

# **Board Update**



At Bellevue School we are active, connected learners who are focused on a life of learning.

March 2015

Tena koutou from the Bellevue School Board of Trustees

Term 1 is almost completed. Our staff and tamariki have settled well into the 2015 school year with some great progress during the first part of the year. The Board issues 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 <a href="mailto:boardchair@bellevue-newlands.school.nz">boardchair@bellevue-newlands.school.nz</a> We love to hear from you!

#### **Three Way Conferences**

You would have had your Three way conference and learning conversation, with your child and child's teacher this week. These conferences are a wonderful opportunity for your child to tell you about their work and goals they are working towards. I hope you enjoyed hearing from your child and teacher about their progress. Please remember that you can speak to your child's teacher should you have any questions regarding their learning.

#### **Chromebooks in the Classrooms**

We have taken delivery of our 30 new chromebooks! What are chromebooks? Well they are not books covered in chrome (Ha, Ha!). They are internet dependant laptops that start up super fast and connect to google docs, which most students already use in class. They allow students to work collaborativley online also to share their work with teachers, parents and peers. These devices are already available and being used by our middle (Te Hau Tonga) and senior (Te Hau a Uru) blocks this week.

## **Property**

We are now focusing on school ground improvements and external learning environments. We will be getting professionals in to review our playgrounds/slide and advise us of any necessary repairs. We are also looking for any parents that have landscaping experience as we have some learning environment projects in mind and would love some input. Please email the board or Karen if you would like to help.

### **FUNdraisers**

It is great to see some new faces on the FUNdraisers team, obviously they heard all about the fun we have. Welcome to the new members and thanks for the great ideas that you have put forward. We can not wait for the 'Cash or Kete' evening in November and Starlight/Twilight food fair in 2016. It is never too late to join the team or if you would like to help out you can be put on our "Friends of the FUNDraisers list" just email Andy Yates <u>andrew@bellevue-newlands.school.nz</u> for more information.

## **Next Board Meeting**

Our next Board meeting will be held on 7 May 2015 at 7:00 pm in the school staff room. Please feel free to join us.

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

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