



Board Update



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November 2014

Kia Ora whānau.

This is the first newsletter from the board for Term 4. 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. We'd love to hear from you!

Farewell and Best Wishes

It's with a sad heart that we have to say goodbye to one of our excellent teachers. Jena Young will be leaving us at the end of term 4 and joining a very lucky school in the South Island. You may be leaving us Jena but your inspiration and wisdom will never be forgotten. Haere rā, kia waimarie.

Community Evening

Thank you to everyone who made it to the community evening. Thanks kids for some awesome singing. It was great to see you and your family, there and to have a chat. We appreciate all your valuable input which will help us develop the school strategic direction and guide decisions in learning programmes. If you weren't able to make it you can still share your views by visiting the school office up until 4:00pm on Thursday.

Property

I am sure you have noticed how much more open and sunny the school is. With the removal of the large pine trees around the school we have a lot more sun on the playgrounds. Remember the sun hats kids. We now have space to plant more native trees and bushes as part of the beautiful Bellevue programme.

Thank you to Maria Church (teacher) and Cate Mawby (parent) for all your effort in gaining a grant to go towards a sun shade for the junior play area. This will keep the kids cool and safe from the UV rays while learning and playing. Thank you to the Hutt Mana Trust for supporting initiatives like this.

FUNdraisers

Scooter Racks have been ordered! That's right with all your wonderful support enough has been raised to purchase the racks so our kids with scooters can have a safe place to park them. We hope to have them installed this term.

The bake sale during the election weekend was very successful. \$1153 was raised towards educational equipment that will greatly benefit our childrens education.

Thanks to the FUNdraisers and the volunteers for their hard work to make these events succesful and also thank you to everyone who supports them.

The **Cash or Kete** fun night is on THIS FRIDAY 7th November. Great prizes up for grabs and tons of fun to be had. If you haven't bought a ticket yet go grab some now and invite family and friends to join you.

Culture and Arts

Thank you Andy Yates and Anne Smith for your wonderful conducting of our High Notes Choir members. These students sang their hearts out and were fantastic ambassadors for the school at Art Splash last term.

Also thank you to Shanelle Ruka-Karauti and Gordon Dixon for their time and awesome coaching for our Te Puawai Amua Kapa Haka group members. They performed with pride and confidence at both Newlands and St Brigids Kapa Haka festivals. We are so proud of you all!!! Thanks for the taonga you give our students Shanelle and Gordon.

Next Board Meeting

Our next board meeting is on 3 December 2014 at 7:30pm in the school staff room, please feel free to join us.

Hei konā mai i roto i ngā mihi, Goodbye for now and thanks.

Kelvin Russell,
Chair Person, Bellevue School Board of Trustees