



# Weekly Newsletter

27 May 2020 Whakapuputa mai o manuka kia kore ai e whati = Cluster the branches of the Manuka so they will not break

Term 2 - Issue 2

## Important Dates

Tuesday 2 June	Teacher Only Day <b>POSTPONED until later in the year. Date to be confirmed.</b>
Thursday 11 June	FUNdraisers Meeting - Whare Iti - 7pm
Tuesday 23 June	School Photo Day
Thursday 30 July	Board of Trustees meeting - 7:00pm in staffroom
Friday 3 July	End of Term 2
Monday 20 July	Start of Term 3

## 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

It is great to see so many of our students back at school and happy to be here. Over the past two weeks 83% of our students are back at school, 10% still engaged in Distance learning and 7% away due to illness or other reasons. It is fantastic to see their enthusiasm and ability to adapt to school routines after such a long period of learning from home.

We know that we owe a huge thanks to the wonderful parents/caregivers and whānau/families for the way that you prepared your child/ren for the return to school, and your assistance in developing/reinforcing their independence as they:- continue to walk from home, are dropped off a few blocks from school and walk from there, or when saying goodbye to you and walking into school from the gate. Many of our younger students have demonstrated increasing self management skills as they do this each day.

Until advised by the government to make changes at Alert Level 2, we will continue with the current protocols regarding:-

- Santising/washing hands, refraining from touching faces and coughing/sneezing into elbows.
- Cleaning and wiping heavy use areas eg: door handles, tables
- Restricting non-essential curriculum activity in and out of the school
- Restricting extra adults on the school site at this time.
- Physical distancing where possible
- Working in single cell classes and separate areas of the playground

Kia kaha and 🍌 have a great week everyone.

Nga mihi nui



A reminder that children are **not to be at school before 8:30am** unless they attend Kapai Kids 'Before School' programme in the hall. **Also we are staggering start and finish times for the first few weeks back at school.**

Arrival times are:-

- 8:30am - Hub 5 students (+ any younger siblings)
- 8:40am - Hub 3 + 4 students (+any younger siblings)
- 8:50am - Hub 1 + 2 students

## Welcome

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue.

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

Haydara Alhantosh in Room 13



## Assembly Dates

All assemblies **Cancelled until further notice**

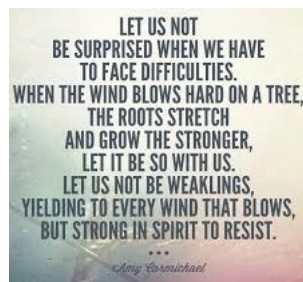
## Character Education

We continue to promote the value of Resilience or Manawaroa, which is 'the ability to overcome difficult experiences and be shaped positively by them'. Dr Rangan Chatterjee tells us that 'Our brains respond to the information around us, so resilience can be taught, modelled and nurtured at any age. By doing this, through strong support networks and encouraging communication, we can help young people understand when they feel down and know what they can do to make themselves feel better.'

Dr Chatterjee is a British physician, author, television presenter and podcaster best known for his TV show Doctor in the House, for being the resident doctor on BBC One's Breakfast Show and as a regular commentator on BBC Radio. He states that there are **six ways to raise a resilient child:-**

- Have one to one time with each child, without distractions
- Give sleep a chance
- Get out and exercise
- Teach delayed gratification
- Eat the alphabet
- Model gratitude

In the first of these ie: **Have one to one time with each child, without distractions** - he says that it does not have to be time carved out of an already hectic schedule. He suggests making bath time, car journeys, meals and queues and opportunity to chat, listen, talk about your feelings and encourage your child to express theirs. When these chats are regular (he says) your children know that they always have a space to open up.



## Kupu Hou (new word)

**Ua** = rain  
**Pronunciation** = oo-ah

E ua ana ki waho.  
It's *raining* outside.

Titiro ai au ki te ua.  
I watch the *rain*.

E whakamākūtia ana ngā kākahu e te ua.  
The clothes are being drenched by the *rain*.



## Thank you

### Special thanks to...

Those wonderful parents who continue to supervise students crossing the road on Bancroft Terrace. We really appreciate you volunteering your time to do this to help keep our students safe. Kia ora koutou.



