

BELLEVUE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Atawhaitia te rito kia puawai te tamaiti - Nurture the tender shoot so that the child will bloom.



where learning grows
e hīpu e ako

TERM 1 - WEEK 10

6 APRIL 2022



Kia ora, Nameste, Talofa, Konnichiwa, Guten Tag, Gidday, Vannakkam, ni Hao,
Kia orana, Hola, Salam, Sa wat deekha, Dia Dhuit, Goeie Dag, Bonjour,
Καλημέρα, Greetings everyone

Important Dates

**Tuesday 5 & Wednesday 6
April**

Learning Celebration Three
Way Conferences

Thursday 14 April

Last Day of Term AND
FUNdraisers Pizza Lunch!

Friday 15 April

Easter Public Holiday

Monday 2 May

Term 2 begins

Wed 23 - Fri 25 November

Hub 5 Camp

WELCOME

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue.
Welcome to the following students
and their whānau. It is great to
have you in our Bellevue Learning
Community.

Nuvini Fernandopulle in Room 8.

Emily Yates in Room 11.



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

A huge thank you to all those families who came along to a 'Learning Celebration' with their child yesterday and all those who are booked in for this evening.

During these evenings our teaching staff take a break for some kai in the staffroom and the buzz over dinner was tangible! It was really special to hear the tales of students' enthusiasm for their learning, their growing knowledge of themselves as learners and their ability to articulate their strengths or next steps in regards to our dispositions. They were also very excited to be able to share their spaces with their whānau for the first time this term - and so were we! We really appreciate being able to connect with our whānau in person at last.

Please do make use of the feedback forms available from your child's whānau class teacher, either immediately after the conference or to take away and send back with your child. We are interested to hear your thoughts on this new approach to our Term 1 conferences and to use this to inform our future planning.

With next week being a shorter week (don't forget that school is closed on Friday for Easter and the beginning of the two week term break!) this will be the last newsletter for the term.

What a busy term is has been! We have continued our focus on wellbeing and learning under the theme of 'Tūhura' or 'Investigation', as always inspired by our students passions and interests. Our 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' journey is underway, we have appointed 2 new members of the teaching team and a new Deputy Principal as well as undertaking Professional Learning and Development in Literacy, Te Reo Māori, Staff & Student Wellbeing, and supporting students with a range of learning needs.

We feel very fortunate that we have to date experienced 'rolling absences' which have allowed us to maintain a sense of normality for our students. The silver lining that shines behind the disruption to our 'usual' events is that we are encouraged to innovate or trial new approaches so that we are constantly growing in how we respond to the needs of our tamariki and their whānau.

Thank you to all of the team here who, with the support of our Board and the endless patience, empathy and understanding shown by you, our community, have continued to provide a settled and happy learning environment both kano ki te kano (face to face) and virtual while maintaining the high hygiene standards required to keep everyone as safe as possible.

As the government reviews the Health and Safety requirements, we will stay in touch about what this means for the return to school. Do consider following our school [Facebook Page \(link here\)](#) to stay up to date with any changes.

Mā te wā!

Annette Borgonje



Red

Schools and kura are OPEN for on site learning for all students.

Face coverings are required: [Click HERE](#)

- for all ākonga Years 4 and up when indoors or in close contact with others
- for all staff working to provide or support the provisions of education for Years 4 and up
- for all visitors and parents on school grounds

No external students on site for noncurriculum related inter-school activities.

No non-essential visitors on site.

Children with complex medical needs, can seek advice from their health professional about whether it is appropriate to come to school. Parents, caregivers and students will need to work with the school to develop a plan to support attendance on site.

Support for off site learning will be provided for those who are advised to remain at home.



Red

Schools and kura are OPEN for on site learning for all students.

Basic hygiene measures will include good hand hygiene, cough, and sneeze etiquette, avoiding touching your face, and regularly cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces.

Indoor spaces will be well ventilated, for example by opening windows, doors, and any vents.

During break times each class will stay in their own area.

Morning drop-off at the gate. No entry before 8.30am.

