



# Weekly Newsletter

23 October 2019

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa = Let us keep close together not far apart

Term 4 - Issue 2

## Important Dates

Thursday 24 October	Fundraiser's Meeting - Whare Iti - 7pm
Friday 25 October	Teacher Only Day - School closed for instruction
Monday 28 October	Labour Day - School closed
Thursday 31 October	Powhiri for new students and staff
Thursday 7 November	Board of Trustees meeting - 7:00pm
Friday 8 November	Fundraiser's Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Thursday 21 November	Fundraiser's Meeting - Whare Iti - 7pm
Friday 29 November	Dental van visiting school - length of visit to be confirmed
Friday 6 December	Fundraiser's Pizza Lunch
Friday 13 December	Festive Bake Sale & Sausage Sizzle - 3pm
Wednesday 18 December	Last day of school year - 12.30pm finish

## Term 4 Assembly Dates

Friday 1 November	Assembly led by Hub 2 (Rooms 10/11 A/B/C) - 2.10pm
Friday 29 November	Te Puawai Amua/Choir - 2.10pm
Friday 13 December	Presentations - 2.10pm
Wed 18 December	Final Assembly - 11.30am

## WELCOME

### Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

Welcome to the following students and their families/whānau. It is great to have you in Bellevue School's Learning Community.

Welcome back to Arnav Joon in Room 6.

Welcome also to Charmaine Roper who is working as a new teacher aide in Room 1/Hub 1 this term. Kia ora.



## From The Principal's Desk



Kia ora, Nameste, Talofa, Konnichiwa, Guten Tag, Gidday, Vannakkam, ni Hao, Kia orana, Hola, Salam, As-salaamu 'alaykum 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

Term 4 is a busy time in all New Zealand schools as they complete one academic year, while also making preparations for the following one.

At this time of year every school is looking at the number of children likely to be in each year level at the beginning of next year, to make decisions about class organisation. It is also the time of year that teachers consider their next career step and consider moving to another school in the new year, which means advertising and appointing new teachers to join the team.

We would like to congratulate Nicole Head and Kendra Edwards on their new positions for 2020 at Greenacres School and Miramar Central School. You will be sorely missed here at Bellevue but those lucky schools will benefit from your amazing skills and experience. Laura Green is also moving on, and Ricky Buchanan is off on his overseas adventures next year. Kia ora koutou.

Please note the 'Organisation for 2020' notice later in this newsletter and let us know of any factors you believe need to be considered for your child's learning when placing your child in 2020. Remember that if there are any factors that you would like us to consider for your child's learning when placing your child next year, you need to share this with a staff member before the end of school next Friday ie: 1 November. Please be aware that we can make no promises about where your child will be placed, however the information you share with us will be considered as we determine how the school can be organised for the number of children enrolled at Bellevue, their year level and their needs.

A very special thanks to all the student councillors, Annette and the staff who came along to help at the Student Council's disco on Friday. We were really impressed with our students who danced the night away, while demonstrating responsible, safe behaviour as they had heaps of fun!

Have a great week and a wonderful long weekend for Labour Day Weekend everyone.

Nga mihi nui

Karen and the Bellevue School team



## Character Education

As long as you keep going, you'll keep getting better. And as you get better, you gain more confidence. That alone is success.

TAMARA TAYLOR

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As we promote and encourage students to increase their understanding about Māia or Confidence this term, we continue to encourage them to give new things a go, persevere and keep trying to work through the 'learning pit' to come out the other side with success. By doing this children increase their confidence. They experience learning new things. They also realise that with effort and applying knowledge/strategies they can do it.

Please help encourage your child/ren to keep trying new things, and affirm them when they make mistakes - because this means they are learning. There is no failure - they either win or learn... and the more they do this the more that they believe they can do it. They increase their confidence in their abilities and themselves.

## Kupu Hou (new word)

**Wharenui** = meeting house  
*pronunciation = far-eh-noo-ee*

Te ātaahua hoki o tō tātou **wharenui**!  
Our meeting house is extremely beautiful!



