



Weekly Newsletter

14 October 2020

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

Term 4 - Issue 1

Important Dates

Thursday 15 October	Board of Trustees meeting - 7:00pm
Friday 16 October	Pink Shirt Day
Thursday 22 October	School Council Disco Year 1-3 6:30 - 7:15pm, Year 4-6 7:30—8:30am
Thursday 22 October	Fundraiser's Meeting - Whare Iki - 7pm
Friday 23 October	Teacher Only Day - School closed for instruction
Monday 26 October	Labour Day - School closed
Tuesday 10 November	Whole School Evacuation /Reunification
Thursday 12 November	Powhiri for new students - 10:45 am
Thursday 12 November	Fundraiser's Meeting - Whare Iki - 7pm
Thursday 19 November	Board of Trustees meeting - staffroom - 7:00pm
Friday 13 November	Fundraiser's Sausage Sizzle Lunch
25 - 27 November	School Camp week for Hub 5
Wednesday 11 December	End of Year written reports come home

From The Principal's Desk



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)

NZSL

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone. We hope you had an enjoyable break with your tamariki over the school holiday period. It is great to see our students and staff back on site refreshed and ready for another term of learning - and at Level 1! We are hopeful that this lasts for the term so that we can come together for our usual end of year events at school and across the country. Please be aware that Term 4 has a busy calendar so we ask that you take note of the important dates in each newsletter. Also we appreciate your understanding that we endeavour to keep you informed of what is coming up, and that the staff are extremely busy with end of year requirements while also working to plan for 2021 during this final term in the academic year.

Next Thursday is the Student Council's annual school disco. Annette and the School Council have been busy organising this over the last few weeks of Term 3, so hope that your children can make it along for a fun night. Please note that children need to be delivered to and collected from the hall. No student is to be outside the hall unsupervised during this time, and children will be released to their parents/pick up adults from the hall. Due to after school care and setting up requirements, children cannot enter the hall until the start time for each of these Discos ie: Hubs 1 - 3 Disco starts from 6.30 - 7.15pm and Hubs 4 and 5 starts from 7.30 - 8.30pm.

Have a great week,

Nga mihi nui

Karen and the Bellevue School team



Term 4 Assembly Dates

Friday 30 October	Assembly led by Hub 2
Friday 13 November	Assembly led by Hub 1
Friday 27 November	Assembly by Hub 3
Friday 11 December	Presentations - 2.10pm
Tues 15 December	Final Assembly - 11.30am

WELCOME

Haere mai ki te kura o Bellevue

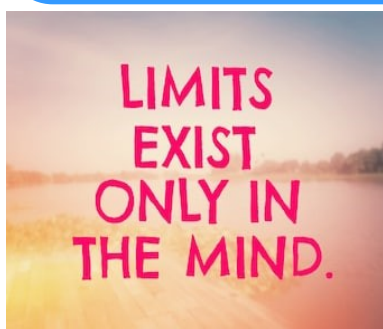
Welcome to the following students and their families/whānau. It is great to have you in Bellevue School's Learning Community.

Millin Yang, Liam Lee, Kaveesha Srivastava and Becky Ma to Room 4.

Bradley Ma to Room 10/11B



Character Education



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Māia or Confidence is the value we are promoting and developing further understanding about in Term 4.

We continually encourage students to give everything a try, and to do their best. As we work at developing a 'Growth Mindset' (Carol Dweck), we know that we can learn if we are open to doing new things and making mistakes. It is helpful to remind ourselves that anything we can not do... we just cannot do it YET! Mistakes and unknown things are just opportunities for new learning.

So please encourage your child/ren to keep trying new things, remind them that making mistakes is a necessary part of learning... and support them to meet new challenges head on ie: with confidence.

Kupu Hou (new word)

As you practise this weeks word, remember that each time we use te reo we contribute to its revival.

Reri = to be ready

pronunciation = rare-ree

Kua reri te kai!
The food is ready!



Thank you

Special thanks to...

everyone for your efforts and support towards raising funds for the Jubilee Corner improvement to our grounds to further support our students learning and development. Thanks also for understanding the need to limit access from the Link Road pathway to the lower level of the school to ensure safety for everyone while this work is taking place. We cannot wait until the work is complete and the children can use this area again.