Afternoon pick-up in class designated areas.

No assemblies or community events.

GETTING TESTED

Testing and RATs for collection are available at various sites around Wellington for those with symptoms or household contacts. Please check the [testing website](#) (click link) for the latest information.

What does it mean if I am a household contact?

- Advice from the Ministry of Health - [CLICK HERE](#)

What do I do if my child test positive for COVID-19?

[CLICK HERE](#)

HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

We remain open and averaging 77% of our students still attending school onsite (as at today). We currently have 8 active cases isolating school wide, including two staff members.

This means that school is still operating under our 'Open' scenario for our provision of distance learning on our [Community Plan](#).

Please let annette@bellevue-newlands.school.nz and office@bellevue-newlands.school.nz know immediately if your child tests positive.

Please continue to let the office know if your child is absent and whether they are:

- unwell
- self isolating - so accessing distance learning
- at home due to family decision - so accessing distance learning

If you have let us know that your child is self isolating or has tested positive, please also let the office know when they return to school.

Please continue to monitor your child and do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms.

KEY CHANGES FROM MONDAY 4 APRIL

Please note that the guidance on our [RED traffic light on our website](#) (link here and pictured left) is still current.

The vaccine mandate no longer applies.

What this means for our school:

- Vaccine passes are no longer required for our whānau volunteers
- QR code contact tracing is no longer required
- Vaccine mandates are removed for our teaching staff
- We will no longer require vaccine passes for events or gatherings
- **We are still required to keep non essential visitors off site at RED**

Please do note that we are still focused on minimising the spread of Omicron so for the final weeks of term, please:

- Remember masks, sanitising and distancing
- Note that we will still keep our student 'bubbles' of Year 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 operating separately and the 2.45 pick up for Hub 1&2 until the end of term
- Continue to stay home / keep your child home if sick

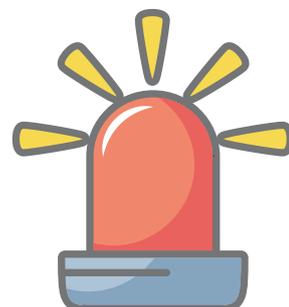
We will be in touch with any further information as we receive this from the Ministry of Education.

Once again, thank you for your support, patience and excellent communication that has kept our school focused on learning and wellbeing throughout Term 1.

EMERGENCY RATION PACKS - YOUR HELP PLEASE

Thank you to all those families who have provided their child with an emergency ration pack. Whilst we do understand that providing an emergency ration pack will not be everyone's top priority at the moment, we currently have only one third of our students with these. If we should be in a position where there is a civil defence emergency these packs are vital to keep your child going for a short while.

The emergency provisions can be found at the bottom of your child's stationery list which are on our website [HERE](#). If you haven't already done so, please send a pack in with your child to their whānau class teacher.



FOR MORE INFORMATION :

Click to follow links below

[School organisation 2022](#)

[Term Dates for 2022](#)

[Making Payments to School](#)

[Absences](#)

[Bellevue Physical Literacy](#)

[Scholastic Book Club Orders](#)

[Community Notices](#)

COVID-19 UPDATES



Please click the image to access COVID-19 updates on our school website.



THANKYOU

To the Sharma family for the delicious treats they sent in for the staff to enjoy at morning tea.



LIFE EDUCATION - CANCELLED

Sadly it seems that not even Harold the Giraffe can escape COVID! Unfortunately our educator who runs the programmes with the Life Education Van has also become unwell. Despite our attempts to find an alternative booking for 2022, they are already filled and so we will need to defer to 2023 for this learning.



HUB 5 DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

Please enjoy the following descriptive writing from our Hub 5 budding authors! Being published in the newsletter provides an authentic audience to prepare writing for as well as an opportunity to celebrate our talents!