## Organisation for 2020

At this time of year every school is looking at the number of children likely to be in each year level at the beginning of next year, to make decisions about class organisation and placement for the following year. At Bellevue we aim to assemble whānau classes and learning hubs that best provide for all our students' learning. The number of classes we start the year with is dependent on the staffing entitlement received from the Ministry of Education, which is based on the number of students we have in the school. Currently we are looking at how classes/hubs are to be arranged for the beginning of 2020.

When looking at class composition, the challenge for schools is to assess each child's needs and to meet these, regardless of which whānau room they are in or the mix of year groups. The focus is on the quality of teaching to support student's learning, and we are very fortunate to have a team of excellent teachers here at Bellevue School.

Please note that there are many important factors taken into consideration when placing students in classes. These include:-

- \* Individual needs and achievement
- \* Peer relationships
- \* Learning groups and friendship groups
- \* Age and year group
- \* Gender balance and number of students
- \* Siblings in adjoining years

Whilst this can make the task a challenging one, we are committed to making the most appropriate placement after all these factors have been considered.

If there are any factors you believe need to be considered for your child's learning when placing your child next year, please contact the school over the two weeks. You can talk with your child's teacher, or senior teacher ie: Anne Smith (Deputy Principal), Annette Boronje (Deputy Principal), Deeann Daniels (Senior Teacher) or Karen (Principal), but you need to have passed on any considerations for your child's learning before 9:00am next Friday (ie: 1 November).

## Thank you

### Special thanks to...

The parents/caregivers who are helping and supporting Hubs 1 & 2 during their swimming lessons this term. Kia ora koutou.

Teresa for returning a piece of our building that had been removed.

Kristina for coming to the rescue this morning when there was a need to dry out one of our road patroller's trousers.

All our student councillors, Annette and the staff who came along to help at the Student Council's disco on Friday. Tino pai rawa.



## Teacher Only Day - Term 4

**This Friday 25 October 2019**  
**School is closed for instruction**



Enjoy the extended long weekend everyone while our teachers engage in professional learning and development at school this Friday.

## Road Patrol - Planning for 2020

Planning has begun for our 2020 Road Patrol team. We are still on the hunt for one more adult who can support our new Road Patrol team in Term 4 in the mornings from 8.30 - 9.30 am, or afternoons from 2.50pm - 3.15pm.

If you are available any day of the week at these times and would be willing to help our student leaders keep our tamariki safe as they journey to and from school, please get in touch in Term 4.

Please contact Deeann Daniels by giving the office a call or at

[deeann@bellevue-newlands.school.nz](mailto:deeann@bellevue-newlands.school.nz)



## Enrolment Information - Zoning

### Important information about the adoption of the 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:

**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.

**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 or come into the school office and talk to Amanda.

## Sausage Sizzle

The last Sausage Sizzle for the year is on:

**Friday 8 November**



Order forms will be sent home on Tuesday 29 October and all orders will be due in on Friday 1 November by 9am.

## Festive Season Wine Fundraiser



Lorraine is running the Sileni (now known as Booster Wine Group) wine fundraiser on behalf of the school again this year.

Time to get in all of those orders ready for the Christmas season. Please send your completed form to:-

[fundraisers@bellevue-newlands.school.nz](mailto:fundraisers@bellevue-newlands.school.nz)

by Friday 1 Nov, 3pm. All payments to be made via internet banking. Order forms are attached to the newsletter email and have been sent home in hard copy form to those families that do not receive the newsletter by email.

Lorraine will arrange collection times from school within two weeks of the 1 November date.

## BELL Home Learning Challenge

Many students have been working away all year on the Bellevue BELL Home Learning Challenge. Finished portfolios showing evidence for all completed challenges need to be brought in and shared with your classroom teachers by Friday 29 November.

Every completed challenge needs to be signed off by the student, parent and teacher.



## Cookie Time Fundraiser



The Cookietime Fundraiser this year offers a unique NZ themed tin with 350g of chocolate chip cookies. Tins are \$15 with \$3.50 going to the school.

