



# Weekly Newsletter

5 February 2020

Atawhaitia te rito kia puawai te tamaiti = Nurture the tender shoot so that the child will bloom

Term 1 - Issue 1

## Important Dates

Thursday 6 February	Waitangi Day - School closed
Thursday 13 February	FUNdraisers Meeting—7:00pm in the Whare Iti
Thursday 20 February	BOT Meeting - 7:00pm Staffroom
Monday 16 March - Wednesday 25 March	Life Education
Thursday 19 March	School Photo Day
Thursday 26 March	Bellevue School Athletics day - pp date later in the year
Monday 30 March - Wednesday 8 April	Pedal Ready - Hub 5
Thursday 9 April	Final day of Term 1 - break includes Easter + Anzac Day
Tuesday 28 April	First day Term 2 (Monday 27 April annualised Anzac Day)

## From The Principal's Desk



Kia ora, Nameste, Talofa, Konnichiwa, Guten Tag, Gidday, 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

A very warm welcome back to school everyone. Haere mai to new students, whānau and teachers to Bellevue School; also to our students, teachers and whānau who were part of Bellevue Learning Community last year. We hope you had a great time over the school break with your children, family and friends... and that the start to the academic year has been a smooth one for you all. It is wonderful to see the happy, friendly greetings; also the enthusiasm and energy our young learners have displayed over the past few days. With everyone's energy and commitment to doing their best, we are looking forward to another amazing year of learning in our school learning community.

Thank you to all our families who made it along to meet and talk with your child's whānau teacher on the Friday before school started or since then. If you have not already done this please contact your child's 2020 teacher to make an opportunity for you and your child to connect with them in these first few weeks of term. We value these meetings as a way of sharing your aspirations for your child and your knowledge of what works for their learning. We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child/ren over the next 11 months to support their learning growth and development.

This year all classes continue to work in flexible learning spaces and learning hubs as the school operates to use a collaborative teaching and collaborative learning approach. This means your child will benefit from the strengths of more than their whānau class teacher. However their whānau teacher is the first point of contact for them and for you if there is anything you would like to clarify or discuss. At Bellevue we value your input and your support of the school to assist your child's learning so please keep in touch with your child's whānau class teacher and the school. We are keen to work closely with you to promote the best possible learning experiences and conditions for your child's learning. As teachers we are very aware that we all learn differently. We learn with, from and about our students as we actively seek to help them make connections and develop a true sense of belonging in our learning community. The concept of ako (learning from each other) is valued in our work with you and your children. So, please keep in touch with your child's new whānau teacher/hub teachers so that together we work in partnership to help them continue to develop and grow their skills.

Ka kite  
Karen



## Welcome



## Assembly Dates

Friday 21 February	Assembly led by Hub 5 (Rooms 12—15)- 2.15pm
Friday 6 March	Assembly led by Hub 4 (Rooms 5 - 6) 2.15pm
Friday 20 March	Assembly led by Hub 3 (Rooms 7 - 9) 2.15pm
Friday 9 April	Assembly led by Hub 2 (Rooms 10 - 11) 2.15pm

## Character Education



This term the value that we are celebrating and encouraging everyone to develop further is Respect or Whakaute.

Manaakitanga, Respect or Whakaute is one of the five principles or cornerstones that our learning community values highly. (The others are Aroha/Empathy, Maia/Confidence, Takohanga/Responsibility and Manawaroa/Resilience).

Respect is a foundation for how we do things at Bellevue School. We have high expectations of staff, students and parents/whānau in our learning community to act respectfully at our school and in our school grounds. We encourage everyone in our school to be willing to treat others with courtesy, also to demonstrate through their actions and behaviours that they show consideration/care about themselves, others and also our school grounds/buildings/equipment

Thank you for continuing to reinforce these important messages and behaviours with your child/ren, as this helps nurture their Key Competencies of **Managing Self**, **Relating to Others** and **Participating and Contributing** in our learning community as well as other areas of their lives.

## Whānau Classes 2020

Please note the organisation for whānau classes for 2020, including the teacher, the name they wish to be called by the children (in brackets) and year levels in each whānau room.

