



Weekly Newsletter

16 September 2020

Me whakamātua = We work hard to achieve together.

Term 3 - Issue 9

Important Dates

POSTPONED until 2021	Mobile Dental Van visit
Friday 18 September	Nominations close at noon for BOT By-election
26 Sept - 11 Oct	Term Break
Monday 12 Oct	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 15 Oct	NZ 'Shake Out' drill/practise
Thursday 22 Oct	School Disco
Friday 23 October	Teacher Only day
Tuesday 10 Nov	Whole School Evacuation/ Reunification practise

Assembly Dates

Friday 18 Sept	No Assembly
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From The Principal's Desk



Kia ora, Nameste, Talofa, Kia orana, 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 NZSL your language if this is not here)

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa - Greetings to you all!

We would like to begin this week's newsletter with some sad news for us at Bellevue. You may have noticed that Karen has been away from school over the past few weeks. This is due to a family bereavement and supporting family members in the South Island at this time. Our thoughts are with her and with her family.

On a more positive note, Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori or Māori Language Week is here and we have been celebrating in style! Have a read of the Kapa Haka group's piece about our whole school singing (in different spaces) the waiata Kia Mau Ki Tō Ūkaipō / Don't Forget Your Roots by Six60 for the Māori Language Moment on Monday. This has been put together as a video so look out for it on your child's Seesaw page.

Yesterday Hub 4 and 5 had free cricket sessions from #CricketBack run by Wellington Cricket. These sessions included a focus on fundamental movement skills, student hauora and opportunities to further engage with cricket in their local community. We also have an exciting week ahead of us with two visiting shows - 'Ngake and Whāitaitai' (part of the Wellington Waste Heroes programme), which is being performed to Hubs 3-5 this term and The Elgrego Values show that is for the whole school on Monday.

It was exciting to check in with Hub 4 this week and see their wonderful Black Out Poetry (soon to be on Seesaw for families to read). The students were really engaged in carefully selecting words to create a sentence which was very effective in portraying a particular mood. Then they decorated the blacked out area with patterns that fitted with the theme of their poem. The students said; 'I really enjoyed working with detail to create my background pattern' - Hadia, 'I had to use my metacognition - thinking carefully about what I am doing and what I am going to do' - Emily.

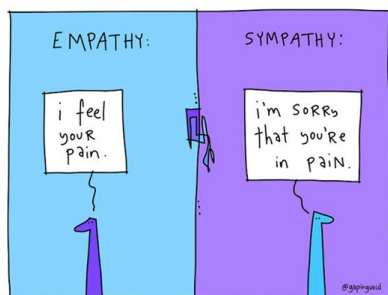
Finally this is our last reminder for those of you who wish to give feedback on any aspect of our Health and PE Curriculum. Please follow the link included later in this newsletter to our biannual Health and PE Survey (Google Form). This survey closes at 4pm on Friday.

Noho ora mai

Annette & Anne



Character Education



As we continue to work our way through Level 2 as a country, at Bellevue we continue to focus on nurturing empathy, manaakitanga or aroha. Empathy is much deeper than sympathy, as we aim to understand how others are feeling and what they are going through while being in a heightened state ourselves. You will have noticed that many businesses like banks, shops and supermarkets have reminders that their staff are there to help serve you, but also to treat them kindly and with understanding.

We continue to work with students and adults in our community to encourage them to consider others—even when they are feeling stressed, hassled and anxious themselves.

Thank you for continuing to encourage your children to do this, and modelling these behaviours to our children too.

Kupu Hou (new word)

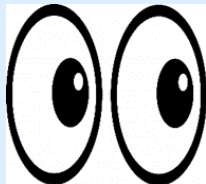
Today marks 45 years since the first Te Wiki o te reo Māori was held. It is a time to celebrate, promote and encourage use of te reo – it is also a prompt that every time we use te reo we contribute to its revitalisation.

kite(a) = see, find
pronunciation = Kee- the (ah)

Kua kitea e koe? Ko te aha? Ko tāku waea pūkoro?
Have you *seen* it? What? My cell phone?

Kei te kite koe i ngā manu rā?
Can you *see* those birds?

Ka kite ā te pō nei!
See [you] tonight!



Thank you

Special thanks to...

Jenny George and the team at Wellington Cricket for organising #CricketBack.

Rachael Cobham and Isabel Bridgman for their leadership of the Kapa Haka group and the school contribution to the Māori Language Moment on Monday and Megan Walters for so expertly putting the video together.

All our teachers and staff for the commitment they have shown (and continue to show) in supporting both the logistics and learning under the current health and safety restrictions.

