



Weekly Newsletter

13 November 2019

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

Term 4 - Issue 5

Important Dates

Tuesday 19 November	Hub 5 invitation to sharing of Passion Projects in Hub 5 - 3:00 - 4:30pm
Thursday 21 November	Fundraiser's Meeting - Whare Iti at 7:00pm
Thursday 28 November	Board meeting - in staffroom at 7:00pm
Friday 29 November	- Dental van visiting school. Length of visit to be confirmed - all Bell Challenge work shared with class teacher by today
Friday 6 December	Fundraiser's Pizza Lunch
Friday 13 December	- Helpers morning tea - 10:30 - 11:30am - Festive Bake Sale & Sausage Sizzle 3:00pm
Monday 16 December	Year 6 Leavers dinner
Wednesday 18 December	Last day of school year - 12:30pm finish

Term 4 Assembly Dates

Friday 29 November	Te Puawai Amua/Choir - 2.10pm
Friday 13 December	Presentations - 2.10pm
Wed 18 December	Final Assembly - 11.30am

Remember the Bake Sale
and Sausage Sizzle
after school
on Friday 13 December

WELCOME

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

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

Isabelle Landymore in Room 1.



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

As we are now half way through the final term of 2019, it is becoming increasingly busy with end of year events. So that you do not miss anything that is coming up, please note the important dates on the front of this and all future newsletters, also any dates that come home in notices from your child's hub teachers.

On Friday 13 December (from 10:30 - 11:30am) the staff warmly invite everyone who has helped the school this year to a morning tea in the hall to acknowledge our appreciation for your support. Over the next couple of weeks there will be invites coming home. Just in case your invite gets lost or missed, please put this date/time in your diary or on your calendar so that you keep 10:30 - 11:30am free on that day. Then come along and join the staff for a special morning tea to say thank you for your support during 2019.

Just a little reminder to look at the notice later in the newsletter from our Student Council regarding 'Pack The Bus'. The councillors put a Christmas Tree in the foyer today and have decorated this ready for you or your child to place any donations of gifts/foodstuffs for families who are less fortunate this Christmas. Thank you to our councillors who are encouraging us to think of others at this time of year. This is a lovely way that we can practice manaakitanga, aroha and empathy by considering others at the end of the year. Kia ora koutou to our Student Council

Nga mihi nui
From Karen
and the Bellevue School Team



Character Education

In Term 4 the value that we are nurturing in students is maia or confidence.

We remind our young learners that at times, everyone has fears and doubts, or feels that they may not be able to do something. However, we all need to practise having faith in ourselves and our abilities. We need to trust that we have what it takes to handle whatever happens.

Without this courage or confidence, then our fears or doubts hold us back. We need to remember that we are 'braver than we think', to remember to use our 'growth mindset' and to keep trying new things. This ensures that we are continually learning and expanding our capabilities. Māia or confidence is something we build in ourselves by believing in who we are and what we can accomplish with an open mind, taking a risk and persevering.



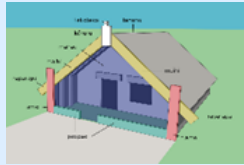
Kupu Hou (new word)

mahau = the porch of the meeting house

pronunciation = mah-ho

Waiho ōu hū ki te **mahau**.

Leave your shoes in the **mahau**.



Thank you

Special thanks to...

The parents/caregivers who are helping and supporting Hubs 1, 2 and 3 during their swimming lessons this term. Kia ora koutou.

Jane for taking home the road patrol gloves to dry them after the extremely wet road patrol duty on Monday morning. Kia ora Jane.

Our wonderful teaching staff who are currently working many long hours in the evenings and weekends to write your child/ren's end of year reports. Kia ora koutou.



World Kindness Day Today

Today is **World Kindness Day**, where everyone is encouraged to think of others and start making random acts of kindness our normal, everyday behaviour.

World Kindness Day is celebrated annually on 13 November. On this day, participants attempt to make the world a better place by celebrating and promoting good deeds and pledging acts of kindness, either as individuals or as organisations.

You can find information on World Kindness websites, including this starter chart:-



ICAS Assessments



For the families and whānau of all Year 4-6 students who opted to participate in the ICAS assessments in September the results of these are now available online. The link below will take you to a PDF explaining how to access your child's individual reports, which gives a breakdown of your child's achievement in each area of each of the four assessments. Should you have trouble clicking on this, try copy and pasting into your browser.

<https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/ICAS-How-to-access-online-reports.pdf>

Please note that you will need your child's unique 'TAP ID' and four digit PIN number to access these results. These are found in the small text at the bottom on the rear of the blue certificates your child will receive in the Hub Community Time.

