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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 March 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kapai Kidz is now operating out of the hall annex. There is getting to be a large number of children remaining after school to play soccer in the Front Block. This is making supervision of Kapai Kidz participants difficult. If you are here supervising your children after school they are welcome to use the middle block play area.

I have also noticed an increasing number of students remaining here after school without parent supervision. I would like those children to go straight home as teaching staff are not available for supervision when things go wrong. If you are going to be late in picking up your children please let us know and they can sit outside their classroom or be with us in the office.

**Dates to Remember:**

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 Gala
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 closes at noon
Friday 7 May	BOT Elections – poll closes at noon
Tuesday 8 June	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 26 October	Teacher Only Day

We would like to welcome Jacy Arboleda, Julia Arboleda, Shivnesh Raju and Farhaan Khan to Room 2.

**Bellevue School  
Board of Trustee Election 2010**

Nominations are invited for the election of five (5) parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

**Nominations close at noon on 23 April 2010 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.**

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

The poll closes at noon on 7 May 2010.

Denise Taylor  
Returning Officer

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

*"It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities."*

*Josiah Charles Stamp*

**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. We have a sample copy and extra order forms available at the school office.

**School Gala** - The planning for the School Gala day is well under way for Sunday 21 March. At the Gala, we will be holding an Auction and we are still seeking donated items for this event. So far we have received kind donations from the Noel Leeming Group, Tawa Pool, LV Martin, Ohariu Valley Golf Club, Judgeford Golf Club, Pitt Stop, Indoor Go Karting, Pirates Cove, Mini Golf, Readings North City Cinemas, Johnsonville Lotto, Nada Bakery, Subway, The Cellar Room, Telecom, Macks Trucks, Ballentynes, So Bar, Goodall Dance School, Dominoes Pizza and The Precinct – to name a few!! Thank you to all our sponsors who have shown their support.

If you work for an organisation that you believe would also support our cause (new data projectors for the school) - then on behalf of the Fundraisers, would you please approach them and see if there is anything that they can donate. All sponsors will be acknowledged on the day. If you are successful in obtaining things for our Auction please contact Helen on 478-5440 or drop the items into the school office. We will need to collate all items by Thursday 18 March in preparation for Sunday's Gala 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 RTL cluster.

**School Photos** will be taken in the school hall on Friday 19 March. 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. Family photos that include siblings from outside the school will be taken at 8.45am. Please return photo envelopes with payment to your classroom teacher.

**Kapai Kidz - Holiday Programme** - We will be running a Holiday Programme from Tuesday 6 – Friday 16 April from the school hall, spaces are limited so get in early! All enquiries to Linda Robinson on 021 409 641 or 973 5099.

Kind Regards  
Jan Win (Principal)

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES:**

**Term 1 School Holiday Programmes at Scots College** - Just a gentle reminder, as registrations close 26 MARCH. These are filling up very fast and I don't want you to miss out! Please note that these are for both BOYS and GIRLS, not just Scots boys!

**On offer:** Sailing, Tennis, Football and Cricket (all depending on numbers)

Each programme costs \$100 and runs from Tuesday 6 April – Friday 9 April. There will be programmes on offer in the Term 2 holidays as well, if you miss out on these ones! Morning sessions available 9.00am -12.00pm and in the afternoons for the older, more experienced athletes from 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Contact Grant Yarrall for more information or to get a registration form on 803 0596.

**Healthy Food Guide** is currently doing a promotion where they will donate \$5 to schools for each cook book sold before 9 April. Go to <http://www.healthyfood.co.nz/magazine-shop/recipe-books>

**YMCA Camp Kaitoke Holiday Camps** - Kayaking, horse riding, archery, group games, campfire fun, and much more! Our highly skilled, trained staff ensure your child has an amazing time and we have programmes for campers aged 5-15 years and Leaders in Training, 15-17 years. We have 4 day and 1 week options these school holidays, including Art camp, Adventure camp, Horse camps, and our traditional Y-camps. Camps are OSCAR approved, and range in price from \$220-\$350 per camper. For more information contact Emily Robinson at [emilyrobinson@ymca.org.nz](mailto:emilyrobinson@ymca.org.nz), or on (04) 526-7338.

**Children's Day** – Join us for lots of fun at Lindale Kids on Sunday 7 March. Make a Scarecrow Competition from 10.00am – 2.30pm – straw, string and other essential items needed to make one will be provided. Normal farm admission prices apply. We are located at the Lindale Centre, SH1 Paraparaumu. For more information phone (04) 297 0911.

# Board Newsletter

**10 March 2010**

As part of our regular Board newsletter I would like to give you all some information on the National Standards that have recently been implemented.

The teaching staff and Board are attending training sessions on the implementation of the Standards in the coming weeks. At Bellevue School we have always put a large emphasis on the teaching of literacy and numeracy. This will not change. We also use a variety of assessment tools to inform our teaching and to set goals and next steps for the students.

The Standards are benchmarks for achievement for all students up until the end of year 8. They are set for reading, writing and maths. We currently use the norm referenced assessment tools that are being aligned to the national standards. We are required in the new National Administration Guideline (2a) to: "Report to students and their parents on the student's progress and achievement in relation to National Standards. Reporting to parents in plain language in writing must be at least twice a year."

National Standards are not a test. Rather the level of achievement of each child towards a particular standard is judged by looking at several sources of data, and also by using the teacher's knowledge of your child. A 'best fit' position of where their achievement is at (in relation to the standard) will be communicated to you in the bi-annual written reports.

Collation of standards achievement across the school will be used to identify students needing extra help and help guide areas of professional development. The Board currently does this, however the use of the National Standards data may help make this clearer.

There may be some changes in the format of our written reports. We intend to hold information consultation meetings next term when the staff and Board have had an opportunity to take part in training, and we look forward to getting feedback from you at these meetings. Should you want any further information on the Standards, they are available on the Ministry's website [www.minedu.govt.nz](http://www.minedu.govt.nz). Scroll down the page and follow the links for more information. If you wish to receive printed copies you can send a request.

With the elections for the new Board of Trustees coming up shortly, I would like to remind you all of the great opportunity that you have to be involved in the implementation of these Standards at Bellevue School – this is a great chance to get involved with your child's education! Over the next few weeks we will be giving you more information on the roles and responsibilities of the Board. If you have any specific questions on this, feel free to email me at [Kevin.lisa@actrix.co.nz](mailto:Kevin.lisa@actrix.co.nz)

*Kevin Chafe*

*Bellevue School Board of Trustees*

*Chairperson*