



Weekly Newsletter

11 November 2020

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

Term 4 - Issue 5

Important Dates

Wednesday 11 November	Christmas Tree now in the foyer ready for Pack the Bus and Newlands Community House gifts to be placed under.
Thursday 12 November	Powhiri for new students - 10:45 am
Thursday 12 November	Fundraiser's Meeting - Whare Iri - 7pm
Friday 13 November	FUNdraiser's Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Monday 16 November	Bell Challenge activities to be shared with whānau teacher by end of today
Thursday 19 November	Board of Trustees meeting - staffroom - 7:00pm
Thursday 19 November	Hearing /Vision Technician visiting
25 - 27 November	School Camp week for Hub 5
Friday 4 December	FUNdraiser's Pizza Lunch
Wednesday 9 December	End of Year written reports come home
Friday 11 December	Helpers Morning Tea - 10:30 - 11:30am
Friday 11 December	Presentations Assembly - 2:15pm
Monday 14 December	Year 6 Leavers Dinner and Disco
Tuesday 15 December	Final assembly - 11:15am Last Day of School - 12:30pm finish

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)

Our amazing students and their teachers are currently adding the summary of progress to written reports that are coming home to you on Wednesday 9 December. It is exciting to see students reflecting on their learning, talking about their successes and what they are doing to improve their learning. It is especially significant to see them appreciating the learning they do at home, outside the classroom walls and after hours. Our teachers and adults in the school reinforce with students that learning occurs in many different places and contexts; also that it is a life-long journey. We want them to know that they can learn new skills and knowledge at any age and in many different places. It is great to know that we can have fun, also keep finding things that we are good at as we get older and leave school too.

Thank you everyone for your support when we were forced to cancel yesterday's annual Emergency Evacuation and Reunification drill due to possible risks to Health and Safety with the stormy weather. Please be assured that we have our students safety and well-being at the front and central in all decisions made in the school. The annual Emergency and Reunification Practise will take place again in 2021.

Have a great week,

Nga mihi nui

Karen and the Bellevue School team



Character Education

Māia or Confidence is about not being held back with fears or doubts. When we feel worried or uncertain we think positively, be brave and work through this. We try new things, know that we can learn new skills and discover what we are best at. We trust that things will work and we can do great things.

By encouraging child/ren to be brave, try things and work through any fears or doubts, they will become more confident in their ability to do this. Please continue to help your child/ren to think positively and use a 'Growth Mindset'. It is Ok to feel fear, so help them to name their fear and let it go so that they can try new things.

Remember ...

"We can not escape fear. We can only transform it into a companion that accompanies us on all our exciting adventures: - Susan Jefferies

"Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right."

- Henry Ford

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You can start dropping gifts for Pack the Bus and Newlands Community House to the foyer now



Term 4 Assembly Dates

Friday 13 November	Assembly led by Hub 1 - 2:15pm
Friday 27 November	Assembly by Hub 3 - 2:15pm
Friday 11 December	Presentations - 2:10pm
Tues 15 December	Final Assembly - 11:30am

Kupu Hou (new word)

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

aro^{ha}(ina,tia) = love
pronunciation = ah-ror-ha (eena, tea-ah)

Ka nui taku **aro^{ha}** mōu, e te tau!
I love you very much, my darling!

Kei te **aro^{ha}** te whaea ki tāna tamaiti.
The mother loves her child.

NB: aro^{ha} always takes 'ki' rather than 'i'.

Kei te **arohaina** te tamaiti e tōna whaea.
The child is *loved* by his mother.



Sausage Sizzle

The last Sausage Sizzle for the year is on this Friday ie:

Friday 13 November

Orders closed last Friday. A huge thank you to the parents who count and organise the orders, to Mandy and Shona the cooks, also the teachers and student leaders who help distribute them on the day.



Pizza Lunch

There is a fundraising Pizza lunch on **Friday 4 December**.

Order forms will be sent home with students on **Monday 16 November** and must be returned to school by **9am on Friday 20 November**. The forms are going out earlier than normal due to Hub 5 being on camp the week before Pizza day.

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



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 **next Monday** ie **Monday 16 November**.

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



Thank you

Special thanks to...

