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

31 March 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The term finishes for Easter tomorrow. It has been a short, but busy term. I am happy to report that the senior school will all be in their newly refurbished classrooms for the start of term two. We are proud of the fact that all classrooms have now been refurbished to a very high standard making the learning environment great for all of our students.

I wish you all a happy break and look forward to the students returning on the 19th of April.

We have been advised by a resident who lives down a private driveway in Robert Street that a number of parents/children are using this driveway as a thoroughfare to and from Bellevue School. We ask you to be mindful and respect other people's property.

Dates to Remember:

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| Wednesday 31 March | Board of Trustees Meeting - 7.00pm Staffroom |
| Thursday 1 April | Last day of Term I |
| Monday 19 April | First day of Term II |
| Tuesday 4 May | Paid Union Meeting - please collect your children at 2.15pm |
| Friday 23 April | BOT Nominations closes at noon |
| Friday 30 April | Meet & Greet the FUNdraisers – 2.00pm Staffroom |
| Tuesday 4 May | FUNdraisers Meeting – 7.00pm Staffroom |
| 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 Annie Cheng to Room 11.

Character Education – the value for this term is Responsibility

We are encouraging our students to take responsibility for their environment here at school by making sure they do not leave rubbish lying around. This is something that we can all be responsible for.

Bellevue School Board Of Trustees Election 2010 – You would have received your nomination forms in the post. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at noon on 23 April 2010. Now is a good time to get them in before the holidays. Please think about making a contribution to our school.

Paid Union Meetings – Tuesday 4 May - As communicated earlier the meetings planned for this term were cancelled. I have now been informed by the NZEI of the dates these will be held next term.

The teaching staff at Bellevue will be attending a meeting on **Tuesday 4 May** at Paparangi School starting at 2.30pm. This means we will be asking you to collect your children from school at 2.15pm on that day.

I will be asking you next term to fill in a form clarifying that you are able to collect your children. This timing is a compromise on the original 1.30pm start and should cause as little disruption to student learning as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mural for the Middle Block – Thank you to Mr Diaz for preparing the block wall. It is now ready for painting. We still need a team of volunteers to help paint the mural. Older students are welcome to contribute (with parent supervision). We hope to do some painting during the holidays. Please contact Robyn on 970 6979 or email rwilson@paradise.net.nz.

Kapai Kidz - Holiday Programme - We will be running a Holiday Programme from Tuesday 6 April – 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.

Library Books – All library books are due back on Thursday 1 April as it is the end of term. Students who have no books still on issue will be able to borrow books for the holidays at their teacher's discretion.

Meet & Greet the FUNdraiser's Committee on Friday 30 April. Come and have some afternoon tea and find out what we are all about. You have seen the great efforts that went into the School Gala so come and be a part of the action. We will meet in the School staffroom at 2.00pm. Pop in before you pick up the kids. We would love to meet you.

Mothers Day Raffle - We have a wonderful hamper filled with lots of goodies your mum will love. Tickets will be on sale on the first day of term two, 19 April 2010 for \$2 a ticket from the school office.

A **Big Thank You** to Solo Hairdressing, Lighthouse Cinema, Muffin Break, The Tugboat, Skin Body & Soul Beauty Therapy and Charles Chauvel to name a few for their generous donations that have helped us make up this wonderful hamper. The raffle will be drawn at the FUNdraiser's Meet & Greet on Friday 30 April.

Interislander Travel Package – The winning bid went to the Monteith Family. The winning bid was over \$450.

Kind Regards
Jan Win (Principal)

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

A Newlands Community Meeting will be held on Monday 12 April 2010 from 7.30pm – 9.00pm at the Newlands Community Centre, 9 Batchelar Street, Newlands. All are welcome to come along and give us ideas on what you would like to see happening at your Community Centre. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Newlands Play Group - This is an enjoyable opportunity for Caregivers/Parents, etc. to give your child/ren the opportunity to learn valuable social skills while having fun. We have lots of activities and equipment for all children up to the age of 5. We are based at the St Oswald's Church Hall in Oswald Crescent, Newlands. We will be opening on a Monday and Friday in Term 2 from 9.30am-11.30am. Feel free to contact Karen via newlandsplaygroup@gmail.com or on 4776283 for more details.

Breathing Space Workshop - Understanding Your Anger - A workshop for Parents will be run on Tuesday 27 April from 7.00pm – 10.00pm. You will come away from this workshop more aware of what your 'triggers' for anger are. You will develop strategies on how to manage your anger more effectively.

Bigair Gymsports School Holiday Programme is running from 6 April – 16 April inclusive for children aged 5 – 12 years. Experienced and qualified coaches are available to run all sessions. Please contact Bigair Gymsports on 232 3508 to make a booking or go to our website www.bigairgym.co.nz for more information.

April School Holiday Tennis Camps – The Johnsonville Tennis Club will be running the following tennis Camps during the holidays:

Jackaroos (Beginners) - 9.00am – 12 noon from 6 – 9 April. Cost - \$150 (10% family discount). There will be a strong focus on developing fundamental perceptual motor skills. We spend time developing the technique on each stroke and progress into fun drills and games.

Rising Stars (Intermediate) – 1.00pm – 4.00pm from 6 – 9 April. Cost \$150 (10% family discount). We focus on developing serve and rally consistency, learning these skills through dynamic drills and pressure point scenarios.

To register or for further information on our Winter coaching structure please contact Trans Tasman Tennis on 479 1386 or email transtasmantennis@xtra.co.nz.

Life Flight Open Day will be held on Sunday 18 April from 10.00am – 2.00pm.

Kids Activities: Plenty of children's entertainment and spot prizes for best emergency services costume

Food & Beverages: Fantastic food stalls. The Caffe L'affare team will be there to make their delicious espresso and hot chocolate with all proceeds to Life Flight

Where: Life Flight Air Rescue Centre, 17 George Bolt Street (behind The Warehouse, Lyall Bay)

Entry: Adults \$5 donation, children free

For the full activity programme and map visit www.lifeflight.org.nz .