## Scholastic Bookclub

All orders are due in by Thursday 18 June. 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.

## Welcoming Committee This week

To help welcome our students back there has been a special toy committee at the front gate each day to add a smile to the recently returned students faces. It is great to see more and more of our students returning to school each day. Kia ora koutou



Thursday's welcoming committee



Friday's welcoming committee on Fun Hair and Hat Day



Monday's welcoming committee



Tuesday's welcoming committee



Wednesday's welcoming committee

## Teacher Only Days - 2020

The local schools in Newlands have attempted to align Teacher Only Days where possible. Please take note of the change to these dates

### Teacher Only Days 2020

**Tuesday 28 April** - during lockdown

**Tuesday 2 June** - the Tuesday after Queens Birthday Weekend  
- now POSTPONED until later in the year. Date to be confirmed.

**Friday 23 October** - the Friday before Labour weekend



## School Gatherings

Unfortunately due to health and hygiene advice from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education we are not able to hold any larger scale events that involve mass gatherings or being in close proximity to others. Please note that this means we have postponed assemblies, pōwhiri, choir, our annual Matariki Evening celebration, production and travel for sporting and cultural events for the time being.

As we evolve new ways of working and connecting, we will let you know how we decide to welcome our new students and staff to Bellevue School in the interim.



## 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.



## Fun Friday Photos



Thanks everyone for finding or making a crazy hat or doing something crazy with your hair last Friday. It was fun to see what everyone had come up with, and made a good fun way to end the first week back at Alert Level 2.

The Student Council invites you to dress up again this Friday so that those kids who are just returning to school this week can have some fun together too. So let us all have a Fun Friday this week by dressing up.



# COVID-19 Update

The Ministry of Education have advised that there is currently no reason that children should not be going to school, unless they are unwell or have a compromised immune system (or someone in their family who has this). They have shared the following key messages to share with our communities:-

- The return to schools appears to have been smooth for most children and it is great to see how excited the students have been to get back to school and social routines
- They know some of our families are still feeling a bit anxious about sending their children back to school, which is understandable given everything we have been through these past two months
- It is really important children do return to school, not just for their education but also their health and wellbeing
- Instances of Covid-19 in NZ are very low and here in Wellington Region we have 0 cases, with the last case reported on 16 April
- They are aware of concerns out there that people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. The Ministry of Health has advised the Ministry of Education that there is no instance in New Zealand of someone spreading the virus without ever having symptoms
- Our schools are safe. Even though there is such a low risk of the virus getting in the school gates to start with, we will be keeping up our hygiene practices and other public health measures as an extra precaution for as long as we are at Alert Level 2

The Ministry of Education have also asked us to share with you that we are sending student attendance data to them weekly from 29 May. The purpose is to:

- report to the National Crisis Monitoring Centre and government on levels of attendance during the COVID-19 period
- inform and support Ministry planning for students and schools returning to normal operation, and
- evaluate and report on the effectiveness of initiatives implemented by the Ministry to respond and manage its response to COVID-19.

If a case of Covid-19 appears in a school, then the Ministry of Education, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, will track, trace and manage the contacts of the individual with the help of the school community. A school may be closed for several days whilst this happens and the school is cleaned.



Other links for you to find current information are:-

<https://www.ccdhb.org.nz/your-health/covid-19-how-you-can-look-after-yourself/>

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

If you have any concerns you can ring Healthline (for free) on a new dedicated 0800 number specifically for health-related calls about COVID-19 which is [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) at any time. If you have developed symptoms of fever, cough or shortness of breath then seek medical advice by phoning the Healthline number dedicated for COVID-19 or contact your GP, including phoning ahead of your visit.

## School Payments

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](https://ird.govt.nz/donations).



## Yummy Apple Stickers



A reminder to please collect these stickers from apples and the voucher from bags of 'Yummy Apples' for our school.

Thank you for thinking of us each time that you save these stickers and vouchers for PE equipment.



## Dress Up Day

On Friday the 29th of May we are having a dress up day. You can dress up in anything! For example you could dress up like your favourite animal, favourite movie/book character, favourite colour and more.

We are doing this for fun so you do not need to dress up if you do not want to or if you do not have anything to dress up in.

