



Board Update

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March 2019

Tena koutou from the Bellevue School Board of Trustees

Term 1 is well underway, and we hope you are all well. 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, as well as any positive feedback about the school and staff or any concerns, please feel free to contact us at boardchair@bellevue-newlands.school.nz. We love to hear from you!

Welcome to 2019

Welcome to all our tamariki, whānau, and Bellevue staff. We hope you had a good summer break, though it may be long forgotten now. We hope that everyone has settled into the new school year too.

Strategic Plan

The board met early in January to review and update Bellevue School Charter/Strategic plan with the leadership team. A school charter sets the direction for the school for the coming three years. It is reviewed annually to develop the annual plan and is reviewed during the year to track progress. All Schools in New Zealand submit their charters to the Ministry of Education every year. Our Strategic Plan can be viewed on our website and in a folder in the office foyer.

Jubilee Corner

As you are aware the amazing FUNdraisers have been working hard to raise funds for the Jubilee Corner development. We have successfully received a grant from Pelorus Trust for \$20,000 and raised, with your help and donations, a further \$11,500. We have a way to go to reach the \$80,000 - \$100,000 goal, but with your help and the continued hard work from our FUNdraisers we will get there. Thank you!

Board Elections

This year is election year for Boards of Trustees throughout New Zealand. Have you thought about becoming a board member for your school? If you would like to know more you can go here <https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/> for more information or email the board at the above email address and we will happy to answers any questions. The election date for Bellevue School Board of Trustees is 7 June.

Welcome RTLB

Please join us in welcoming the RTLB (Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour) team to the Bellevue whānau. The board in agreement with the school leadership team applied to be lead school for the RTLB service and were successful. This means that the Board has the governance overview for the Cluster RTLB Service, which services 111 schools in the Wellington region. The school has some management responsibilities but most of these are undertaken by the RTLB Cluster Manager. Although Bellevue School is to be lead school, the RTLB teachers are not located at our school. These 40 teachers are located at two schools in the region ie: half the teachers have office space at Titahi Bay Intermediate and the other half of the RTLB teachers have office space at Rewa Rewa School from the beginning of Term 2.

What is the RTLB? The Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour service is a Ministry of Education funded learning and behaviour service that sits alongside the Ministry's Learning Support service. Both services contribute to the Ministry's vision of a world-leading fully inclusive education system that equips all New Zealanders with the knowledge, skills and values to be successful citizens in the 21st century. RTLB teachers work in schools to support teachers with students who have special learning and/or behaviour needs. Students are referred to the service through their schools.

Innovative Learning Environments

Bellevue School has been working to implement Innovative Learning Environments over the past few years as students and teachers learn together in learning hubs. An Innovative Learning Environment is one which includes the whole physical, social and teaching environment. It allows students to study on their own, work with their peers in groups, be independent learners, and to develop skills that help them collaborate with others. In Term 2 there will be some building work taking place in and around Rooms 1-3 (the junior block) to improve the physical learning environment. There may be signs of preparation for this towards the end of the term or during the break. If your child is in a room that is being modified, then they will be working in an alternative learning space while the building work takes place. More information will come to you as these arrangements have been made.

Next board meeting

Our next board meeting is on 28 March 2019, at 7:00pm in the school staff room. Please feel free to join us. If you have any specific items for the agenda, please email them to boardchair@bellevue-newlands.school.nz for consideration.

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

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