Please provide your Name, Child's Name, Child's Class and how many tins that you wish to order by email to [fundraisers@bellevue-newlands.school.nz](mailto:fundraisers@bellevue-newlands.school.nz) by 9am on Thursday 31 October.

Payment to be made via internet banking into the school bank account - 12-3223-0048283-00. You can also put your order and cash payment in to the money box located in the office foyer.

Please note that to enable your order to be processed the above information must be received and the payment showing in the school's bank account by 9am on Thursday 31 October.

## Sunhats

Remember that your child needs a sunhat at school every day during Term 4 and also Term 1. It is compulsory to wear a sunhat when outside during the summer months for protection from the sun's harmful rays.

Please help your child to have a named sunhat at school each day. They may wish to have a school sunhat that they leave at school. If your child does not have a sunhat next term they will need to work and play under the covered veranda areas.



## Scholastic Bookclub

Scholastic bookclub booklets have been sent home to all families.

**Orders are due in by next Thursday - 31 October.**

Payment is either by cash, credit card (details on the bookclub form) or by Cheque made out to Scholastic Bookclub.



Please place your order in the locked box in the Office foyer.

## Navigating the Journey - Health and Sexuality Education

Just a reminder that Bellevue School is using this resource to support our Health Curriculum in Term 3 and Term 4 this year. Programme resources are available for parents/whānau to view and read in the school office. Due to copyright on this material, these resources need to be read at school. Please ensure they are returned to the school office before you leave.

Please note there are three different booklets aimed at different age groups ie: Year 1-2, Year 3-4 and Year 5-6, so check that you have picked up the one appropriate for your child's year level. The booklets may be read in the office area then returned to the office.





## Playpod is Back

Now that it is into the summer months and the hopes of some dry weather again, the Playpod is back in business during fine lunch breaks, also during Explore and Discovery times.



Please think of us if you are discarding any loose parts that our students might use in creative play - anything from kitchen utensils to suitcases, lengths of material to old tyres.... Any surplus items are very welcome, just check in with the office or your child's teacher about these items. Thanks.

## Disco

Many thanks from the Student Council for your support with the disco on Friday night. It was a huge success and much fun was had by all as we danced the night away! Thanks to everyone's contributions we raised \$1,291. This money will be used for outdoor play equipment.



There are some wonderful photos from the photo booth which we would like to share with families, but the folder contains photos of all our students. If we share this it will mean families have access to the photos of other people's children. We ask that all families respect this.

If you are not happy to have photo booth photos of your child made accessible to others in this way, please could you let us know **before 3pm on Friday 25 October (ie: this Friday - teacher only day)** by emailing Annette. Thank you.

[annette@bellevue-newlands.school.nz](mailto:annette@bellevue-newlands.school.nz)

## Sports News

### Northern Zone Athletics Yr 4 -6

Notices were given out to students on Tuesday this week who are participating in Northern Zone Athletics on Monday 4 November.

Slips need to be returned by Tuesday 29 October to ensure your child's place in the team. If it comes in after this date, we are unable to enter them into the competition.



## GRACI Research Project

Our school has been invited to participate in a research project. The following outlines the purpose -

*We are a research team from the Applied Developmental Psychology Lab at Victoria University, looking at how well children understand and use 'ground rules' in an interview setting when instructed by an adult. Children may not always challenge adults during interviews, even after being encouraged to do so. The findings from this research will help inform practices for teaching these rules to children to obtain the best information from them.*

Today a letter is coming home with more information about the project and the opportunity for you to give your consent should you be happy for your child to participate. All the research will happen at school, during school time and all adults involved have been police checked. Please see the letter for further information.



We are proud to announce that we have joined the Netsafe Schools Programme and are now officially a Netsafe School. Being a Netsafe School means that we have practices in place that show our commitment to planning for online safety, and that our practices are supported by New Zealand's online safety organisation, Netsafe. Find out more about Netsafe Schools at [netsafe.org.nz/the-kit/netsafe-schools](https://netsafe.org.nz/the-kit/netsafe-schools)