Neve, Leo, Zac and Kendra from Hub 5 for putting up our Christmas tree.

Beverley Warwick for help, suggestions and the loan of tools for Hub 5 Enterprise Inquiry.

Sarah Elton and Megan Walters for taking such fantastic photos at our disco.

THANK YOU!

Library Donations

In previous years, some families of Year 6 leavers, and others leaving Bellevue School, have wished to mark their time here by donating a book to the library.

We are holding a number of fiction, non-fiction and picture books suitable for a wide range of ages and interests. We make these available for donation at about half the retail price. The cost to donors ranges from about \$5.00 - \$20.00.

A library donation plate showing the name(s) of the donor will be placed in front of the book which will be available for borrowing by the donor after cataloguing and covering.

If you wish to make a donation to the library in this way, the books may be viewed at the school office from Tuesday 17th November.



Puzzle Completed!

Our puzzlers have been at it again.

This time they tackled a 1000 piece puzzle over five weeks... the first time this puzzle has been completed.

Congratulations Anna, Neve, Jasmyne, Bella and Pippa.



Emergency Drill

Thank you for updating your contact details and Emergency Release Adults with the school. Please continue to do this whenever these change throughout the year.

Thanks also for your understanding about the need to cancel the 2020 Emergency Evacuation and Reunification practice yesterday. Again, please accept our apologies for any inconvenience that may have occurred for you. While we usually go ahead with this important practice in any weather, the forecasted stormy conditions posed some possible Health and Safety concerns so we did not wish to place any of our students, staff or community at risk yesterday.

Please be assured that our emergency processes are in place should the need arise to use these and that we will be carrying out the annual whole school Emergency Evacuation and Reunification practice again in 2021.

Congratulations

On Saturday 31 October, Kooper represented his Maori culture and played for Te Awa Kairangi U10s Rugby League team in the first Youth Pacific Cup Tournament.

On a very cold wet day the U10 grade was up against 6 other great teams. Te Awa Kairangi came away with the 1st place trophy.

What an awesome achievement!



Newlands Park Upgrade

Wellington City Council have advised the school that the construction for Newlands Park upgrade is scheduled to begin in late Nov/early December. The works will include both the top field and bottom field. Both will be closed to the public while construction is carried out. They anticipate that the top field will reopen in late March 2021 and the lower field in May 2021.

Please note that if your child usually walks to and from school via Newlands Park then they will have to take an alternative route during these times.

We are hopeful that access to the lower level of our school will be reopened before the work is undertaken at Newlands Park.

Kapa Haka Group

A special thank you to our amazing Kapa Haka group who shared their performance with the school last Friday. It was wonderful to see the māia and skills that they demonstrated during this performance. Kia ora koutou.



Thanks also to Rachael Cobham and Isabel Bridgman who have taken the responsibility for Kapa Haka in the school this year. It is wonderful to see our teachers do this when there is an absence of kaiako to support students with Kapa Haka in schools. Kia ora korua.

Term Dates 2021

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(coordinated with four local Newlands Primary Schools)

Before Term Starts:

Includes:-

Thurs/Friday 28 and 29 January - Teacher Only Days

Tuesday 2 February - Strengthening Families/Whānau meetings

Term 1:

Wednesday 3 February – Friday 16 April

Includes:-

Waitangi Day Observance - Monday 8 February

Easter Friday 2 - Tuesday 6 April

Term 2:

Monday 3 May – Friday 9 July

Includes:-

Teacher Only Day – Friday 4 June

Queens Birthday – Monday 7 June



Term 3:

Monday 26 July – Friday 1 October

Term 4:

Monday 18 October – Wednesday 15 December

Includes:-

Teacher Only Day – Friday 22 October

Labour Day – Monday 25 October

Scholastic Book club

Due date for orders is tomorrow, Thursday - 12

November. Payment is either by cash, credit card (details on the book club 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 Board Meeting

The next School Board meeting is at 7:00pm in the staffroom on Thursday 19 November.



Jubilee Corner Playground Landscaping



If you have not been in school lately or made your way down to the lower level of our grounds you may not have noticed the progress being made on landscaping the area known as the Jubilee Corner.

We are very excited to see this area coming together and can not wait until the topsoil is on, the grass seed has grown and our students can once again use this area of the school.