The certificates take a little longer to come through, but the students have received these for Science and the Mathematics, English and Writing certificates will continue to be handed out in Hubs as they arrive.

If you have any questions regarding the ICAS assessments, please email annette@bellevue-newlands.school.nz.

Road Patrols in 2020

Planning has begun for our 2020 Road Patrol team. Year 5 students trained with Constable Aaron Dan last week and start on the job training with the Year 6 Road Patrolters next week.

For 2020, we require support for these new Road Patrol teams in the mornings from 8.25 - 9.00 am, and/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.

Personal Passion Project Sharing

During Term 3, Hub 5 students completed Personal Passion Projects. This involved the students exploring a rich inquiry question in an area of personal interest. The focus of this learning was on 'process' rather than 'outcome'. Hub 5 students were developing the skills and dispositions required for independent research, collaborative learning and reflection on their learning process.

We would like to invite parents and whānau to the sharing of our projects between 3:00 - 4:30 pm on Tuesday 19 November. All Hub 5 classrooms will be open between this time for you to come along and talk with our tamariki about their learning. All students from across the school will have an opportunity to view these projects during school time, but this afternoon sharing slot is open to interested families from right across the school.

We hope to see you in the Hub 5 classrooms!

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.



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.

Safety for our Students

If you enter the school carpark before/after school and the gates are closed for Road Patrols, **you can not leave this area until the gates are opened again AFTER Road Patrols finish**. This is so all our children and adults are safe when they walk to/from the school. We encourage you to park outside the school to drop off your child/ren.

Please, please think of the safety of other children as well as your own child.



Wellington City Mission - Pack the Bus

The Student Council are joining with the City Mission and The Breeze again this year to think of others less fortunate at Christmas. **This year the bus comes to Bellevue on Monday 2 December.**

This is a way that we can practise empathy and manaakitanga to help children and whānau who are less fortunate so that their families can have a more enjoyable festive season.

Therefore the Student Council invites you to send along new toys, games, books, board games, art equipment, vouchers, cans of food or festive food to place under the tree at school. A list of suggested items from Wellington City Mission that they need extra help with this year is included below. If you wish your child to place the item your family/they have donated on the bus, please put their name and class number on this gift but please do not wrap the gift (a request from the organisers).

Essential Items:

Spreads and Muesli bars
Weetbix, Oats & Muesli
Sugar and Milk Powder
Pasta Sauce
Tinned Soup/fish/meat
Biscuits and Crackers
Body Wash and Deodorant
Baby Food, Wipes and Nappies
Laundry Powder and Dishwashing Liquid

Christmas Items:

Small Christmas Cakes
Fancy biscuits/crackers
Fancy relishes/sauces
Salts/roasted nuts
Chippies
Toiletries for the whole family
Retail vouchers

Toys: (new toys only please - and unwrapped)

Construction Toys - Lego/Meccano
Art equipment
Educational toys and books
Puzzles
Baby toys for 0-2yr olds
Diaries/Calendars
Board games

Please note

The Christmas tree is now in the foyer so please place any gifts you are donating or non-perishable food and festive food under the tree. **There are only two weeks for you to bring along your gifts (marked or unmarked as mentioned above) to place under the tree.**

Thank you in advance from the School Council, The Breeze and The City Mission for thinking of others and practising empathy, aroha or compassion for those less fortunate.



Library Donations

In previous years, some families of Year 6 leavers, and others leaving Bellevue School, have wished to mark their time here by donating a book to the library.

We are holding a number of fiction, non-fiction and picture books suitable for a wide range of ages and interests. We make these available for donation at about half the retail price. The cost to donors ranges from about \$7.00 - \$20.00.

A library donation plate showing the name(s) of the donor will be placed in the front of the book which will be available for borrowing by the donor after cataloguing and covering.

If you wish to make a donation to the library in this way, the books may be viewed at the school office.



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.

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 from the researchers for further information.

End of Year Reports

With the removal of National Standards, this is a timely reminder that we now report against National Curriculum Levels as indicated by this chart (NB:- this chart is also on the front of your child's written report).

