



Weekly Newsletter

12 February 2020

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

Term 1 - Issue 2

Important Dates

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| Thursday 13 February | FUNdraisers Meeting - 7:00pm in the Whare Iti |
| Thursday 20 February | BOT Meeting - 7:00pm Staffroom |
| Saturday 1 March | Children's Day |
| Monday 2 - Friday 21 March | Māehe Manawa Ora - Moving March |
| Monday 16 March - Wednesday 25 March | Life Education mobile classroom at Bellevue |
| 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

As we start learning programmes for 2020, it is very exciting to see our students and their teachers so engaged in learning. Our school vision is 'E tipu e ako - where learning grows' and our focus is working in partnership with parents and whānau to support our students to become **'active connected life-long learners'**. This involves supporting students to develop learning dispositions along with the five Key Competencies outlined in the NZ Curriculum:-

- 😊 Thinking
- 😊 Using Language, Symbols, and Texts
- 😊 Managing Self
- 😊 Relating to Others
- 😊 Participating and Communicating

These competencies help us live, learn, work, play and contribute as active members in communities. Successful learners use them in combination with a range of other resources available to them.

As students develop the competencies they also become motivated to use them, recognising when and how to do this and why they need to use them. The curriculum states that "Opportunities to develop the competencies occur in social contexts" (page 12). At school we aim to provide these contexts through a range of learning opportunities and experiences that include collaboration, Play-Based Learning, Discovery, Explore and a variety of workshops...along with Education Experiences Outside the Classroom. We appreciate the many extra and exciting experiences that can be offered our students through the involvement and support of our parents, caregivers and whānau. Please note the FUNdraisers meeting on tomorrow evening which we encourage you to come along to, as this is one of the ways that our community assists providing extra learning resources and experiences for all our students.

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite

Karen



Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

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

Tobias Tanielu in Room 3.



Character Education



As we celebrate and promote Respect, Whakaute or Manaakitanga this term, we are reminding students how important it is to respect others ...also to respect themselves.

Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with consideration. Manaakitanga and Whakaute are how we do things at Bellevue School. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy, also treating others as we want to be treated. It includes treating ourselves as we feel others deserve to be treated.

Assembly Dates

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| 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 |

Respect also includes honouring the rules of our school and family - in fact by practising respect our lives are more peaceful and orderly, while helping people to feel valued. We expect staff, students and parents/whānau in our learning community to act respectfully at Bellevue and in our school grounds. By behaving respectfully we know we can make a difference, and it makes our school a place where we are all safe to learn and grow..

Newsletter Distribution

Change to newsletter distribution

As mentioned in our newsletter last week the newsletter is being sent out directly through our student management system from today.

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. Thanks for working with us to streamline our systems.

Safety For Us All

PLEASE

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



In the mornings there is often quite a traffic jam so please follow the road rules ... give way to up hill traffic, go to the top of Bancroft Terrace to turn and no double parking in the Terrace. Please do not turn around by the school driveway or near the school patrols.

PLEASE

For the safety of everyone do not let children exit vehicles on the road side of the car and do not park on yellow lines.

PLEASE

Be considerate to our neighbours by not turning into or parking in their driveways or blocking the entrance to their property.

PLEASE

Bellevue Kindergarten have asked us to remind you that school parents are asked to park on Link Road so that your children walk into the school, or to use the Bancroft Street entrance. Bellevue Kindy parents need access to their carparks for parents/whānau of their young learners.

PLEASE

A request from Newlands Buses - If you are parking in Link Road before and after school please be aware that it is a bus route and enough space needs to be left for buses to pass through. When two cars are parked on either side of the road, a bus is unable to get through the gap and is held up until the car owner returns to their car to leave.



PLEASE

Remember that children look at adults as role models for behaviour. By using the school Road Patrol Crossing you are helping all our students be safe. Please do not be tempted to cross outside this crossing area when the Road Patrols are on duty.

PLEASE

On very windy or blustery days, it is not safe for the Road Patrols to use the orange 'lolly-pop' signs as students may be dragged on to the road by the wind. On these windy days you will need to look closely at the Road Patrols as adults will use their arms instead of the signs to indicate that there are people crossing the road.



