



Weekly Newsletter

30 October 2019

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

Term 4 - Issue 3

Important Dates

Thursday 31 October	Powhiri for new students and staff - 10:45pm
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 - 7:00pm
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 - 3:00pm
Wednesday 18 December	Last day of school year - 12:30pm finish

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

We hope that you had a lovely extended long weekend in the sunshine and spring weather with your children/family. Teachers worked hard to have a very productive day on Friday at Teacher Only Day, and hopefully managed some time to refresh during the weekend. At this time of year teachers are busy compiling individual written reports for each student, which come home to you on Wednesday 11 December. These reports come home the week before the end of term so that you can check in with your child's teacher to clarify anything in the report before the summer break begins.

Thank you to all the amazing parents and whānau who have helped and are volunteering to support the many Education Outside the Classroom activities that take place at this time of year. Over the past two weeks the Year 5 and Year 6 students have been involved in a cycle programme that is provided by 'Pedal Ready'. It is great to see our students actively involved in learning about safety on their bicycles. Footnote Dance instructors were in school yesterday so the Year 3 and Year 4 students had a great time learning dance movements to create their own dances. A big thanks to our parents/caregivers who support swimming each week to look out for the safety and well-being of all our students during these learning experiences.

Remember if there are any factors that you believe that need to be considered for your child's learning when placing your child in 2020, you need to share this with a staff member before the end of school this Friday (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.

Have a great week.

Nga mihi nui
Karen and the Bellevue School team



WELCOME

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

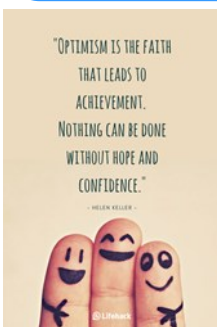
Welcome to the following students and their families/whānau. It is great to have you in Bellevue School's Learning Community.

Zeeshan Mohammed, Isabella Gunn, Sanjay Sunkara and Kajo Betty in Room 1.

Gagana Ragi in Room 8.



Character Education



We continue to encourage and support students to demonstrate māia or confidence this term. As the Helen Keller quote suggests, we need to help our children have hope and confidence to enable them to achieve success in their lives.

By having a positive approach, a growth mindset and by practicing to keep on going/trying when we fail at something, whatever else happens as we practice being courageous...we build greater knowledge and understanding. We talk with the children about how when they build their 'super power' of confidence to have a go, and keeping on trying (even when they fail)... this helps them to learn!

Kupu Hou (new word)

marae ātea = the open space in the front of the meeting house
pronunciation = mah-r-eye ah-teh-ah

Me hui tātou ki te **marae ātea** ā te rua karaka .

We (3+ inclusive) should meet at the **marae ātea** at two o'clock.



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 Borgonje (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.

Footnote Dance Company for exciting our students in the area of creative dance earlier this week.

Pedal Ready instructors for helping our students learn about how to be safe on their bikes, as they worked with our Year 5 and 6 students over the past two weeks.



ICAS Assessments



The certificates from the ICAS assessments that students in Year 4-6 completed in September are beginning to arrive at school.

As there was such a huge number of children who decided to participate in ICAS this year, these certificates will be presented in each student's hub so that they can be recognised appropriately for their participation and achievements.

Please note that with 20 - 35 students sitting each of the four assessments there are close to 140 certificates to hand out which is why these achievements are to be celebrated in their hubs this year.

Road Patrol - Planning for 2020

Planning has begun for our 2020 Road Patrol team. We require support for our new Road Patrol team in the mornings from 8.25 - 9.00 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 next year, please get in touch in Term 4.

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

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 were sent home on Tuesday to all students. **All orders are due in this Friday 1 November by 9am.** Late orders cannot be accepted.

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

by Friday 1 Nov, 3pm. All payments to be made via internet banking. Order forms were attached to last week's newsletter email and also 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 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 tomorrow - 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.



Safety First

A special reminder to practice safety, courtesy and consideration when you drop your children off before school - also when picking up after school.

PLEASE

Give way to up hill traffic and go to the top of Bancroft Terrace to turn around.

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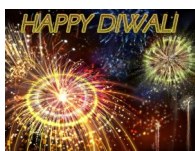
Be considerate by not parking on yellow lines or across driveways.

Diwali

Happy Diwali to everyone.

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is being celebrated by the local Indian and South East Asian communities.

This is a very vibrant cultural celebration where the lighting of lamps during this festival symbolises the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil and the renewal of life.



Sports News

Miniball

Hurricanes won 46 to 42 against Paparangi.

Congratulations to the Hurricanes on their win and the way they played as a team.



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.

Last week a letter was sent 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

Community Notices

Community notices are included as space allows, 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 goods or services advertised.

Book Launch at the Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie:

Ben Spies and Isa Pearl Ritchie will be launching their new books on Saturday 16 November at 5.30pm in a fabulous event. Everyone is welcome.



Bigair Gymsports - Tawa:

Gym is fun for kids but it's exceptionally good for them as well! They gain strength, flexibility, balance and body control but they also learn determination and perseverance, through persistently practicing skills until they are achieved. Kids also gain resilience and confidence, as they extend themselves and learn new skills!

Our experienced coaches run classes in **Gymnastics, Tumbling, Trampolining, Parkour and Cheerleading!** BOOK NOW!

Bigair Gym Tawa: 04 2323508 or office@bigairgym.co.nz

Pūkaha Community Open Day:

The event will be held on Sunday 27 October 2019 at Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre from 10am – 4pm. Entry is by koha (donation). There will be free tours throughout the day and a lot of fun learning activities aimed at children and families. We will also have market stalls so please bring cash for these. To ease pressure on parking we encourage people to carpool where possible.

You can also find out more from our events page on the website:

<https://pukaha.org.nz/upcoming-events/>

Free buses will run from throughout the Wairarapa and Tararua Districts. More information can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/517292748833290/>



Any questions or comments please contact our Visitor Centre staff on (06) 375 8004 or info@pukaha.org.nz

Thank you everyone. We look forward to seeing some of you on the day!