.O.D awards, free juicy ice block every Saturday and end of year prize giving trophies for awardees.

We are taking registrations for all grades from Under 6 to Under 13. New players are required to provide proof of ID, follow the link for a registration form or there will be forms at the club - <http://www.playrugby.co.nz/content/view/11/5/>.

We are also looking for people interested in coaching or being part of the committee. For more info contact either Carol McVeigh on 021 2436883 or Helen Busby on 021 1454529.

**Wellington Hindi School** – We are a non-profit organization offering children and adults an opportunity to learn the Hindi language. Our curriculum exposes our learners to the Hindi language, Indian culture, history, dance, drama, yoga, art and much more. We hold the following classes:

**Lower Hutt:** Sunday, 10.00am – 12.00pm at the Community Resource Centre, Corner Mytle Street & Laings Road

**Newlands Road:** Tuesday, 3.00pm – 4.30pm, Newlands School, 200 Newlands Road, Newlands

**Wellington City:** Sunday 10.00am – 12.00pm at 29 Webb Street, Wellington

For more information ring Sunita Narayan on 972 8465 or go to [www.hindischool.wellington.net.nz](http://www.hindischool.wellington.net.nz) or email [info@hindischool.wellington.net.nz](mailto:info@hindischool.wellington.net.nz)

**Household Cleaner** – I will clean your home weekly, early in the week at the lowest rates. Phone Gail on 976 5773. I only have 2 hours available.

**A Qualified and Trained Piano Teacher** is available to teach piano and keyboard for \$15.00 for half an hour. Will teach beginners upwards. Contact Manesha on 976 4330.

**All Star Cheerleaders** is running Free American Style Cheerleading Classes in your area. Everyone is welcome no experience necessary. For more information call 0800 CHEERLEADER or go to [www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz](http://www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz)

**April 2010 Holiday Programme** - Pride Lands is running School Holiday Programmes in WILTON, BERHAMPORE, NEWTOWN, MT. COOK and SEATOUN this April 5th - 16th January 2010. For more information of the programme outline, visit: [WWW.PRIDELANDS.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.PRIDELANDS.ORG.NZ) or call 907 2225. There are only 30 spaces available in each programme, so please enrol as soon as possible. EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE!