



Weekly Newsletter

4 December 2019

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata = Goodwill towards others is a precious gift

Term 4 - Issue 8

Important Dates

Wed 4 December	- Last day of swimming for Rooms 2, 3, & 4 - Last day of swimming for Hub 2 (Rooms 10/11 A, B, & C)
Thursday 5 December	Hub 5 (Rooms 12, 13, 14 & 15) ASB trip - all day
Friday 6 December	Pizza Lunch (Fundraiser) - orders closed
Tuesday 10 December	Hub 1 (Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4) ASB trip 9am - 1pm
Wed 11 December	Reports go home
Friday 13 December	- Helpers morning tea - 10:30 - 11:30am - Festive Bake Sale & Sausage Sizzle 3:00pm
Monday 16 December	Year 6 Leavers dinner
Tuesday 17 December	Hub 5 trip (Rooms 12, 13, 14 & 15)
Wed 18 December	- 11:30am Final Assembly and Farewell to Year 6 students - Last day of school year - 12.30pm finish



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)

This time of year is very busy for everyone, however it seems more pronounced in schools where there are a large number of end of year requirements and end of year functions, along with organisation required for the start of the following year. Unfortunately this is also crammed into Term 4 as it can not be scheduled any earlier. Thank you for understanding all the extra requirements on the office and school staff at this time of year, and considering any extra requests placed on staff. We really appreciate the way many members of our community do this, and also offer to help, so that we can continue to provide the extra opportunities for children in Term 4 while fulfilling the other requirements.

Included in the end of year 'To Do' list is the composition of classes and hubs for the following year. It is also the time that teachers look at moving on for their personal and professional development. Avi has accepted a new position so will be leaving us at the end of 2019. We will miss her next year but know that the students and staff at Rewa Rewa will benefit from her teaching. Kia ora Avi.

Please make sure that you note the 'Important Dates' so that you do not miss any of the end of year events that are coming up over the next two weeks. A reminder that written reports come home to you next Wednesday 11 December and next week will be our last newsletter for the year.

Term 4 Assembly Dates

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.

Shreeya Vishnu in Room 9.



Nga mihi nui



From 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

mindbootstrap.com

Perseverance, stamina and 'keeping on trying' are all parts of resilience. However these attributes also help us succeed... and they assist us to gain confidence. As we continue to focus on nurturing māia or confidence this term, we support students to know that success and confidence go together.

A natural part of success is that it helps people to build confidence. It is also important to know that sometimes we need to 'fake it until we make it' in terms of being confident. Developing strategies to practise confidence and persevering to succeed is what is important. We do not want doubt or fear to stop our learners trying new things and discovering what they are good at. This is why we encourage our students to demonstrate confidence to enable them to try something new, or try again or keep going until they achieve success... and grow their confidence even further.

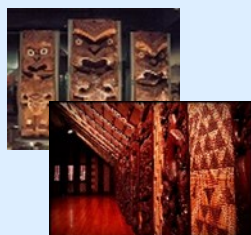
Kupu Hou (new word)

poupou = upright slabs forming the solid part of the walls of a meeting house, usually carved into figures

pronunciation = p-oh-p-oh

He tino kaha ngā **poupou** o ngā wharehau.

The **poupou** of meeting houses are extremely strong.



Helpers Morning Tea

The staff warmly invite everyone who has helped the school this year to come along to a morning tea in the hall to acknowledge our appreciation for your support.

Last week invites went out for the Helpers Morning Tea on Friday 13 December (from 10:30 - 11:30am). In most cases these were sent electronically. Just in case your invite was lost or missed, please put the date in your diary or on your calendar and come along at 10:30 - 11:30am that day to join the staff for a special morning tea from us to say thank you for your support during 2019.

You can RSVP to the office for this event.



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.

Thank you

Special thanks to...

Everyone who donated goods for Pack the Bus. These were collected on Monday with much excitement - see the notice later in the newsletter for this. Kia ora koutou for the manaakitanga and aroha you demonstrated for less fortunate families when forwarding these gifts to the 'Pack the Bus' initiative.



Our whānau for understanding that at times the school carpark can not be accessed by vehicles, and for using the pedestrian pathway to the school at all times (rather than walking through the carpark). With the unusual entry to our school, this helps us manage the school's day-to-day events for our students and enables everyone to be safe.

Teresa who kindly offered to be the second adult on Road Patrol yesterday when it was too blustery for the students to be out on duty or to use the signs on duty. Kia ora Teresa.

Sarah, Timothy and Emily for the lovely morning tea treats that they provided for the staff. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Debra Taylor who donated 'Our Wāhine' on-line resource to the school. Kia ora and thank you for thinking of us.

Road Patrols 2020

For 2020, we require support for 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



WANT TO READ IN THE HOLIDAYS?



TAKE HOME A BAG OF UP TO 10 BOOKS TO READ OVER SUMMER!

Visit Sarah in the library and collect a permission form to take a bag of books home for the summer.

To qualify you must be returning to Bellevue School in 2020, and have no outstanding books on issue.

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.

Thank you to those families who have already made a donation to the library. If you wish to make a donation to the library in this way, the books may be viewed at the school office.



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.

Pizza Day

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 is on Friday 6 December. **Orders closed last Friday (29 November).**

A special thanks to all those people who came 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.

Pack the Bus

A special thank you from our Student Council who joined with the City Mission and The Breeze to organise the 'Pack the Bus' visit to school on Monday. Thanks also to everyone for their kind donations and thinking of others less fortunate at Christmas.



What fun we had with Santa's elves, the City Mission Star and the frozen characters - Elsa, Anna and Olaf.



Swimming Feedback



If you are a parent/whānau of a child from Room 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10/11A, 10/11B or 10/11C who is currently going swimming or has just finished swimming this term, you are invited to fill in the survey (attached) by the end of this week ie: **by 3:00pm on Friday 6 December.**

At the end of swimming lessons each year, we ask our teachers, students and their parents/whānau for feedback to help us and the pool providers to improve what we are doing for our students learning.

Please note that your feedback will be combined with the feedback from parents/whānau in our senior school area ie: Hub 5. This feedback was returned earlier this year after they completed their swimming lessons in Term 2. The combined feedback is considered by our staff for how we might improve the provision of swimming lessons for Bellevue students in the future.

End of Year Reports

A 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).

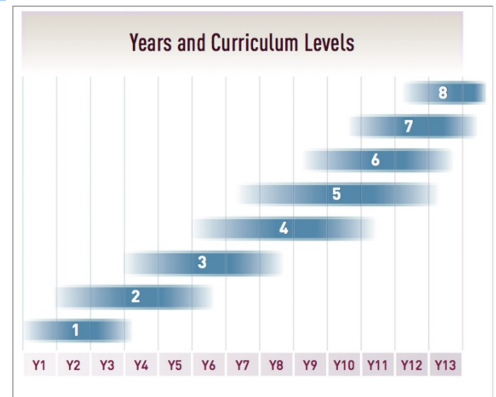
Please note that the language used in reports reflect the change to reporting against the curriculum level. The code for 'Achievement against expected curriculum level' in each of the subject areas (Reading, Writing and Mathematics) now indicates whether your child is:

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 – [Tuesday 15 December](#)
Teacher Only Day – Friday 23 October
Labour Day – Monday 26 October

Please note the change to the end of year date next year, which was not calculated correctly when dates were first published.

Request from Bellevue Kindergarten

Bellevue kindergarten have asked that if your children are playing in the kindergarten grounds after school that they be accompanied by a parent.

Can you please supervise your children and ensure that kindergarten property and equipment is used appropriately and kept safe.



Festive Bake Sale



Festive Bake Sale and Sausage Sizzle

Friday 13th December
3pm - 4:15pm



On Friday 13th we will be holding our festive bake sale, sausage sizzle, drinks and Christmas gifts fundraiser. Families will be asked to provide a small plate of homemade afternoon tea goodies for the stall.

Bangles, Bellevue school t-shirts, tea-towels and sun hats will also be on sale.

Volunteers needed for the sausage sizzle & bake sale stalls.

Please contact Nerys on 027 3408579 ASAP if you can help.



Please note that all Bake Sale goods can be delivered to the school office on Friday 13 December. Please give these to office staff. Do not enter the office, if there is no-one behind the desk when you arrive, please ring the bell and someone will come to assist you.

Many thanks

Wellington North Primary School Citizenship Awards

Last Thursday representatives from all Northern Zone Schools attended a special celebration for students from each school who received a Citizenship Award from Wellington City Council. It was a wonderful event where students were acknowledged for the amazing things they have done within their schools and communities. The Deputy Mayor Sarah Free, presented each student with a golden trophy and a voucher.

Benjamin Tibby from Room 13 was awarded the 2019 Wellington North Primary School Citizenship Award for Bellevue School at the Newlands Community Centre ceremony on Thursday.

This award acknowledges Ben as a wonderful young man who is often looked to as a role model for his respectful, caring and lively nature. He has a fantastic sense of humour, an infectious positive attitude and loves to get involved in all areas of school life. Ben is consistently honest, kind and is a living example of manaakitanga, also the Bellevue School values. We think that Ben is an exceptional student who is a thoroughly worthy recipient of this award. Congratulations Ben!

Look out for the billboard around the Newlands area with the Community Award Winners, also the Bellevue School Community shield which is in the office foyer.



Navigating the Journey - Health and Sexuality Education

Your Feedback Please

As you know this year we have introduced the Navigating the Journey (Family Planning) Health and Sexuality Programme across the school. This was in response to our community feedback in our 2018 Bellevue Health and PE Survey.

We are in the process of evaluating this with our teachers, students and families and would very much like your feedback. Please do note that all teaching staff will be asked for both their feedback and any they have received from families already. Please do not feel that you need to add anything you have already addressed with members of our team.

Please follow the link below to a Google Form with only 2 questions. It should take approximately 5 minutes of your time and will help to inform our Health and Sexuality Programme for 2020. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/cJsGW2Hid6BVfqs9>

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.

KAPAI KIDZ - Holiday Programme

We will reopen from Monday 13 - Friday 31 January (excluding Wellington Anniversary, 20 January) from 7.30am - 6.00pm. Enrol via our website www.kapaikidz.co.nz All enquiries to Linda Robinson 021 409641 or linda@kapaikidz.co.nz



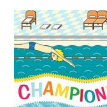
Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Wellington Diving Club is running a holiday programme in January 2020 for children aged 5yrs+ who are confident in deep water & can comfortably swim 25mtrs.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6th- 23rd January. Choose 10am-11am &/or 4pm/5pm. \$10 per session.

For more information please call Barbara on 027 485 8888 or make your booking via our website :

<https://wellingtondiving.org.nz/holiday-program>



Newlands Intermediate Music Centre

The Music Centre offers tuition to primary school aged children in a wide range of musical instruments. The Music Centre provides opportunities for students in the Newlands/Johnsonville area to develop their musical education outside of normal school hours. Classes are held on weekdays during the school term. In 2020 tuition will be offered in violin, piano, guitar and flute. Violins are available to hire. For further information please ring Kaye on 4788195.

ONSLow GYMNASTIC CLUB

Kids got energy to burn? Gymnastics is the answer! Have Fun – Learn Skills – Build Confidence! Onslow Gymnastics has Recreational, TeamGym and Competitive classes for ages 5+ years. Recreational Gym-for-All classes are held at Khandallah School Hall (ages 5-9 years) and Onslow College Rec Centre (ages 7-14+). No previous experience is required to join any of our recreational classes. TeamGym (ages 10+) brings together tumbling, mini-tramp and dance to provide an energetic and creative performance. Registrations for Term 1 2020 open 16th December 2019 at www.onslowgymnastics.org.nz or email us with any questions at onslowgym@xtra.co.nz.