### Hub 1

Room 1/Rocket Room - New Entrant  
Anne Smith (Mrs Smith)

Room 2 - New Entrant/Year 1  
Phoebe Ayers (Miss A)

Room 3 - New Entrant/Year 1  
Deirdre McArthur (Deirdre)

### Hub 2

Room 10/11 A - Year 2  
Anne Gullen (Anne)

Room 10/11 B - Year 2  
Marlaina Myers (Marlaina)

Room 10/11 C - Year 2  
Christina Pike - (Ms Pike)

### Hub 3

Room 7 - Year 3  
Jane McCauley (Jane)

Room 8 - Year 3  
Megan Walters (Ms Walters)

Room 9 - Year 3  
Emma Cummings (Emma)

### Hub 4

Room 5 - Year 4  
Maria Church (Mrs Church)

Room 6 - Year 4  
Cassie Woodhouse (Cassie)

### Hub 5

Room 12 - Year 5/6  
Deeann Daniels (Deeann) + Annette Borgonje (Annette)

Room 13 - Year 5/6  
- Jenny George (Ms George)

Room 14 - Year 5/6  
- Rachael Cobham (Rachael)

Room 15 - Year 5/6  
- Isobel Bridgman (Miss Bridgman)

Lovinia Bartlett (Lovinia), Mandy Toms (Mrs Toms), Gabrielle Gilbert (Gabrielle), Anneke McLean (Anneke), Erin Taylor-Levey (Erin) and Charmaine Roper (Charmaine) work to assist students and teachers in classes. Sarah Elton (Sarah) is in the library, while Amanda Beauchamp (Amanda) and Michele Clarke (Michele) work in the office area each day.

Please remember if there is anything that you would like to clarify or any issues that arise for your child, we encourage you to talk with your child's whānau teacher as soon as possible. Even if it seems to be a small thing to you we urge you to talk directly with your child's teacher so that it does not become a big issue for them (or you).

Classes are organised in Learning Hubs that work collaboratively together. We have five Learning Hubs this year. Although your child is working with more than one teacher in these hubs, their whānau teacher is your first point of contact throughout the year so please contact them if there is something you wish to clarify or discuss.



## Newsletter Distribution

### Change to newsletter distribution

This week we are sending the newsletter home in paper form as we are currently updating our student management system. Please note that we will be making a small change to the way in which our digital newsletter is sent out.

From next week the newsletter will be sent out directly through our student management system.

### What does this mean for me?

The email that we currently have recorded for you on our student management system is the email to which the newsletter will be sent. If you have two email addresses recorded for your child, both will receive the newsletter. Should you prefer not to receive the newsletter to both of these addresses, please let the office know so that we can update your records.

## Welcome to Bellevue School

### Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

We would like to welcome the following students to Bellevue School:

**Room 2:** Macy Waqa, Kayden Ordon, Lawson Maxwell, Rishik Satish-Chander, Muhammad Mustafa, Hidayah Shah, Toby Dixon & Mason Reti-Soal.

**Room 3:** Camilla Daza, Joel Ahmu, Leo Berninzon Aliaga, Elena Wang & Caleb Schuurmans.

**Room 5:** Neva Flynn

**Room 8:** Tainui Parata

**Room 10/11 A:** Nithika Madhan & Manu Parata

**Room 10/11 B:** Frank Chubb

**Room 10/11C:** Holly Jordan, Manya Arora

**Room 13:** Anahera Parata

**Room 14:** Marwan Hassan

Welcome to the Bellevue School learning community to each and every one of you and also your whānau/family.



## Thank you

Special thanks to...

All the parents/caregivers/whānau who made it along to the whānau meetings with your child's new whānau teacher for the year on Friday 31 January or who have attended at a rescheduled time. It is wonderful to share your aspirations for and information about your child and their learning. At Bellevue we are working to strengthen the learning relationships with our families to improve what we do for students' learning so if you have not yet met with your child and their teacher, please make a time as soon as possible.



Our maintenance contractors Feta Laulau, Crest Clean and Seyclean for the great work they did in cleaning and maintenance at the school to prepare it ready for the students' on Monday. Kia ora koutou.

