

Board Newsletter – March 2012

Welcome to all of our new families. We have had a very positive start to the year although it was very disappointing that the picnic had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. Included in the newsletter is an update of property plans for the school.

Over the last 10 years considerable work has been done to the office area, the interiors of classrooms, accessibility to our buildings and extension of the paved play areas.

This year we received the Ministry of Education approval of our next 10 year property plan for 2011 to 2021. We have also received letters from the Wellington City Council confirming that their assessment of our buildings has determined that they are not considered earthquake prone. All this is great news!

The most exciting project in our property plan is the school hall upgrade which will have a particular focus on improving its usability for teaching food technology and performing arts, we look forward to seeing this project get underway later this year. I know that the hall upgrade is the focus again of this year's gala and extra support will be welcomed with furnishings and equipment.

Most of the other items in the next five years relate to key maintenance items like roof and spouting repairs, warm water to toilet hand basins, electrical distribution board upgrades, and also replacing a number of old timber classroom windows with double glazed aluminium windows. The new windows will help to improve the temperature, acoustics and ventilation which should make them better places to learn in.

The Board priorities in our property plan include:

- surveying staff and students about property concerns
- windows in working order
- roof insulation
- improving performing arts facilities
- facilities for teaching food technology

The members of the Bellevue Board of Trustees are

Darren Beauchamp	Chairperson
Rama Smith	
Rama Rewi	
Michael Warwick	
Ian Dickson	
Margaret Hesketh	Staff Representative
Jan Win	Principal

Kind regards

Michael Warwick