Sports Notices

Miniball Results:

Thunder lost. POD: Lexi-Lee Preston

Hurricanes lost 40-41. POD: Mana

Storm lost to Lightning 35-50. Storm POD: Phoebe. Lightning POD: Lewis.

Weetbix 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>



Shingles in Community

We have been advised by a parent at our school that their child has shingles. Shingles is a painful rash made up of small blisters that develops on one side of the face, body or head.

Please note - you cannot catch shingles directly from someone else. Please be aware, however that if you have never had chickenpox, or received the chickenpox vaccine, you can catch chickenpox from close contact with someone who has shingles, because the shingles blisters contain the chickenpox virus.

Symptoms of chickenpox include - fever, aches/pains, tiredness, headaches or runny nose. If your child displays any of these symptoms please keep them at home and contact your doctor.



Attendance Matters

Research indicates that school attendance relates directly to student achievement. The Ministry of Education asks schools to remind parents/whānau that every day a child misses school, it impacts on their learning. They continue to collect data from schools each term to monitor the level of school attendance in our school and countrywide.

Due to Covid-19, this year has been a very challenging one to promote full attendance in schools. Bellevue School End of Year reports show your child's attendance in the form of a pie-chart. If your child has attended less than 90% in past years we have sent a reminder note in with their report. As it has been an unprecedented year in 2020, there will not be a reminder notice in with your child's report this year.

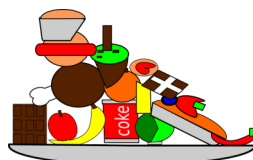
However, should your child's attendance be under 90%, please be aware that under normal circumstances this is an alert to remind us to check in with families/whānau as repeated absences have an impact on student learning achievement and outcomes.



Helpers Morning Tea

At the end of each year the staff and school put together a special morning tea to thank all our wonderful parents/whānau, agencies and outside community members who have supported the students, staff and school during the year. If you have helped out in any way eg: transporting students, working in class, supervising at trips/camp then please diary this date now, Friday 11 December from 10:30 - 11:30 am for morning tea in the school hall.

Although we will be sending individual invites out electronically very soon (as we did last year) please take this as an invite to everyone who has supported the school throughout the year. Last year there were a couple of errors in email addresses and some people who helped out got upset that they did not receive a personal invite. Therefore, if for any reason you do not receive this invite over the next two weeks, please RSVP to the school office if you are attending the Helpers' Morning Tea on that final Friday of Term 4.



Pack the Bus and Newlands Community House

The Student Council are joining with the City Mission and The Breeze again this year to think of others less fortunate at Christmas. **Student council would also like to provide support for the Newlands Community House - please indicate on the label of your gift if you would like it to go to Wellington City Mission OR Newlands Community House. Please note that any gifts without labels will be distributed between the two.**

We encourage our students and learning community to practise empathy and manaakitanga by donating a little something to help children and whānau less fortunate so that their families can have a more enjoyable festive season.

This year the bus comes to Bellevue on Friday 4 December. That means only a few weeks to organise a little something for another child/family at Christmas.

The Student Council invites you to send along new toys, games, books, board games, art equipment, vouchers, cans of food or festive food to place under the tree at school. A list of suggested items from Wellington City Mission is included below.

Essential Items:

Spreads and Muesli bars
Weetbix, Oats & Muesli
Sugar and Milk Powder
Pasta Sauce
Tinned Soup/fish/meat
Biscuits and Crackers
Body Wash and Deodorant
Baby Food, Wipes and Nappies
Laundry Powder and Dishwashing Liquid

Christmas Items:

Small Christmas Cakes
Fancy biscuits/crackers
Fancy relishes/sauces
Salts/roasted nuts
Chippies
Toiletries for the whole family
Retail vouchers

Toys: (new toys only please - and unwrapped)

Construction Toys - Lego/Meccano
Art equipment
Educational toys and books
Puzzles
Baby toys for 0-2yr olds
Diaries/Calendars
Board games



If you wish your child to place the item your family/they have donated on the bus, please put their name and class number on this gift but please do not wrap the gift (a request from the organisers). **Please note the Christmas tree is in the foyer from TODAY.**

Thank you in advance from the School Council, The Breeze and The City Mission, also Newlands Community House for thinking of others and practising empathy, aroha and compassion for those less fortunate.