Wheels At School

We encourage our students to walk or ride their wheels to school as a great way to get some exercise at the beginning of the day. If your child is riding a scooter, skateboard or bike to school they must wear a helmet, also walk their wheels to and from the school gate, and along the footpaths. This is to prevent any nasty accidents with pedestrian (children and adults) walking to/from and within the school.



There is a scooter rack in the middle hard court area to store scooters during the day. Bikes need to be locked to the fence that runs behind the library and the staffroom. Children can ride their scooter on the hardcourt area roads at lunch breaks, but they may not ride bikes, skateboards or an other child's scooter in the grounds unless there is a special wheels day or event organised specifically for this.

Please help us remind students to wear their helmets; also to walk their wheels in the school grounds at all entry points to the school so that there are no accidents with pedestrians in the school.

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.



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.

It is very important that out of zone applications are received by the application deadline. The next round deadline is 9:00am Friday 5 June 2020, for enrolment from Saturday 4 July to Tuesday 15 December 2020. We cannot accept any out of zone applications if they are not received by the deadline advertised for the enrolment period your child is due to start school in. The deadline can sometimes be up to six months prior to your child actually starting school.

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...

The parents that are supervising Road patrols in the mornings and afternoons, especially as we have some concerns about driving in this area. Please see the notice earlier in the newsletter regarding this.

The families who have had a Strengthening catch-up meeting with their child's whānau teacher. We appreciate you making the time to attend these valuable meetings.

Rachael for the delicious rēwena bread and plum jam that you made for the staff.

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, Mathletics, 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



Kupu Hou (new word)

Hui = to gather, assemble, a meeting

Pronunciation = who-ee

E haere ana tātou ki te **hui** raranga.
We are going to the weaving *meeting*.



Mā te rangatira o te iwi te **hui** e tīmata ki te karakia.
The chief of the tribe will begin the meeting with the prayer

Kei te papa tuatoru te **hui** ā te ahiahi nei.
The *meeting* will be held on the third floor this afternoon.

E **hui** ana a Rama rāua ko Pita ki te pātaka kōrero.
Rama and Pita are *meeting* in the library.

Scholastic Bookclub

All orders are due in by Tuesday 18 February. Payment is either by cash, credit card (details on the bookclub form) or by cheque made out to Scholastic Book club. Please place your order in the locked box in the Office foyer.



Orders must be put in a sealed envelope with your child's name, room number and Scholastic book club written on the outside of the envelope.

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 whānau 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.



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 this Friday - ie: Friday 14 February.

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

Term Dates 2020

Student learning 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). Our first get together is tomorrow evening so bring a friend along and join us on **13 February** to have some fun while organising events to support your child's learning and school.



Library

Term 1 – Library News

Just a reminder that each student needs a waterproof book bag to carry library books to and from school ie: a waterproof book bag.



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

Looking forward to seeing you in the library everyone.

Sarah

School Lunches

We have the following lunch option available if you wish to order a school lunch for your child/ren:

Sushi lunches are available on Thursdays only by ordering online at - www.lunchonline.co.nz

Coronavirus Update

The Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, and other sector groups are keeping a very close watch on the rapidly changing 2019-nCoV (coronavirus) situation. Advice will be forthcoming should the situation require it.

Symptoms include fever, coughing, and difficulty breathing. (Note: difficulty breathing is a sign of possible pneumonia, and requires immediate medical attention.) These symptoms are similar to a range of other illnesses such as influenza, so their presence does not necessarily mean coronavirus is present.



Currently, the Ministry of Education is advising the following:

- As always, anyone who is unwell should not be at school.
- If a student still attends school while showing symptoms, principals can preclude them on the grounds that they might have a communicable disease (Section 19, Education Act). The student must stay away for the infectious period of the specific disease.
- Any staff member or student who has recently been to China, or has been in close contact with someone confirmed with coronavirus, should stay away from school for 14 days.

Other general advice given includes practising good hygiene:-

- Avoid very close 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>

If you have a particular concern about your child, please contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or your GP for medical advice. Healthline has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages, including staff who speak Mandarin and Cantonese.

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.