To New World, Newlands for donating a wooden Kit-Set Garden and 10 bags of potting mix for the children to enjoy planting and growing some seedlings.

Emergency Evacuation

National Shake Out Practise

New Zealand National Emergency Management Agency promotes a National Shake Out Practise every year. This year it is taking place at 9:30am on Thursday 15 October. Wherever you are during New Zealand Shake Out, you can take part in the drill. Just Drop, Cover and Hold for up to one minute, and if you are in a coastal area they suggest also practising your tsunami hīkoi.



National Emergency Management Agency
Te Rākau Whakamarumaru

Bellevue Annual Whole School Evacuation + Reunification practice

This year this practice will take place on **Tuesday 10 November**. On this day there is an 'emergency scenario' which is announced through a text message to you during the day. You will be alerted so that you or one of your Emergency Release Adults comes to collect your child/ren from school.

Health & Physical Education Survey

Please follow the link below to a Google Form online survey to help us review our programmes to check they meet the needs of our children. If you would prefer to do this on a hard copy, please contact the office and one will be sent home with your child. **Please note the final date to complete the survey and forward it to school is 4:00pm on Friday 18 September.** Many thanks to those parents who have already completed this survey.

The link: <https://forms.gle/CcenyJ9mPfK7JYwN8> (you may need to copy and paste this link into your browser).

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 30 October 2020, for enrolment from Wednesday 16 December 2020 to Friday 9 July 2021. 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.

Phone 478 7037

COVID-19 Test and Treatment

The Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education have asked us to share the following information with our staff and parents/whānau.

COVID-19 related care – including diagnosis, testing and treatment – is provided and free of charge to anyone who requires it, who has symptoms.

This is irrespective of citizenship, visa status, nationality or level of medical insurance coverage. The **only time a person should be charged** is when they ask for a test in order to enter another country.

Covid Information - Parent Website

The Ministry of Education has a parent website which has further information about COVID-19 alert levels for parents and whānau. It will be regularly updated as they get new information.

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.



Sports News

Netball:

Hurricanes won against Khandallah Plutos 4-2 POD whole team
Cyclones lost against St Brigids Silver Stars 12-15 POD Josie
Storm won against CPS Cheetahs 10-1 POD Neve
Thunder lost against Newlands 1-4 POD Arthulya
Tsunami won against Churton Park Bolts POD William



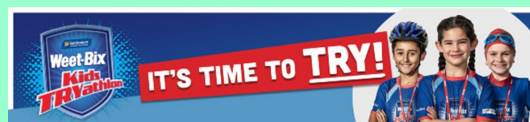
Miniball:

Notices for Miniball are due back on Wednesday 16 September. Thank you to Lisa Holden who will take over the coordination of Miniball. Lisa will be getting in contact with coaches and managers going forward. Thank you Lisa.

Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon

Registrations for Weetbix Tryathlon 2021 are now open. Follow the link to register your child(ren)

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=40601&G=118256>



Fundraisers Update

Book Fair

Postponed until 2021. Please start putting any surplus 'as new' books that are in good condition aside at your home. The Fundraisers will call for these to be donated/brought to the school early next year.



Entertainment Book Memberships

Available throughout the year. You can purchase at entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1g04109. The school receives at least \$14 for each book sold.

Calendars and Cards

Your child/ren's artworks are on these products. Calendar artwork will be uploaded on to Seesaw for parents to view from 11 September. Order forms have been sent home to all families and **orders are due in this Friday, 18 September**. Prices remain the same as last year ie: \$13 for calendars, \$14 for cards, \$17 for diaries, \$15 for computer mouse mats, \$13 for sketch pads.

Warehouse Stationery - Support Your School

Please nominate our school when you purchase items at Warehouse Stationery. This gives the school bonus points that enable us to 'purchase' items for student use.

Pizza Fundraiser

We are running a fundraising Pizza lunch on the last Friday of the term - **Friday 25 September**.

Order forms were sent home with students on **Monday 14 September** and must be returned to school by **9:00am this Friday, 18 September**.



Payment can either be with cash or an online payment to the school account. Please note that if you are paying cash the exact amount needs to be included with your order as change will not be given. If paying online you will still need to return your child's order form to the office.



Thank you to the wonderful parents who process these orders and those who deliver them to the children who have ordered them on Pizza Friday.

Maths Support

We have received feedback that it would be helpful to have some information around supporting learners with their Mathematics at home. At times we have run evening workshops to address this with our families. We are aware that this type of support may be helpful and we are currently considering ways we might offer this (when we are not restricted by the current Health and Safety requirements).