I open my eyes and I'm thinking why did I have to wake up now. As I'm trying to get back to my dream my Mum comes in and yells at me to wake up . I get up and I look out the window wondering why the cloud is shaped like a bed. I hear the pots and pans sizzling from the kitchen, making my tummy rumble louder than an earthquake and I hear my Mum clicking on her computer as she starts her work day from home. I grab my bag and say goodbye to my parents. I open the door as the sun blasts on my face with its bright yellow colour. I'm looking around and I see a bright blossomed tree with a bluey white sky shining through its bright green leaves. As I sprint down the rocky grey road I see the concrete is as smooth as a baby's bum. When I get to school I wave to my friends and start the day.

By: Kāhu R13

The swimming lesson finally ended. Climbing up onto the ledge, I shivered the cold water off. Hurriedly getting my towel, afraid to catch the cold, I raced to the changing rooms.

By: Gracie R14

Swimming like a fish with scuba- diver gear, I swam to the bottom of the lake. At the bottom of the lake, it was very cold because I was only wearing air trunks, goggles and swimming fins. After exploring the bottom of the lake, I decided to swim back up. But quickly like lightning, a fish grabbed me by my ankle. I realised it was piranha! And it was not alone. I looked at all the faces and they all did NOT look happy. I only managed to gulp out one word. "Hulp me" I shouted as loud as I could before I fainted and sank back to the bottom of the lake.

By: Mahi R15

BOARD NEWS

Bellevue School is governed by a democratically elected group. These people make important decisions about our school's strategic direction, student progress, property and finance (to name a few!). Being on the School Board is an important and rewarding role. Parents, caregivers and people who believe in making a positive difference to our tamariki's learning can all be on the Board. The Board meet twice a term (remotely at present) and the elections for Board members will be held in September this year. Next term we will be introducing our Board members so you can get an idea about who they are, their role on the Board and whether this might be something you would consider to support school in the future.

LOST PROPERTY

At the end of each term we endeavour to reunite families with items that collect in our 'Lost Property'. If you are missing items, they may well have ended up in this collection.

We are hoping to have the items on display on the school driveway fence on Thursday 14 April (last day of term 1) from 2pm onwards. This is weather permitting so if it is raining we will display the items at some stage during term 2.

Please note that any unclaimed items are donated to charity.



FUNDRAISERS PIZZA LUNCH- THURSDAY 14 APRIL

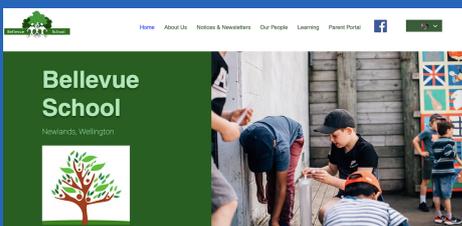
Orders were due back by 9am on Tuesday 5 April. Late orders cannot be accepted.



FUNdraisers Recruitment Campaign

If you have not already seen our recruitment ad on the school Facebook Page (link here), then please [CLICK HERE](#) to take a look!

If you are keen to join our FUNdraisers group, email: fundraisers@bellevue-newlands.school.nz



SPORTS NEWS

Netball registrations for the 2022 season:

Now open for years 3 - 6. The season runs from 7 May to 3 September on a Saturday morning for Year 5/6 netball. Year 3/4 season commences later on 21 May to 23 August on a Saturday afternoon. If you are interested please fill in the Google Form below and any questions get in touch with Lorraine Laulau or Lisa Holden. <https://forms.gle/CdWgJyEd731kGJcg7>

Minball:

Term 2 and 3 Miniball registration is now open for years 3-6. If your child(ren) are interested in taking part please fill in the forms below. If you have any questions please get in contact with Lisa Holden.

YEAR 3/4:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8fQ7Pc35nYLhizXsuzqOdkN3MXD2WY6qyKaJhE0eYYRHVSQ/viewform>

YEAR 5/6:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScT0J15I2SsGBqbgGCBWtMVWxGsVAB2G5-g7WEqMICYxAqiQ/viewform>

HUB 4 AUTHOR OF THE WEEK!

Vvrrrooom! The ferocious speed boat went zooming past. It flew across the ice water crashing into a ginormous bouncy castle. The person sponge flew off and then booted into a haunted dark cave.

