



Weekly Newsletter

29 April 2015

E tipu e ako = *Where learning grows*

Term 2 - Issue 2

Important Dates

Friday 1 May	Pajama Day
Tuesday 5 May	Bellevue Cross Country
Thursday 7 May	Postponement date for Bellevue Cross Country
Tuesday 19 May	Northern Zone Cross Country
Saturday 13 June	Enviro Planting Day at school
23 June	Mātāriki Evening - 6:30pm
Friday 3 July	Last day for Term 2

From The Principal's Desk



Kia ora, Namaste, Talofa, Konnichiwa, Guten Tag, Giday, Vannakkam, ni Hao, Kia orana, Hola, Salam, Sa wat dee kha, Dia Dhuit, Goeie Dag, Bonjour, Hello, (please let us know the greeting in your language if it is not here)
NZSL

We hope that your child has settled back into the routines of school and they are rising to the challenges and 'struggles' required for new learning this term. Please note that their goal sheets (and reports for the Year 1-3 students who are due their anniversary reports) are coming home to you next Wednesday. Although we have scheduled Three Way Conferences and reporting times, we encourage you to keep talking with your child and their teacher about learning throughout the year. These conversations help to keep the momentum of learning.

Assembly Dates

Friday 8 May	Rooms 3 & 11
Friday 22 May	Rooms 9 & 2
Friday 5 June	Rooms 6 & 8
Friday 19 June	Te Puawai Amua & Choirs
Friday 3 July	Singing Assembly

It is fantastic to see the way our young learners can talk about the effort required when they are learning. We often ask them about the effort they have applied as well as the strategies they are using. We talk about the feelings associated with succeeding after persevering with a learning struggle or learning challenge. The reason we do this is that an important part of learning is the awareness that it often takes a sustained effort to succeed and it does not always feel comfortable. Children need to know that making mistakes and failures are usual, and that they need to keep on putting in the effort to achieve the goal. By doing this they are building those learning muscles, making connections and becoming smarter.

IMPORTANT - School Start Time

Your child needs to arrive at school between 8:30 –9:00am. Please check that your child is not leaving home too early.



Students should not be at school before 8:30am.

If your child needs to be at school before this please contact Kapai Kids for before school care. Thanks



Have a great week.

Ka kite
Karen



Character Education - Term 2 Value

We are currently working to build learners understanding of responsibility or *kawenga*. This value closely relates to the Key Competency of 'Managing Self'. It is about considering our choices and how the choices we make impact on or affect others. It is also about taking charge of ourselves, our behaviour and our learning. When we practice responsibility we own our actions and the consequences of these.

When we are demonstrating responsibility we:-

- ☺ Take agreements seriously
- ☺ Agree to do things that we can make happen, so that people know they can depend on us
- ☺ Follow through with agreements or things we have offered to do
- ☺ Are willing to do our part
- ☺ Give our best to everything we do
- ☺ Complete work on time
- ☺ Admit mistakes
- ☺ Are willing to make amends when we make mistakes or blunders

Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome Johanna Arul to Room 2.

A special welcome to our school learning community to you and to your whānau/ family.

Kupu Hou (new word for the week)

Te Hau Rawhiti = the east wind
pronunciation = te hoe rah-fee-tee

Te Hau Rawhiti is the name of our junior school block
ie: Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.



Trestle Tables

The school has six very heavy old style trestle tables that are in good condition but too heavy for regular use at school. These tables and two older style wooden tops for table tennis tables (no legs) that are surplus to use and taking up storage space are available to go to a good home.

A small donation/koha would be appreciated for these to put towards the purchase of a replacement trestle table which is lighter for use at school. We currently have five of these which are more easily moved/managed and used extensively.

If you would like to view the older trestle tables or the table tennis tops please contact the school office.



ASB Donation Voucher

If any of our school families or friends of our school take out a new home loan of \$150,000 or more, please nominate our school as ASB will donate \$500.00 to the school. This nomination can come from anywhere in New Zealand... and is only available through an ASB branch and ends on 30 June 2015. Donation vouchers are available at the school office.



School Assemblies

Ooph! Assemblies this term are on Fridays (they were on Wednesdays last term due to swimming lessons on Friday). Our apologies that the dates advertised in the 'Assembly Dates' in last week's newsletter were Wednesday dates. Our first assembly for the term is next Friday - 6 May.

Everyone is welcome to come along to our Assemblies, so please come join us at 2.15pm on Fridays to celebrate our children's learning.

Thank you

A special thanks to ...



Adrienne Avery and Sheree Harris for the organisation and sorting of Pizza Day orders so that we all received our correct pizzas on the final Wednesday of Term 2. Kia ora korua.

