



Belmont Primary School

Upcoming Events

Friday 4 August	Assembly with Room 14
Tuesday 8 August	Three day annual Art Intensive starts
Wednesday 9 August	Dance Festival, Belmont Intermediate
Monday 14 August	Book Week starts
Wednesday 16 August	Grandparents Day
Friday 18 August	Book Week Assembly
Wednesday 23 August	Speech Finals
Friday 1 September	Assembly with Room 1
Friday 1 September	Dad's Night

Welcome to our New Entrants Mikaela Topolsky, Louis Mansell, Tommy Liu and Olivia Mu.

Welcome also to our new students Luiza and Taisia Grigoryan from Armenia, Siena Phillips from Canada, Lily and Rose Lee from Korea, Elleen Qian from China, Tim Zhang from China, Chloe and Lexi Choi from Target Road School, Aurelia Sanandres from St Leo's and Michael and Jayda-Belle Stirling returning from Taupo.

Principal's Comments:

Dear Families,

A welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to the 16 students and their families who have joined us this term.

Term 3 will once more be a busy term and this excitement starts next week with our annual Art Intensive. This is always a highlight. The Year 3-6 children have chosen an art lesson or lessons (some are 1 day and some are for 3 days) and the classes will be a combination of Year 3-6. This vertical grouping also plays a significant role in our school culture with the older students being great role models for the younger students. The art work taught by the staff is of the highest calibre and will be displayed in the hall.

The following week is our Book Week. This is also another highlight. The Grandparents' Day on Wednesday is always well attended and the students get such a thrill from having their grandparents at school and showing them their work and skills. Books will be available for sale during the week and all books purchased go to the school. This enables us to keep our library very well resourced and the students also enjoy reading books with their family name on the inside cover. The Book Week culminates in a Book Parade, where the students dress up as a favourite book character. Once more, I am always amazed at the talent of the parents and students for some of the costumes. It is an amazing day. There will also be prizes for each Syndicate.

Also on Monday 14 August is the Kids Sing Competition in the Auckland Town Hall. Ms Scurr has worked hard with the choir and I know that all parents will enjoy the performance of our school on Monday evening.

On Thursday 17 August the Rippa/Tackle Tournament continues at Takapuna Rugby Club. Thanks to all those managing and coaching. We, once again, have the most teams entered at this tournament.

And in the meantime your child has been

preparing their speech and will be presenting their speech to their classmates. Thanks to all the families for your support.

The Board is sending out reminders to families who have not paid their school donation. This donation is very much valued and appreciated. The Board received feedback through surveys to employ more teacher aides to support children's learning and to improve the outdoor resources. The Board has done this but they need your financial support for these resources. Does your child have extra help? Does your child benefit from the resources the school purchases? Please consider paying this donation as soon as possible. Thank you.

We continue to have head lice at school. This can be a real pain for the kids and the parents. We do need ALL parents to check their child's hair and then act. If 90% of families spend a lot of money and time treating hair and 10% do not, the cycle starts again and this can be very frustrating and costly for everyone. Please check and treat your child's hair. It is for their benefit. We also strongly encourage ALL children with long hair to have this firmly tied up or back at school please.

The new build is still on track to be completed by the end of August, so fingers crossed this happens.

Finally, the annual Dads' Night is happening on Friday 1 September in the hall. This night is always fun and it is a great time for dads to get together, meet old and new friends plus we can confirm support for our Battle of the Schools day. Please ensure you note this date in your calendar and I look forward to having a refreshment with you after 6.30pm.

Bruce Cunningham
Principal

TERM DATES

Term 3 2017 Mon 24 Jul- Fri 29 Sep
Term 4 2017 Mon 16 Oct - Fri 15 Dec

Certificate Winners

Room 1	Joshua Barber
Room 2	Matilda Edwards
Room 3	Abi Wells
Room 4	Eloise Thorne
Room 5	Tidus Toia-Coppell
Room 6	Elijah Milham
Room 7	Jenny Choi
Room 8	Ivan Hui
Room 9	Archer Wilks
Room 10	Fletcher Norgrove
Room 11	Max Wang
Room 12	Raya Crane
Room 13	Jerry Li
Room 14	Max Castro Alvariz
Room 15	Mack Anderson
Room 17	Brad Perry
Room 18	Louis Jordain
Room 19	Hosea Teasia
Room 20	Kevin Liu

Sunday Showcase: showcasing youth talent!