What was in there? No one knows? But all you could hear was... Snap! Snap! Snap!

Maybe there was a shark or a monster...

Someone heard him but they didn't know where it was coming from, so they called the scuba divers but they couldn't see anything. So they were going to gear themselves up. Then one person went down. He could see ferocious razor sharp bloody teeth going into the sponge! They went closer then they saw it, he could see a MONSTER! Not just any monster, it had razor sharp bloody teeth! The scuba diver heard a big SNAP and that was the end of him.

The end.

By Cole R9

NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON

You may have noticed that we are not referencing our website much currently. This is due to the fact that our new website is in the final stages of editing! This will also include the facility for online enrolment. We are very excited to share this with you and anticipate being able to do so at the beginning of next term. Like anything new, there are bound to be some 'teething issues' and so we ask for your patience as we work these through. We also welcome your feedback to inform this process.

BETTER START LITERACY - HUB 1

As part of our ongoing focus on raising student achievement, our Hub 1 team are exploring the better start literacy approach to build on their existing focus on the crucial development of oral language and literacy in the early years of schooling. This approach is research based and has been developed by the University of Canterbury in Christchurch. More information has been sent home for Hub 1 whānau in the form of a letter outlining the approach. In the meantime you may like to take a look [HERE](#) for more information.

ROAD SAFETY-KINDERGARTEN DRIVEWAY

Due to limited parking space at Bellevue Kindergarten, we would ask that if you do not have children attending the Kindergarten that you refrain from using their driveway or parking spaces when you drop off or pick up your children from school.

Yesterday a Kindergarten parent let us know about a very worrying incident where they were forced to 'slam on their brakes' to avoid a school parent who was speeding on the driveway because their child was late for school.

Please be considerate to Kindy parents and either drop your children off at Link Road or at the front entrance of the school in Bancroft Terrace.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community notices are included as relevant and are limited to no more than 100 words. Every effort is made to present accurate information, however the Board does not accept responsibility for any inaccuracies. The Board is unable to accept responsibility for any goods or services advertised.

KAPAI KIDZ - Holiday Programme (school hall)

We have an exciting programme planned these holidays. Book online via our website www.kapaikidz.co.nz.

All enquiries to Linda Robinson 021 409641 or linda@kapaikidz.co.nz

Nga Manu Easter Celebration 2022

Ngā Manu Nature Reserve, 74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road, Waikanae, Kapiti Coast on Friday 15th April – Monday 18th April 10:00am – 5:00pm.

Gather your family, pack a picnic, and come and celebrate Easter at Ngā Manu Nature Reserve. We have Easter eggs, children's activities and awesome daily prizes throughout the long weekend!

Full event details on our website <https://ngamanu.org.nz/upcoming-events/nga-manu-easter-celebration/> or on Eventfinda: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2022/nga-manu-easter-celebration/waikanae> or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1147243622704903>

Families can visit our Easter Zone to make a decoration to hang on our Easter Wishing Tree, hunt for Ngā Manu Easter Rocks and Winner eggs throughout the reserve to win chocolate eggs and prizes throughout the long weekend. It's going to be lots of fun!

As a charitable trust, your visit to Ngā Manu supports Nga Manu's wildlife and conservation programmes – thank you. Please help us share this event far and wide!

We really appreciate your support and hope you enjoy our event.

The Northern United Junior Hockey Club registrations for the 2022 season are open at <http://www.nujhc.org.nz/>.

Hockey Club Day

The Northern United Hockey Club is starting the hockey season with a Club Day on Saturday. Years 3/4 - 2-3pm, Years 5/6 - 3-4pm, Years 7/8 - 4-5pm

Players will be allocated to their teams and issued shirts, and we will begin the year with games against other teams. Don't forget to bring shinpads, mouthguard and stick!