Speech Celebrations

Congratulations to Claire (Room 14) and Darsheel (Room 12) who represented Bellevue School at Newlands Intermediate last Thursday evening. Kia ora korua. We were so proud of you and the confidence you demonstrated in presenting to an adult audience at a different venue.

On Thursday the 5 of November 2020 Clare and I (Darsheel) went to the speech festival at Newlands Intermediate because we won the speech competition in Bellevue school. There were lots of people there and I made my speech about, 'Why dogs should be banned as pets!' Also someone did their speech on, 'Why every family should have a dog!'.

Lots of people had interesting topics and it was a great celebration. It was really fun and nerve wracking. Some of the topics were, 'Why we should stop stereotypes', 'Why black lives matter', 'Why every school needs a library' and 'Why we should play volleyball'.

By Darsheel (Hub 5)

On Thursday the 5 of November, Newlands Intermediate School held a speech festival. You have probably heard from your kids, but if you haven't, I'll tell you all about the speeches. At school, Hub 5 have been writing a speech to persuade our audience about something we strongly believe is true. When we are finished, we all perform them to our class.

The teachers then choose two speeches they think were the best. They then share them to Hub 4 and 5 and to Ms Hardie and Annette, who judge the eight speeches. They choose the top two to go and share them at the Newlands Intermediate School Speech Festival. I was one of those students, along with Darsheel. Mine was on, 'Why any gender stereotypes are wrong'.

I was really scared before sharing my speech, but once you start it gets easier and much less scary. At the end we got some feedback, and a card from Ms Hardie, with a twenty dollar Whitcoulls voucher. I was very happy and very proud of myself and hope to get through next year. Thanks for reading!!

By Clare (Hub 5)



Hub 5 Enterprise Inquiry

Good morning, or afternoon, whenever you are reading this.

Enterprise is an upcycling project that everyone in Hub 5 did to raise money for our school camp. Musical minis was very successful. It was hard, but in the end we sold all of our wind chimes. We spent a long time making these. We only made 6, but they were very amazing. Some of them had shells! Clare provided us with all the equipment we needed. I, unfortunately, couldn't manage to find any materials that we needed. Our wind chimes were made of;

Cardboard

String

Beads

Shells

and bottle caps.

We painted the cardboard bits and poked holes in them. We put our string through the holes and threaded beads and bottle caps on. Of course, we had to poke holes in the bottle caps. Some bits were tricky to thread on, others not so much.

On the day of selling, we managed to sell 2 in the morning, before school started. 1 at morning tea, and 3 during 9:00 and 11:00. Not many people wanted to buy our product, but we tried our best to get their attention. We made a few flyers and stuck them on places that people would see them.

In conclusion, Enterprise was very fun. It was something rare. It's not like we would be doing this every year or something. We only did this to raise money to have a treat at camp.

Thank you teachers for helping us during the making time.

Thank you to everybody who brought a product of some sort.

By Jessica (Hub 5)

This is a photo of me and one of my buddies selling our products at the Enterprise Market. We spent six hours making our products all together. I learnt a lot about how a business works and how advertising plus a positive attitude towards a customer can really boost your sales. We also used collaboration because when our stocks were low and the company next to us had the same problem we decided to help each other by combining our company's. Our merged company raised approximately \$71. I was very happy with my result. On Friday we got told that our total throughout the hub was \$625, but now we know our grand total is \$910. We are all very excited.

By Katherine (Hub 5)



Updating our School Website

Keeping a school website current is a major undertaking so the school has contracted Lorraine Laulau to assist the Website Management Team to begin to modernise and improve the functionality of the school website.



Please send any suggestions and recommendations for modernising our website and making it more user friendly to the following address for the Website Management Team to consider.

webadmin@bellevue-newlands.school.nz

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.

For Sale -

Reusable water bombs - better for the environment and no more picking up tiny bits of rubber! \$3 each or 4 for \$10.

Crochet Octopus cuddlies \$20. Face is stitched on so safe for babies .

Email themissing1@hotmail.com or text 0211122803 to order or view range.