When: Sunday 20 August, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
 Venue: The Vic Theatre, 48 - 56 Victoria Rd.
 Cost: Free entry

The variety show you don't want to miss, Devonport youth present: Sunday Showcase! Starring local bands **TGS Jazz Trio** and **Rosmini Senior Combo Band**, **TGS Musical Theatre** will entertain & delight you, dance schools **L'Ecole de Danse** and **Dance Sprite** will strut their stuff plus a super selection of short films from **TGS Media** students.

Special thanks to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board for their support.

Belmont Primary Newsletter – PTA Update

The PTA met yesterday and it was the first meeting for me as Chair and Nicky Profitt as Secretary. Nicky has two boys at BPS: Flynn, Year 4 and Toby, Year 1. I also have two boys at BPS: Jules, Year 3 and Taavi, Year 1.

We had a good turnout at the meeting with about 15 members attending. It's a friendly and organised group of people. Thank you to Katie Macdiarmid and Moira Jansen for leading the group so ably – we've got a hard act to follow!

One item discussed was formalizing a 'Friends of the PTA' list. If you would like to help but are not interested or unable to attend PTA monthly meetings we can add you to our 'Friends of the PTA' list and make sure you receive details of upcoming events so you have the opportunity to help as you are able.

We have some events coming up and this term there is something for everyone
Wednesday 9 August Mums' Movie Night at The Vic

Tuesday 29 August Sausage Sizzle (note change of date)

Friday 1 September Dads' Night at BPS

Wednesday 6 September PTA Meeting

Sept date tbc Kids' Movie Night at BPS

If you're keen to learn more about the PTA or get on the 'Friends of the PTA' list email me or stop by Room 8 after school on a Wednesday or Friday. My boys never want to stop playing after school so I'm usually hanging around for a while!

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**SATURDAY
 SEPTEMBER 16TH
 AT THE HILTON**

Champagne on arrival
 Two-course dinner with wine
 Live Band and of course dancing!
 Live auction and cash raffle
 \$125.00 per person



BOOK YOUR TICKETS OR TABLE OF TEN NOW!!
devonportwaterwise@gmail.com

This is a fundraising event to support the Waterwise Program of 7 local primary schools

Joel, Jack, Matthew, James and Tom from Room 4 are supporting the National Foundation for the Deaf by



doing the Silent Leadership Challenge. They will wear ear muffs, 10 mins, 4 times during the day on the 4/8/17 – to simulate Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL). NIHL is a totally preventable form of hearing loss, it is currently increasing throughout the world with more teenagers being diagnosed than ever before, a major contributor is headphones use. -Check out the website

<https://silentleadershipchallenge2017.everydayhero.com/nz/team-puro-sound> If you wish to donate, please bring a gold coin donation to assembly this Friday to support the National Foundation for the Deaf.

The **Values Award** went to Stephen Wu.
 The **Bayleys Growth Mindset Award** went to Ben Lomax.



Takapuna Grammar School
 90TH REUNION
 20-22 OCTOBER 2017

An invitation for Ex-Pupils and Friends of Takapuna Grammar School to register and celebrate our 90th School Reunion at Labour Weekend (Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd October 2017). Takapuna Grammar School 90th Reunion Committee **Email:** reunion2017@tgs.school.nz **Website:** <http://www.sporty.co.nz/takapunagrammar/Our-90th-Reunion-Labour-Weekend-2017/90th-Reunion>

BELMONT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL - ENROLMENTS 2018

Open day tours:

7 August 2017, 11:30am – School Hall

9 August 2017, 9am – School Hall

We welcome all prospective parents, caregivers and students to attend our open day tours to see our school in action. The tours will provide you with an opportunity to see our programmes and facilities first hand. For more information please see our website: <http://www.belmontint.school.nz/enrolment-bis/>