The First Training will be on Wednesday 4 May at Newlands College. All trainings on Wednesday nights at Newlands. We are delighted that we will have technical support for training the Years 7/8 from some of the P1 Mens and Womens players!
Season Starts on Saturday 7 May.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Important information about the Bellevue School enrolment scheme (zone)

If you have pre-schoolers at home that you are planning to enrol at Bellevue School in the future, here are a few important things to know and put into action:

1.If you are living outside of the Bellevue School enrolment zone, then your pre-schooler(s) will need to be processed as an out of zone application. Please let us know, if you haven't already, of any future enrolments at Bellevue School from your family. It helps greatly with our planning to know well in advance. And if we know then we can also prompt you as to when you need to get your out of zone application in.

2.It is very important that out of zone applications are received by the application deadline of 9am Friday 27 May 2022, for enrolment from Saturday 9 July 2022 to Thursday 15 December 2022. We cannot accept any out of zone applications if they are not received by the deadline advertised for the enrolment period your child is due to start school in. The deadline can sometimes be up to six months prior to your child actually starting school.

3.Even if your pre-schooler(s) are in zone, please get your paperwork in to us as soon as possible to enable us to plan ahead. We need this information to be able to work out how many out of zone applications we can accept in each enrolment period.

If you have any questions or are unsure about anything, please call the school office and talk to Amanda.

LUNCHONLINE LUNCHES AT BELLEVUE

We have been advised by lunchonline that Chia Sushi will no longer be providing lunches to school. From term 2 lunches from Nada Bakery will be available to order on **Wednesdays only**, starting 4 May. Please see instructions below on how to register an account and order school lunches for your children. If you already have an account with lunchonline, you don't need to do anything as your account will still be current.



**Nada bakery starting at
Bellevue School**

Nada every Wednesday from 4th May

It's simple; all you need to do is register at

www.lunchonline.co.nz

and follow 4 easy steps to get started

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order

Phone 0800 LOL LOL

Phone 0800 565 565

info@lunchonline.co.nz



SHOTS TO MAKE YOU SMILE



Pirate Ball in Hub 5

Collaborating & persevering to complete a puzzle



Hub 3's card created for a member of our support staff who was in isolation.



POSTIVE BEHAVIOUR 4 LEARNING

What is it? PB4L Schoolwide is framework that supports schools to review their environment, systems and practices to embed a culture of positive behaviour and learning that aligns with their unique context. For more information see [this link](#)

Update: This week we share with you the 'Padlet' of our teaching staff voice when asked our 'WHY' for embarking on this journey.

Why did you choose PB4L?
What did you hope to achieve for staff, students and the wider community?

- Anonymous 1m**
Everyone motivated towards the same end goal.
That is all
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
students know what to expect and it takes away from anxiety of when they move to a new classroom and how is their teacher going to praise them
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
Make our school the student's place
Give students increasing voice, ownership and responsibility for what happens in THEIR place
3 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
Students, whānau and staff can 'sing from the same song sheet' with the child at the centre.
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
A consistent approach across the school that builds positive relationships with students, whanau and colleges.
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
A positive approach to behaviour
2 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
We currently have a hub of children who have shown that we need transparent school-wide expectations and methods that calm students.
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
More in school support for teachers before looking at outside agencies such as RTLB
2 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
Update School Guiding Docs
Ensure our procedures reflect our (current) practices and language for supporting positive behaviours.
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
students who sometimes 'fall under the radar' are seen and praised for behaviour that they always display
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
I REALLY COULDN'T BE HAPPIER
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
for consistency across the school
2 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
Create an environment where students feel valued
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
It takes a village!
A 'It takes a village' shared approach to supporting our tamariki in true partnership with our whanau
2 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
Update School Guiding Docs
Ensure our procedures reflect our (current) practices and language for supporting positive behaviours.
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
Parents can see that we foster positive relationships with their children
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
To create an environment in class and school where positive relationships are created and where the community can see that we are working together as a team
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
Inclusive
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
To develop our dispositions and values in our students so they can reach their best potential as 21st century learners.
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
consistent expectations from Hub 1 to Hub 5
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
To create a whole school approach
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
An approach that unifies us as a team / school
1 likes
- Anonymous 1m**
Create a better relationship with our community
1 likes