Teacher Only Day - Term 4

Friday 23 October 2020

School is closed for instruction as staff are undertaking important First Aid training that day



Emergency Preparedness

New Zealand ShakeOut

Bellevue School is taking part in the New Zealand ShakeOut, which is the national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi **tomorrow, 15 October at 9:30pm**. Taking part is a great way for our school to learn and reinforce the right actions to take before, during and after an earthquake and tsunami.

This is the chance to practise your - DROP, COVER and HOLD - at home and if you are living close to the coast, then a tsunami hīkoi (evacuation) too. Currently 16% of the Wellington population is registered for Shakeout, but Wellington Emergency Services is inviting more people to take part.

What is New Zealand ShakeOut and tsunami hīkoi?

ShakeOut is held across the world to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake — Drop, Cover and Hold — and to practise a tsunami hīkoi (evacuation) if in a coastal area. Bellevue School will be participating in this ShakeOut event, and holding the annual Whole School Emergency Evacuation and Reunification drill on Tuesday 10 November.

Emergency Evacuation

Bellevue Whole School Emergency Evacuation and Reunification drill is taking place on Tuesday 10 November this year. Each year we participate in this exercise to practise what would happen should there be a need to evacuate the school. It enables us to try our procedures, review these and improve our safety practices.

On the day you will be notified of the need to evacuate via a telephone alert, or call from a member of our community who has already received the alert. However, in a significant earthquake you would not need to be contacted as you would know immediately that there was a need for you or one of the 'emergency release adults' listed on our school records to collect your child. **Please ensure that you have checked that all your listed Emergency Evaluation adults are current before 10 November as they are the only ones authorised to leave the school with your child.**

Road Patrols - Term 4



Our wonderful Road Patrol students are on duty again before and after school this term. You may notice that currently there are four students on patrols. This is because our amazing Year 6 Road Patrollers are assisting Constable Dan with training the Year 5 students who have volunteered to be on Road Patrols in 2021. Kia ora koutou.



We **urgently require** help for our Road Patrol team in Term 4. We are on the hunt for more adults who can **support our students in the mornings from 8.25 - 9:00am**. At present the leadership team is covering four mornings each week which is an extra load.

If you are available any day of the week for morning duty and would be willing to help our student leaders keep our tamariki safe as they journey to school, please get in touch **asap**.

Please contact Deeann Daniels by giving the office a call or email deeann@bellevue-newlands.school.nz

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 on (04) 478 7037 or come into the school office and talk to Amanda.

Sausage Sizzle

The last Sausage Sizzle for the year is on:

Friday 13 November



Order forms will be sent home on Monday 2 November and all orders will be due in on Friday 6 November by 9:00am.

Library News

A big thanks to some of our Librarians for the great job they did in doing our Puzzle stock-take at the end of last term.



Organisation for 2021

At this time of year schools are looking at the number of children likely to be in each year level at the beginning of next year, to make decisions about class organisation and placement for the following year.

At Bellevue we aim to assemble whānau classes and learning hubs that best provide for all our students' learning. The number of classes we start the year with is dependent on the staffing entitlement received from the Ministry of Education, which is based on the number of students we have in the school. Currently we are looking at how classes/hubs are to be arranged for the beginning of 2021.

When looking at class composition, the challenge for schools is to assess each child's needs and to meet these, regardless of which whānau room they are in or the mix of year groups. The focus is on the quality of teaching to support student's learning, and we are very fortunate to have a team of excellent teachers here at Bellevue School.

Please note that there are many important factors taken into consideration when placing students in classes. These include:-

- * Individual needs and achievement
- * Peer relationships
- * Learning groups and friendship groups
- * Age and year group
- * Gender balance and number of students
- * Siblings in adjoining years

Whilst this can make the task a challenging one, we are committed to making the most appropriate placement after all these factors have been considered.