The wonderful teachers and support staff who have spent many days and weeks at school in preparation for a great start to the year of learning with your children. We are very fortunate to have such a committed, professional teaching team and support team who are keen to further the learning for all the children in our school, as well as their own learning and development. Kia ora koutou nga kaiako.

## Kupu Hou (new word)

**Kura** = school  
pronunciation = koo-ra

E haere ana koe ki te **kura** āpōpō.  
You're going to *school* tomorrow.

He pai tōku **kura**.  
My *school* is good.

Kāore e roa ka tīmata anō te **kura**.  
It won't be long until *school* starts again.



## School Opening Time



A reminder that children are **not to be at school before 8:30am** on school days, unless they attend Kapai Kids 'Before School' programme in the hall.

This is to enable the teachers and support staff time to prepare for your child's busy day of learning, then be available to greet your children when they arrive in their classroom at 8:30am.

Please do not use the office staff to mind your child. If you need to drop your child off to school before 8:30am, please organise for them to attend before school care.



## Stationery



Many thanks to those parents who have purchased their child's stationery, so that they are already using their books for learning.

Thanks also to those of you who have paid the donations and contributions towards Trips and Performance, Mathematics, ICT and Emergency. We appreciate your support for the additional learning opportunities and experiences these provide for your child/ren.



## Payments to School

There is a locked box in the Office foyer for parents/caregivers/ students to put any payments that need to be made to school (eg. stationery items, stationery contributions, school donation, trips fees, etc.). These must be put in a sealed envelope with your child's name and room number, as well as what the payment is for.

Payments can also be made to school online to -  
ASB 12 3223 0048283 00 and must include:

- Child's name and room number
- Reference, eg. trips



There's no need to complete a paper form this year because you can now claim donation tax credits online in a myIR account, Inland Revenue's secure online service.

- You'll receive your refund much sooner.
- Your receipts can be electronic receipts, or photos or scans of paper receipts.
- Your receipts can be uploaded anytime during the year.

You can find more information on [ird.govt.nz/donations](http://ird.govt.nz/donations).

## Cyber Safety + Photos

Thanks to everyone who has returned the photo permission form and Cyber Safety Agreement for each of your children.

If you have not yet done so please talk with your child/ren and return this to school by the end of next week - ie: Friday 14 February.

Extra forms are available at the school office if you did not receive these.

## Term Dates 2020

**Student learning programmes start/term times are :-**

**Term One:** Monday 3 February - Thursday 9 April

**Term Two:** Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July

**Term Three:** Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

**Term Four:** Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 Dec

### Holidays & Observances:

#### Term One:

Thursday 6 February - Waitangi Day (school closed)

Easter break (during school holiday)

Anzac Day - Monday 27 April

#### Term Two:

Monday 1 June - Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 2 June - Teacher Only Day (school closed)

#### Term Four:

Friday 23 October Teacher Only Day (school closed)

Monday 26 October - Labour Day



## Emergency Contacts

Please check that your parent/caregiver **details are up to date** and you have listed all the adults that you are happy to collect your child in an emergency.

While we hope that we never have the need to use these, it is very important that the school knows who you give permission to **release your child to in an emergency** situation and should you be unavailable.

## Absences

Please notify the office **before 9:00am every day that your child is away.**

Should they need to attend a medical appointment during school time, the office is required to sight proof (eg: text, email) of this appointment time as verification for MOE attendance records.



## School Carpark

### PLEASE ....

Due to the limited space available and the entry/exit safety issues in the school car park, we ask parents to **refrain from using the car park during school hours.**

If you have a health issue and require entry via the car park or need to use a park during the day, please contact the school office to arrange this.

On Fridays the gates will be closed/locked to prevent entry to the carpark during assembly times as this creates a safety concern when people try to leave while the Road Patrols are on duty and children/adults are leaving the school grounds.



## FUNdraisers

We warmly welcome all parents/caregivers to come along to join our fundraising team.



There are seven or eight meetings a year held from 7:00 - 8:00pm on Thursday evenings in the Whare Iti (the small building on the left as you come down the driveway).

