



Belmont Primary School

Upcoming Events

Friday 18 August	Book Week Assembly
Wednesday 23 August	Speech Finals
Tuesday 29 August	Sausage Sizzle
Friday 1 September	Assembly with Room 1
Friday 1 September	Dad's Night
Friday 22 September	Kids' Movie Night



Welcome to our New Entrants Tovah Rakaupai and Iris Jiang.

Welcome also to our new students Sam Bulbulia Smart.

Principal's Comments:

Dear Families,

What a wonderful two weeks of extra-curricular activities and support from staff, parents and grandparents.

Our Art Intensive last week was outstanding. The quality of the art was very high, the teachers' skills in delivering programmes was of the highest quality and the children were brilliant in their classes of Year 3s-Year 6s in the same room. It was a lovely atmosphere during the entire week.

This week we have had our annual Book Week which incorporates parents and grandparents visiting the school and purchasing books for our library. We sold out of books during Grandparents' Day. Please thank your parents for their generosity, it is much appreciated. The staffroom was overflowing with over 200 grandparents attending morning tea. The lovely PTA mums were run off their feet supplying tea, coffee and a delicious morning tea. I am very much in debt to the PTA for their support. Tomorrow is the Book Parade, for which I know the children will come in amazing costumes, dressed as their favourite book character. We have so many highlights. Thanks to Mrs Holdich and Sam for all their work.

On Monday our Bellbirds Choir participated in a choral competition and performed in the Town Hall on Monday evening to a packed hall. Our choir was brilliant. Their progress is amazing. I remember seeing their first practice session with Miss Scurr and now seeing their performance on Monday. I am in awe of their commitment to be the best they can be and Miss Scurr's ability to teach 90 children.

Today there is a rippa rugby tournament happening and once again there will be many parents supporting.

During all of this the children have been doing their speeches. The teachers had the most difficult task of choosing two children from their class for the finals, which are on Wednesday. And we have been doing literacy, numeracy, topic, dance and technology.

Next week we start Life Education. There is a cost of \$6 per child for these lessons. Please can you pay this to your child's teacher.

Finally, the Imagination Playground for the Junior School has arrived, courtesy of the PTA and their fundraising efforts. Thank you very much. The shade structure and climbing frame are still due to start at the end of August.

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	Katie McDonald
Room 2	Megan Maurice
Room 3	Carlos Spooner
Room 4	Matthew Shaw
Room 5	Jack Li
Room 6	Isla Brady
Room 7	Joanne Sun
Room 8	Sadie Bidwell
Room 9	Relyca Hoskins
Room 10	Molly Walker
Room 11	Sam Barker
Room 12	Ariana Vosper
Room 13	Xavier Wilson
Room 14	Charlie McGhie
Room 15	Evie Brodie
Room 17	Henry Havea-Tuitupou
Room 18	Julia Poplawska
Room 19	Nikolasz Hunter
Room 20	Yuvraj Singh
Music	Bill An, Lachie Anderson

M Sports Football Kidz Skills Clinics at Belmont Primary

M Sports are coming back to hold fun Football Kidz clinics at the school. Girls and boys from years 0-6 are welcome to participate. They'll play fun games, learn exciting new skill techniques, play small matches and make new friends all under the guidance of our great team of qualified coaches.

When: 5 weekly sessions starting Tuesday 22 August
 Time: Lunch Where: School Field
 Cost: \$49 per child, \$24 per extra sibling
 Register on the website footballkidz.co.nz.
 For more info please email Chris on adminnorthshore@msports.co.nz

Belmont Primary Newsletter – PTA Update

It's been a fun and busy couple of weeks with PTA activities! We had the **Mums' Movie Night**, which was a fun evening for about 100 ladies, and we raised about **\$1000** for the school! Thank you to all who came out and to those who signed up to be 'Friends of the PTA'! Also, the **Grandparents' Day morning tea** was hosted by the PTA, with delicious baking by PTA members.

Upcoming is the **Sausage Sizzle on 29 August**, and I am happy to announce the **Kids' Movie Night** will be held at the BPS Hall on **22 September!** I know my boys are very excited to attend, and the PTA are working on finalising the movie choice. We'll be looking for parent helpers on the night, so if you are keen email me.

Just a note on out-of-school care providers, as that was an issue which parents signalled was important in the last PTA parent survey. We now have two options available to us: **SKIDS** is opening soon at The Rose Centre, and the **Kelly Club** is available at Bayswater School – with staff walking children to and from BPS. For more information on either of those you can see their websites www.skids.co.nz/location/belmont/ and www.kellyclub.co.nz

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Peninsula Choirs raise their voices.

On Thursday the 3rd of August, Belmont Primary School hosted the Peninsula Schools Choir Sharing Day. Primary School Choirs from Bayswater, Belmont Primary, Belmont Intermediate, Hauraki, Stanley Bay, St Leos and Vauxhall came together and shared a variety of songs, from *Hushabye Mountain* to *Hot Dog, You are my Sunshine* to *You're never fully dressed without a Smile*. We started with the National Anthem, and finished with a rousing chorus of *'Raise Your Voice'*. The sound of over 400 children singing one song was amazing, and it nearly raised the roof!

This event was organised by music teacher Miss Scurr, and hosted by the Belmont Bellbirds, we are already looking forward to seeing all the choirs again next year.

By Sascha Letica, Year 6, Belmont Bellbirds

The Values Award

went to Samuel O'Brien.

The Bayleys Growth Mindset Award went to the Bellbirds Choir.





BPS SCHOOL FAIR & BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS
FUNDRAISING EVENT

DAD'S NIGHT OUT!

Friday 1st September 2017
6.30pm - Late

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TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT
RAFFLE & AUCTION

Every year we meet to socialise, have a good laugh and a "few" beers to raise money for our school. But the main focus for this night is to gain support for our biggest fundraising event - Battle of The Schools. Last year we raised enough money to enable us to purchase prizes for the winning teams, which was fantastic for all the schools involved.

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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.