Mandy and Shona Mackay who organised and cooked 120 sausages for Friday Sausage Day last week. Well done!

Pip Penhey who kindly bakes something sweet for staff morning tea each week. We very much appreciate your time, and the kind donation of delicious goodies you bake for us.

Jade Bennie and Allana Caldwell for leading and replying to the Karanga at our powhiri for new students last week. Also to Carter Young, Jacob Etti, Paku Whitehead and Tommy Ruka-Karauti for leading the haka pōwhiri. Thanks to both Jacob Etti and Carter Young for the whaikorero they did on behalf of the school as Tangata Whenua. Mahi pai - great work.

Te Hau a Uru (our senior classes) who organised the Field of Remembrance as you enter the main gate, and for the Remembrance Service last week. Thank you to Paku Whitehead, Yana Gupta, Isabella Sinclair & Richman Tan who read the 'Ode to the Fallen' and 'In Flanders Field' at the Newlands Community Centre Service.

Bellevue Cross Country

Our school Cross Country event is next Tuesday - 5 May (postponement day - Thursday 7 May).

Following an early morning tea at 10:00am races begin on the lower field at the following approximate times:-

10:30am	Year 1 Girls	11:05am	Year 4 Girls
10:35am	Year 1 Boys	11:15am	Year 4 Boys
10:40am	Year 2 Girls	11:30am	Year 5 Girls
10:45am	Year 2 Boys	11:45am	Year 5 Boys
10:50am	Year 3 Girls	12:00pm	Year 6 Girls
10:55am	Year 3 Boys	12:15pm	Year 6 Boys

Children are currently practicing at school each day for this event, and may like to do so outside school hours too.

If you can help out with supervising around the course, please let us know by this Friday (1 May).

Thanks



Attendance at School and Absences

Research shows that regular student attendance is one of the factors that has a high impact on student learning. This is why there is an Education Act and Ministry of Education requirements for all children to attend school every day that it is open for instruction, unless they are unwell.

When looking at your child's attendance rate it is helpful to consider this in the light of the long term impact of regular absences from school. For example if a child attends for 90% of the time this might sound like a reasonable rate of attendance. However by the time they have completed Year 10 at school they have actually missed a whole year of their schooling... which can have a significant affect on their rate of progress.

When your child receives a written report you will note that the attendance rate is included so please take a closer look at this. Also if your child's teacher is concerned about their attendance they will talk to you because of both the legal requirements, and their concern for your child's learning.

FUNdraisers



Remember 'Friday Sausage Day' ie: sausages can be ordered as they are available for lunches on Fridays this term. We are trialling this to see if this will continue for the year.

Have you put the 'Cash or Kete' (ie: The Money or The Bag) adults evening into your diary for Friday 20 November? Have you asked some family or friends to come with you to this fun night out?

Do you have any ideas for the Twilight Food Fair which is scheduled for 26 February 2016?

Have you noted the date of the next FUNdraisers meeting. Come along for 'Cake and Coffee' and some fun as we chat (Thursday 14 May at 7:00pm in the Whare Iti)

The Entertainment Book

Entertainment Books have arrived. You can order yours now for \$60. For this fundraiser \$12 of every book sold comes directly to the school. We are selling the traditional book and the new digital version. Order online by using the link below, or pay cash at the office. Feel free to post this link to your facebook page to spread the word or email to friends, family and work colleagues (you can get the link from the newsletter online).

<http://www.entbook.co.nz/1g04109>

If you would like a poster for your workplace, contact the school office or contact Heather Lange on 478 3692 or heatherandmattlange@gmail.com

Bellevue Kindy is also selling Entertainment Books. If you usually buy off the Kindy please continue to purchase through them, as we do not want to take sales off the Kindy. Contact Heather or the Kindy directly for details.

Bellevue Netball

The Netball draw for Saturday 2 May is as follows:

Bellevue Pulse Year 4 V Ngaio Mystics Intermediate 1 at 9.20am
Bellevue Emeralds Year 5 V Newlands Lightning Tigers College 5 at 12.20pm
Bellevue Pulse Year 6 V St Bens Superheroes College 1 at 11.00am

Good luck to all the teams and enjoy your netball.



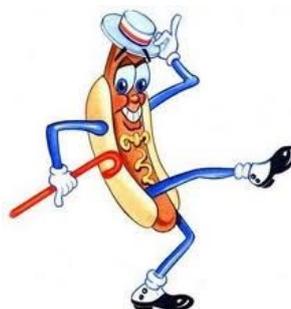
'Friday Sausage Day'

Sausage Day is happening each Friday in Term 2. Order your sausages for lunch before 10:00am each Thursday (unless you got your order for the term in before 10:00am last Thursday). Please note that it is too late to put a term order in now so you will need to order each week.