In the meantime you may find these links helpful -

- <https://nzmaths.co.nz/key-mathematical-ideas> - Click on the keys, it will take you to a page with written examples of what particular strategies 'look like'
- <https://nzmaths.co.nz/families-and-whānau> - a broader picture of supporting your child at home with Maths
- <https://assessment.tki.org.nz/Reporting-to-parents-whanau/Examples-and-templates/How-parents-and-whanau-can-help-at-home/Mathematics> - as link above



Board of Trustees' By-Election 2020

Nominations are invited for the election of one parent representative to the Board of Trustees.

Nomination forms have been posted to all eligible voters. You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close **at noon this Friday, 18 September 2020** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school office. Voting closes at **noon on Friday 9 October 2020**.

Signed Amanda Beauchamp,
Returning Officer



Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori language week)

This week in Kapa Haka it was Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori language week). Te reo Māori language week is one week in the year to celebrate our special culture (that does not mean that we can't speak te reo Māori other times!). Bellevue School celebrated by participating in Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori. It's when the organisation tries to get one million people from all over the country to participate and speak te reo Māori at 12pm on Monday. Bellevue School helped by singing Kia Mau Ki Tō Ūkaipō. The six60 song 'Don't Forget Your Roots' translated into te reo Māori. We got the whole school to sing it at 12pm on Monday. On Monday morning we had a total of 700,000 people participating in Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori so hopefully we got 300,000 people in 6 hours. It's important to participate in Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori to remind us to value this language and keep it alive. Bellevue School is proud to be participating in Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. Here are some pictures of our Kapa Haka group singing on Monday.

Leo Sargeant and Zoe Holden (Kapa Haka members)



School Disco - Thursday 22 October

It's time to get your disco shoes on!

On Thursday 22 October, we will be having an awesome Bellevue School disco. For Hubs 1, 2 and 3, arrive at 6:30pm and the disco will finish at 7:15pm. For Hubs 4 and 5, arrive at 7:30pm and leave at 8:30pm.

Tickets can be purchased from the office (use the form on the letter that came home) for \$5.00 each and will also be available on the door. Each ticket comes with 2 free glow sticks!

Look forward to seeing you there!

Student Council



Upcoming School Disco - clarification

On the letter that has come home advertising the tickets for our school disco (Thursday 22nd October) we have neglected to include an option for online payment. This is possible - please simply ensure that you reference your online payment with your child's name and 'Disco' so that it is clear.

We have had some queries regarding parent/sibling attendance at the two discos and wish to clarify this. At the Year 1-3 disco (6:30pm - 7:15pm) parents and families are most welcome to attend and do not need to purchase additional tickets. At the Year 4-6 disco, however, we ask that you drop your child off at 7:30pm and collect them at 8:30pm. Please be patient with us as we try to connect each child with their parent at the end of the evening.

COVID-19 Update

A reminder - things you need to know about Alert Level 2 for schools

1. Schools are open to everyone, and all children must attend.

At Alert Level 2 the disease is contained but there is still risk of community transmission. It is safe for children and staff to attend school as there are appropriate measures in place, including for children and staff vulnerable to severe illness.

2. Learning will be onsite with distance learning offered in some circumstances.

Distance learning is provided for those required to self-isolate, those individuals who health authorities have asked to stay away while waiting for a test result, or those choosing to remain at home because they are vulnerable to illness.

3. A range of events and activities can go ahead.

However the school must be able to meet usual health and safety requirements and the specific public health requirements for COVID-19 for Alert Level 2. This means that non-essential adults are not allowed access to the school site.

4. Schools will close for cleaning and contact tracing if there is a confirmed case who was infectious when at school.

Our Director of Education will work closely with us and health authorities should this occur. The school would contact the Ministry regional office if there is a confirmed case in our school community as advised by health officials.

5. Face coverings are not required at school or on any school transport.

This includes charter buses hired by the school to transport students and staff. Anyone who chooses to wear a face covering in any setting should be supported to do so.

6. Sick people must stay at home.

They should seek medical advice if they have COVID-like symptoms and get tested if advised to do so. If that person displays relevant symptoms of COVID-19, tests positive for COVID-19, or has been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, they must self-isolate.

7. Schools must have a contact tracing system in place.

This includes displaying QR code posters at our entrances, our timetable, attendance register and visitor register.

8. Fundamental public health measures continue to apply at every alert level:

- Physical distancing (not touching and not breathing on each other at Alert Level 2)

- Hand hygiene

- Cough and sneeze etiquette

- Regularly cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces.

9. Think and plan carefully before going ahead with any activity that brings a large number of students together and/or spectators are involved.

Some events may need to be cancelled or postponed while the country remains at Alert Level 2.

10. The Ministry regional office team provides support for schools to ensure Health and Safety is adhered to at each COVID-19 level.





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