Bring a friend along and join us at the next meeting ie: **13 February** to have some fun while organising events to support your child's learning and school.

## Library

### Term 1 – Library News

Welcome back ! The Library is open for visitors.

A reminder to summer borrowers that books are now due back.



This is also a timely reminder to carry library books to and from school in a waterproof book bag.

If your child doesn't already have one, book bags are available from the school office.



Looking forward to a great year of reading everyone.

Sarah

## Coronavirus Update

The Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education are in constant contact with schools regarding the concerns about the Coronavirus that has originated in China. Information regarding the latest advice from them will be shared with you as this arrives in the school.

### Current advice includes:-

At this time there is no confirmed case of the virus in New Zealand. The Ministry of Health continues to regularly review the risk levels and will modify its advice as necessary based on quality information and data they are receiving from multiple international sources. New Zealand's current and planning preparedness and response activities for the virus are all consistent with advice from the World Health Organisation.

Any foreign travellers in transit to New Zealand are subject to enhanced screening on arrival but, pending clearance, will be granted entry to New Zealand. New Zealand citizens and permanent residents returning to New Zealand are still be able to enter New Zealand, as are their immediate family members, but will be required to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival back in the country if there is any risk of them being in contact with the virus.

Therefore, any student who may be at high risk of exposure, because they have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, should stay away from school for 14 days from the date of their arrival in New Zealand. This is currently understood to be the incubation period for the disease.

### Other general advice given includes practising good hygiene:-

- Avoid very close contact with contact with people showing signs of any illness eg: colds, influenza
- Frequently wash hands – especially before eating
- Practise cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing and wash hands)
- Avoid close contact with sick live farm animals or wild animals

Should the *Coronavirus* situation change, we will follow our pandemic plan for managing the illness as we do with other infectious diseases such as measles, mumps and influenza.

For those who are concerned about possible infection the Ministry of Health has provided practical information on their website which we encourage you to read - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

## Unwell Students

If you are concerned about your child's health please keep them at home. We would also request that if your child has chicken pox, measles or influenza that it is important to let Michele or Amanda know in the office as we have a student with a compromised immune system. We appreciate your help with this matter.

# Home Learning

In order to have successful learning for the year, the first few weeks the teachers are taking the time to establish relationships, build collaborative learning processes, explore how students will work as learners, set up routines and familiarise/re-familiarise children with the Key Competencies and Learning Dispositions.

Therefore, your child may not bring home reading books and Home Learning will not go home before Week 3 – Week 5.

## Physical Literacy Programme at Bellevue School

Kia ora, welcome back to another action packed year of sporting opportunities for our tamariki.

As it is the beginning of a new year we believe it is a fantastic opportunity to give you some information on our Physical Education programme.

At Bellevue School we are a part of a cluster of schools across the Wellington Region who use SportStart. This programme was developed by Sport Canterbury.

SportStart is focused on developing healthy, positive attitudes towards physical activity centered in the context of overall hauora (a holistic Māori philosophy of health and wellbeing unique to New Zealand).

The programme looks at physical literacy, which is the development of fundamental movement and sport skills. It also develops critical thinking and communication skills.

Just as we support students to develop the skills of Reading or Writing, learning how to play a sport is exactly the same. SportStart allows our students to explore, learn, apply, refine and finally excel in movement. They achieve this by participating in the following categories of games; invasion, striking and fielding, net and wall, target, athletics and gymnastics.

Through these core games students are able to transfer their skills into any specific sport.

What we are striving for our students to learn when they take part in physical activities are:

- Strong fundamental movement skills
- Understanding the concept of games
- Apply their skills to a wide range of games
- Have the confidence to try new activities
- Enjoy participating in physical activity.

Source: Sport Canterbury

This year if you have any questions in regards to sports please feel free to email Jenny - [jenny@bellevue-newlands.school.nz](mailto:jenny@bellevue-newlands.school.nz)  
Here's to a year of sporting achievement and participation!

## 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.*

**Northern United Junior Hockey Club – The northern Suburbs' home for school years 3 - 8:**

Online registrations are open now for the 2020 season for school years 3 – 8.

Season dates: May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September

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