The order form can be found on the school website. Please make sure that you send the exact change with this order form in a named envelope before 10:00am on Thursday so that your order is processed and cooked for Friday.

Sausages will be ready for your child/ren to collect from the hall on Friday's at 12:30pm.



If you are able to help out on the roster to prepare the sausages for one or more Friday lunchtimes this term, please contact Mandy Mackay on mackays.nz@gmail.com

Pajama Day

Fundraising for Mary Potter Hospice

At Mary Potter Hospice they take really good care of people with cancer. They make patients comfortable while they work out the best medicines for them and any other physical and emotional care they need.

We want to raise money to help them do this. Please wear your PJ's to school this Friday 1 May and bring a gold coin donation for our coin trail.



Thank you
Isabella and Elijah Sinclair

Scholastic Bookclub

Bookclub orders are due in by Thursday 7 May.

Please get your orders in on time as we are unable to process late orders. All orders need to be handed into the classroom so that they are written in the classroom finance book.

If you are paying by cheque, please make it out to Scholastic NZ.



Goal Sheets and Reports

Just a reminder that accompanying the newsletter next week there will be a written summary of the goals discussed at the Term 1 Three Way Conferences, or a written report if your child is in Year 1 - 3 and is due their progress or anniversary report.

Please look out for these next Wednesday ie: 6 May

Setting Goals



Apple Stickers



Please help us to get some sports equipment by collecting the Yummy 'Cut-out' labels from

bags and Yummy apple stickers on individual apples for our school to collect a share of \$200,000 sports gear prizes.

Yummy apples are available from New World, Pak 'n Save and participating Four Square stores.

The more stickers we collect, the more sports gear we receive so please start collecting those Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now!

A sticker collection sheet is attached to this newsletter for your use. Pop it on your fridge and start collecting the stickers now.

We will let you know later in Term 3 when all stickers are due back to school.

Thank you for your support.



Trips & Performances

Term 2 trips and performances:

As we are now in term 2, payment for trips and performances is due. Could you please make payment of \$10 for the term either by sending cash along to the classroom money box in a named envelope with 'Term 2 trips' written on it, or by paying \$10 into the school account with your child's name, room number, and term 2 trips as references.

The school account number is:
12-3223-0048283-00. Thank you

Community Notices

Learn a New Language the Fun Way: FUN French, Spanish and Mandarin language classes for 5- 12 year olds

Free trial lesson available

Lots of fun activities, drama, music & games taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere! Language resources available to support parents at home.
French classes available throughout Wellington.

New: After-school Spanish class – trial/demo class to be held in Central Wellington in Term 2.

For more information: www.lcfclubs.co.nz
(all class info and online registration now available!)

annick@lcfclubs .co.nz Ph: 476 3098

ComicFest 2015 – Free Children's events: Friday 1May:

5:00pm – 6:30pm Digital comics workshop with Tim Gibson, a digital pioneer in NZ comic's circles with his successful 'Moths City' title performing well on international website Comixology. Join Tim for an hour and a half of insight into the planning, creation and distribution of a comic using current digital tools and insider tricks of the trade. For all ages and bring your tablet and stylus if you can!
(Sponsored by NZ Comic Con)

Saturday 2 May - Free comic book day!

Grab your free comics from our stands, buy from the great folk at Graphic comic store and chat comics with our librarians. Dress as your favourite comic character and win prizes!
All day:

- Free comic book day
- World comics display
- Manga drawing competition
(Sponsored by GRAPHIC comics)

10:00pm– 11.30am Comics 101 workshop with Sarah Laing (Let Me be Frank, cartoonist and novelist). Sarah has unique insight into what is required to make successful prose, comics and cartoons. Bring pen and papers along as Sarah imparts tips on the important relation between pictures and words, the value of honest drawing, emotion and story-telling. All ages.
(Sponsored by NZ book council)

11:30am – 12.00pm Cosplay competition
Winners will be announced for the best ComicFest costume! Prizes for all categories, including children, teens, and adults.
(Sponsored by Unity books)

12:00pm – 1.00pm 'Tintin – the journey from comic to film'. Let Tintin and Weta Workshop lead conceptual designer, Chris Guise take you through the process of transforming a much-loved comic into the successful film version of, 'The adventures of Tintin – the secret of the Unicorn.' Chris will guide you through this multi-media journey with slides and videos and don't forget to have your questions ready for Q&A.

2:00pm – 2:15pm | Comicfest announces winners for the Manga drawing competition
Don't forget your free comics posters courtesy of GRAPHIC comic store!

All events are free and unless stated otherwise, open to participants of all ages.