



# Board Update



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**September 2014**

Kia Ora whānau.

The year is truly flying past us. Term 3 is well underway and looking just as exciting and busy as the first two.

This is the first newsletter from the board for Term 3. We issue these newsletters regularly throughout the school year to help keep you up to date with school news and the activities of the Board. If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding what you would like to see in these newsletters or any other concerns, please feel free to contact us at [boardchair@bellevue-newlands.school.nz](mailto:boardchair@bellevue-newlands.school.nz) We'd love to hear from you!

## **Student Achievement**

During the course of the year the board receives regular updates on student achievement. These reports share assessment data for National Standards covering mathematics, reading and writing. The school is doing very well and teachers have identified next steps to increase student use of information technologies with regards to math concepts and writing skills. The teachers are also working on ways to engage the parents more to support students at home particularly in writing. The **Write Night** was one of these and it was awesome to see so many of you attend.

## **Student Attendance**

Research shows us that missing 10 percent of the school year is the critical tipping point. That is roughly about 18 days in a school year or just two days a month. According to the report, students who are regularly absent in one year will likely be so in subsequent years and may miss more than half a year of school over five years. That is a lot of missed classes. The primary years are critical for laying the foundation and developing the skills children need in order to excel in later years. We ask parents to ensure your children get to school every possible day. Please inform the office if your child is going to be absent or if there are problems getting your child to school.

## **Property**

In the last newsletter we let you know that we have decided to install security cameras. We are presently getting quotes and these should be installed this term.

You may have noticed during this year that we have had to remove some of the pine trees that have been damaged and have caused damage to our school. We have had a review of the remaining trees and decided to have them removed due their size and manageability issues. This has been scheduled to happen during the next term break – starting on Monday 29 September.

Great news! We have applied for some funding for a shade cover over the sandpit in the front block. Thanks to Maria Church and Cate Mawby for their hard work on this. If the application is successful our tamariki are going love playing in the sandpit while being safe from the sun.

## **ICT**

As you are aware Bellevue has connected to the ultrafast broadband which enhances our already great ICT programmes. Unfortunately the wireless coverage paid for by the Ministry of Education did not extend to our Reading Recovery room and the old dental clinic. The board have decided to fund the extension of the wireless connectivity so that these two areas have the same coverage as the rest of the school and can be fully utilised for the kids.

## **FUNdraisers**

The fundraising arm of our school community is called FUNdraisers. This is a great group to be part of. They raise funds for our tamariki and they also have a ton of fun while doing so. This term they have a few fun events planned like election day bake stall and sausage sizzle (we are looking for some fun volunteers), pizza lunch and a 'Cash or Kete' quiz night

## **Next Board Meeting**

Our next board meeting will be on , 17<sup>th</sup> September 201. Please feel free to join us.