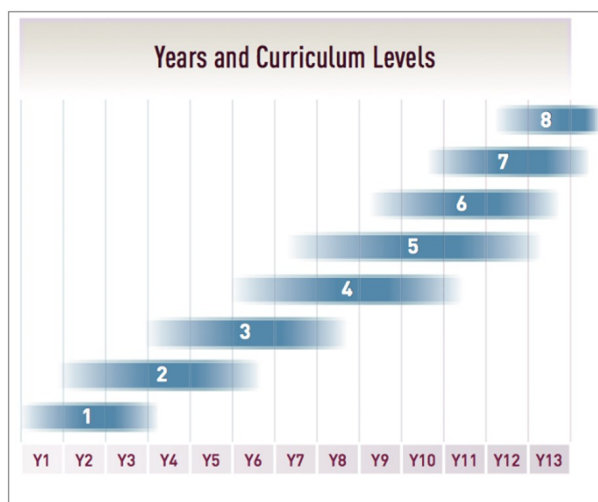
Please note that the language used in reports reflect the change to reporting against the curriculum level too. The code for 'Achievement against expected curriculum level' in each of the subject areas (Reading, Writing and Mathematics) now indicates whether your child is:

WT - Working towards the expected curriculum level

WW - Working within the expected curriculum level

WA - Working above the expected curriculum level

You will see these codes **WT** and **WW** and **WA** in your child's written report that is coming home to you on Wednesday 11 December.



Term Dates 2020

Term 1: Monday 3 February – Thursday 9 April

Waitangi Day – Thursday 6 February

Easter Break (during holiday break)

Anzac Day – Monday 27 April

Term 2: Tuesday 28 April – Friday 3 July

Queen's Birthday – 1 June

Teacher Only Day -2 June

Term 3: Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16 December

Teacher Only Day – Friday 23 October

Labour Day – Monday 26 October



Pizza Fundraiser

At the end of each term our wonderful FUNdraisers group organise with Hell's Pizza, an opportunity for you to order pizza lunch as a special treat for your child/ren.



The last Pizza Fundraiser for the year will be on Friday 6 December. Order forms will be sent home on Monday 25 November. **All orders need to be into the school office by 9:00am on Friday 29 November** so they can be processed and the pizzas ordered for the following Friday. Please note one order form for each child is required.

Please put order forms and money in the money box in the office foyer. We are unable to give change and any overpayment will be accepted as a donation.

Due to the large number of orders we can only accommodate genuine dietary requirements (dairy-free or gluten-free), not preferences like BBQ sauce.



A special thanks to all those people who come along to process the orders, count the funds and make sure that the correct order goes to each student.

The funds raised will go towards the Jubilee Corner.

Bellevue Sports News

Miniball

Bellevue Hurricanes lost 52 to 36 to St Brigids.



Interzone Athletics

Congratulations to Seren Mawby who will also be representing Bellevue at Inter Zone Athletics in the short sprints.

Farewell to Aswanee



Last Friday we said farewell to Aswanee Mathawee, an AFS teacher from Thailand who spent three weeks at Bellevue with our teachers and children.

Aswanee said she felt very welcomed by our students and staff. While she missed home and the warmth of Indonesia, she told us how much she enjoyed being part of our learning community during her time here.

As a reminder of her visit, Aswanee presented the school with a model of the fishing boats that are still used in her village. This will be on display in the library to remember her by.

Haere ra and all the best from us at Bellevue School Aswanee.

Newlands Intermediate Orientation Morning

Orientation morning for Year 6 students enrolled at Newlands Intermediate for 2020 is on this Friday 15 November. This is an opportunity for the students to meet their future peers and gain an insight into what and how the Intermediate programme runs.

All students need to be at school by 9.00am and will meet in the class that morning. The bus will be leaving from Link Road at 9.15am and students will return to school at midday.



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.

Khandallah School is holding the Kid's Kaukau Challenge on Sunday 24 November and would love children from other schools to take part.

The Kid's Kaukau Challenge is a fun walk/run up and down Mt Kaukau, starting and finishing at Khandallah School. Children that take part get a real feeling of achievement from taking up the challenge and also get to be part of an enjoyable community event.

The event is open to children aged 5-13 and registrations cost \$20 for the first child in a family and \$15 for each additional child. The registration fee covers a running bib, timing chip and goodie bag for each child.

More information is available on the Kaukau Challenge website: <https://www.kaukauchallenge.com/>

Healthy Steps is free, fun, and easy!

Looking for something to do over summer with your family? Thinking of entering Round the Bays 2020?



We invite **you and your family** to join or start a Healthy Steps group in your local community and get active together with us this summer.

We will give you the tools and resources you need to participate.

Simply choose your exercise goal, share it with your whānau and friends, and step up for life.

Together you and your community can support and encourage each other, achieve your exercise goal, and have fun along the way.

To find out more, simply visit our website www.healthyfutures.org.nz/healthysteps