



Belmont Primary School

Upcoming Events

Friday 12 May	Assembly with Room 4 and Bellbirds singing
Monday 15 May	Maui and the Sun (school performance)
Wednesday 17 May	Room 1 Camp
Wednesday 24 May	Room 2 and 10 Camp
Friday 26 May	International Assembly
Thursday 1 June	School Photos
Friday 2 June	School Cross Country



Welcome to our New Entrants Arlo Brodie, Salvador Lovelock, Olivia Yoon, Tara Cook and Ben and Kevin Liu.

Principal's Comments:

Dear Families,

Welcome back to another term of learning and educational activities. A very **special welcome** to our new families and new staff, **Mr Stephen Slater-Brown** and **Mrs Leigh Jewell**. The Board has also appointed a new teacher aide to support the Junior School students and staff, so also a very warm welcome to **Vesna Burgess**.

The Board is a very supportive employer, and from a recent survey, employing more teacher aides to support learning was very popular. **Our school now employs 12 support staff** which is probably the most of any school of our size. The Board fund these staff through your donations and other locally raised funds. This decision will have a positive outcome for many students. I know the staff value this support.

At our Board meeting last Wednesday the Board agreed to spend some money on a **climbing structure**, which could look similar to this <https://www.playgroundcentre.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Windsor-Park-Hastings-Grandvista-20151129a054.jpg> a **shade area** for the school, which could look similar to this outside Rooms 7-10 on the Senior Quad side, <http://frescoshades.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Educational-canopies-1.jpg> a creative play product called **Imagination Playground**, <http://www.imaginationplayground.com/> and once the new buildings are on site providing new paths and covered walkways. The PTA funding of \$50,000 is going towards the climbing structure.

These three items could have a value of over \$132,000. These items will enhance our school property, support physical activity and provide shade and extra learning spaces. This news is very positive and we must express our thanks to the **PTA**.

Hopefully you are all aware of a fundraising event which includes a **quiz night and dancing** to a live band on **Friday 19 May**, starting at 7pm. This is a fundraiser, organised by Mrs Levitt and Mrs Clews with support from the entire staff, for **Michaela von Sturmer**, as she recovers from

leukaemia. Ms von Sturmer is doing extremely well and I know she is very grateful for the support she has received from the community and the health profession. For more details on this fun event please contact Joyce in the office. All proceeds go to Ms von Sturmer to support her and her family while she is on leave without pay.

I need to inform you of a change of date for our school Cross Country. It will now be held on Friday 2 June. The Junior School will start at 1pm and Years 3 to 6 at 1.30pm.

I would also like to remind families to **teach their children what to do if approached by someone they don't know**. The term stranger danger is no longer used as the majority of strangers could be very helpful. Some families have a password they use when the children are to be collected by others.

Along with a lot of staff, I had the pleasure of seeing **Takapuna Grammar School's production of Grease**. It was outstanding. I would like to pass on my acknowledgements to all the staff at TGS who were involved and of course all the cast. They were brilliant. It was lovely to see some of our ex pupils in lead roles, in particular Zoe Dornbusch, Felicity Lewis (who were both Sandy D) and Gaige Nortje (Danny). I received a lovely email from Felicity saying she found her love of music and dance at Belmont Primary due to Mrs Clews. There are a lot of talented students, in many fields at Takapuna Grammar School.

Finally, I hope to see as many of you as possible at our **International Assembly on Friday 26 May starting at 9.00am**. This cultural experience is a highlight of the year. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Bioletti. We hope to see as many children as possible wearing **traditional costumes** from their country as well as presenting dance and musical items.

Bruce Cunningham
Principal

Belmont Primary Newsletter – PTA Update

Hello people!

We would love to see some new faces join the PTA this term.

This term is the best time to do so, as we are just starting to plan the rest of the year, and will only run 1 or 2 small events, so you can try it out whilst it's not too hectic.

So, bring a friend and come and see what it's all about. It's a wonderful way to meet other parents and also to feel even closer to what is going on behind the scenes at the school. It is also really important that we continue to develop the really strong community that we have and it's better for everyone if it can be shared around. Many of our current PTA have older kids and so will be moving on gradually so some new blood is just what we need. We know we have many talented and dedicated parents

and we would love to tap into that as much as we can for the benefit of our school. We meet once a month for approximately 2 hours.

The dates for the PTA meetings this term are:

1. Wednesday 17 May (Week 3), 7:30pm
2. Wednesday 14 June (Week 7), 7:30pm

If you have any questions, ideas or feedback about the PTA please just get in touch.

Thanks

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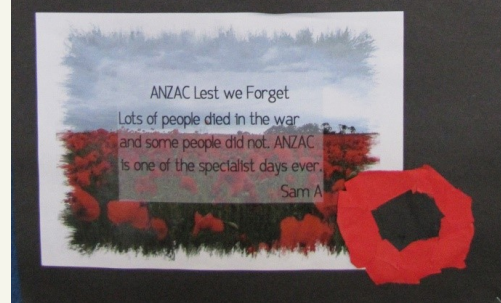
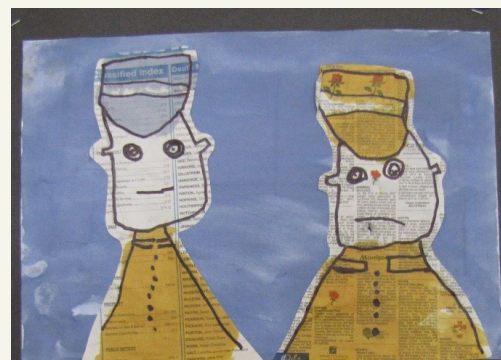
Certificate Winners	
Room 1	Lucas Saunders
Room 2	Iliyah Hoskins
Room 3	Tupou Havea-Tuitupou
Room 4	Kyra Richardson-Heys
Room 5	William Wu
Room 6	Poppy Porter
Room 7	Scott Quincey
Room 8	Ruby Barber
Room 9	Marcus Cutfield
Room 10	Michael Saunders
Room 11	Sam Allen
Room 12	George Glancy
Room 13	Maisey Kearns
Room 14	Izzie Stevenson
Room 15	Connor McQuarrie
Room 17	Aiden Shaw
Room 18	Daniel Reece
Room 19	Nathan Davies
Music	Sian Norton



NZ birds by R11, R7 and R5

GUITAR LESSONS

Small group Guitar lessons are available at Belmont Primary School on Fridays, through Dave Gatman from Musiqhub. If you would like to enrol your child to start Guitar Lessons, please contact Dave on 021 2221456 or dave.gatman@musiqhub.co.nz.



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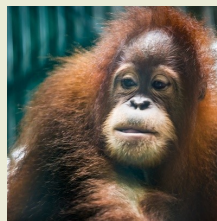
Term 2 2017 Mon 1 May - Fri 7 Jul
Term 3 2017 Mon 24 Jul- Fri 29 Sep
Term 4 2017 Mon 16 Oct - Fri 15 Dec

The **Values Award** went to Emily Clayton.
The **Bayleys Growth Mindset Award** went to Ava Shaw.



BAYLEYS

Did you know that BPS supports an orphan Orangutan called Seroja, through 'The Orangutan Project'? Seroja lives in a forest school, where she is being trained to be able to return to the wild, in Indonesia.



I encourage children to do a small odd job at home for a few dollars and bring them in to Mrs Scott, to cover this years adoption fee, which is due late July/August.

Thanks for encouraging your child to be involved in this act of conservation and caring.