If there are any factors you believe need to be considered for your child's learning when placing your child next year, please contact the school over the next two weeks. This year we ask that you do this by responding to the Google Form invite in this <https://forms.gle/M8UIYUTFUVJoFiVM8> (NB: You may need to copy and paste the link into your browser). If you are unable to do this electronically, there are some hard copy forms available at the office for you to fill in.

Please note

You need to pass on any considerations for your child's learning before 9:00am on Friday 23 October for these factors to be taken into account.

While we will do our best to provide the best possible learning arrangement for your child's learning, we are often unable to cater for every factor that you share with us.

BELL Home Learning Challenge

Many students have been working away all year on the Bellevue BELL Home Learning Challenge. Finished portfolios showing evidence for all completed challenges need to be brought in and shared with your classroom teachers by **Monday 16 November**.

Every completed challenge needs to be signed off by the student, parent and teacher.



Help

Your Help Please

Please **do not** do a U-turn in the area where the Road Patrollers are on duty, or turn into driveways to turn around in Bancroft Terrace.



For the safety of all our students and their whānau, please drive to the top of Bancroft Terrace to turn around or alternatively drop your children on Kenmore Street and have them walk the short distance up Bancroft Terrace to school or on Link Road to walk alongside the kindergarten to enter the school grounds. Thanks.

Please

Be considerate to Kindergarten parents by not parking on the road or footpath leading up to the Kindergarten or using the carparks outside the Kindergarten entrance. Please park on Link Road instead so that your children walk into the school, or use the Bancroft Street entrance.

Hub 1 Chinese Lanterns

In the last newsletter of last term we mentioned Hub 1's work on Chinese Lanterns and learning Mandarin for Chinese Language Week. Here is a photo of the fantastic finished results!



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 this term they will need to work and play under the covered veranda areas on fine days.



Safety and Admin.

Absences - If your child is going to be away from school or will be in late please remember to ring the school to let us know before 9:00am and advise us of the reason. This is a safeguard against them going missing on the way to school and an explanation of the reason is a requirement for official Ministry of Education records.

Medical Appointments - Should your child need to attend a medical appointment during school time, the office is required to sight proof (eg: text, email, appointment slip) of this appointment as verification for Ministry of Education attendance records.

Pink Shirt Day - 'Operation Pink'



The Student Council invites all staff, students and families/whānau to 'Operation Pink' **this Friday** 16 October. We encourage our staff, students and families to join New Zealanders to celebrate Pink Shirt Day and stand together to take action against bullying.

Pink Shirt Day is celebrated annually around the world. It began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, mobilising their whole school after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt.

Pink Shirt Day aims to encourage schools, workplaces and communities to create a world where people feel safe, valued and respected. Pink Shirt Day is lead by the Mental Health Foundation with support from: The Peace Foundation, Rainbow YOUTH, Inside OUT, New Zealand Post Primary Teachers Association, Youth-line and Family Works.

Our school is encouraging everyone to take part by wearing pink for the day, and thinking about how we can work together to prevent bullying - especially in our learning community but also in the wider community. So look out those pink shirts, shoes, wigs, hats and other clothing to join in supporting diversity in our learning community and other communities on Friday 16 October.



Please note that **we are NOT collecting any money as part of this day**. Our focus is on raising awareness and knowledge of how to celebrate diversity and prevent bullying.

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 last term) 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



Sports Notices

Bellevue School Athletics Day

Athletics Day on Wednesday 14 October was cancelled due to the field being too wet to use, and the predicted wet weather for Wednesday. We have now attempted to hold this event twice and the results for Northern Zone are due next Friday. There is no further postponement date due to other commitments in the school.

In an instance like this where we are unable to run an event to get trials/results for a Northern Zone competition, we use the results/information from the previous year. This means for 2020 we will only enter Year 5 and Year 6 teams in the Northern Zone Athletics. In the future Year 3 students will compete and have results recorded for our school athletics event so that if we are in this situation in the future we can enter Year 4, 5 and 6 students.

As a school we are aware and understand that some students will be disappointed that they will be unable to compete. We have had a discussion with students in their morning hui about this and also the need for understanding/ resilience when things do not go according to plan. Learning to manage disappointments is an important life skill for us all.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our tamariki and the school when situations like this arise.