



Belmont Primary School

Upcoming Events

Friday 27 October	Assembly with Room 3
Thursday 2 November	Kapa Haka at BIS
Friday 3 November	Watties Cans for Good
Tuesday 7 November	Middle/Senior Syndicate Athletics (Sprints) at BIS
Friday 10 November	Assembly with R18
Wednesday 15 November	Middle and Senior Athletics (First 4 field events)

TERM DATES

Term 4 2017 Mon 16 Oct - Fri 15 Dec
 Term 1 2018 Wed 31 Jan - Fri 13 Apr
 Term 2 2018 Mon 30 Apr - Fri 6 Jul
 Term 3 2018 Mon 23 Jul- Fri 28 Sep
 Term 4 2018 Mon 15 Oct - Fri 14 Dec

Welcome to our New Entrants Juliette France, Mantong Wei, Xnedra Toia-Coppell, Hannah McQuarrie, Dylan Bright, Seah Eiem and Zayed Mahdi.

Welcome also to our new students Isabel and Mathilda Watterson returning from Wanaka and Snow and Steven Shi from Verran Primary.

Principal's Comments:

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4 and a special welcome to all our new students, especially those in Room 21 with Ms Todd.

It is always a busy time in Term 4 with many events happening as the school year closes. I would like to bring to your attention some **dates and times which you may need to know:**

- Next **Wednesday 1 November at 6.15am** we will have a **blessing for the new buildings**, led by one of kaumatua. Please meet in the Junior Quad at 6.05am if you wish to partake in this powerful ritual. The students will move into their new rooms on **Monday 6 November**. Please feel most welcome to attend.
- Next **Thursday 2 November** at 6.00am-9.00am we are hosting **TVNZ Breakfast News** and there will be trampolines for the children to jump on and challenge the presenters and Monty Beetham. If possible, send your children to school early-really early on Thursday.
- **Junior Prizegiving (Y0-Y3) is Thursday 7 December 1-3pm** and the **Senior Prizegiving (Y4-6) is Wednesday 13 December, 1-3pm**. I respectfully ask that you do not bring preschool children to these formal assemblies as they are long, it is hot and the students have gone to a lot of work for their presentations.
- **Middle & Senior Athletics sprints** are to be held at **Belmont Intermediate** this year due to our grounds not being ready. This is **Tuesday 7 November** starting at 12.30pm. We will walk all children over to BIS. On **Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 November**, starting at **1.30pm** the **Middle and Senior Syndicates** will do their field events at Belmont Primary.
- The **Junior School sprints and field events** will be on **Thursday 16 November**, starting at 9.00am
- School finishes **Friday 15 December at 12.30pm**

• School starts Wednesday 31 January 2018.

Over the next three weeks we have students performing in our **Kapa Haka at BIS and Onepoto**.

As you are aware, the school relies heavily on your **school donation**. If you have not paid this donation I encourage you to do so please. In a survey last year the parent community put more teacher aides as a priority for spending and the Board increased the number of teacher aides. We now pay in excess of \$140,000 a year in supporting many children with their learning. The government does not pay for teacher aides-the school does. The Board has also spent a lot of money on physical resources this year, including shade, which was the 2nd on the priority list. We have also spent a lot on playground equipment and resources for the rooms. The Board has upgraded toilet blocks and this week we are upgrading the swimming pool. We do need your financial support. School donations are tax deductible.

Regarding staffing, it is a pleasure that we welcome **Louise Todd** to our staff. Louise is teaching our New Entrant classroom till the end of the term. Louise has done a lot of relieving at all levels at our school and is also mum to Hettie and George Read. I am very grateful that Louise accepted my offer. On a sad note, today we farewelled **Helena Gray**, our lovely teacher aide for the past 4 years, mostly working in the Junior School. Helena is very creative, she is dedicated and a highly valued member of our staff. On behalf of the staff and students who have worked with Helena, we wish her well in her next adventures, whatever they may be. You will be missed.

Finally, I look forward to Room 3's assembly item tomorrow, one of their last performances as a group after 6 years at Belmont Primary. Enjoy the term and please remember to ask your child's teacher if you have any questions about their learning.

Bruce Cunningham
Principal

Certificate Winners	
Room 1	Savarna McAlpine
Room 2	Rhian Gates
Room 3	Archie Caldwell
Room 4	Amanda Everett
Room 5	Nasser Mahdi
Room 6	Cooper Digby
Room 7	Jack Bates
Room 8	Hilary Fry
Room 9	Maria Hernandez Gomez
Room 10	Holly Alderson
Room 11	Judy Magdi
Room 12	Ryan Robson
Room 13	Olivia Xie
Room 14	Evie Parsons
Room 15	Isla Inch
Room 16	Tom Robinson
Room 17	Sam Alpers
Room 18	Daniel Robinson
Room 19	Ella Gilbert
Room 20	Tommy Liu



Belmont Primary Newsletter – PTA Update

I can't believe it is Term 4 already – this year has gone very quickly! I hope everyone had a good break, and is now back into the swing of things for one more term before our summer holidays. The PTA is currently organising the **Family Fun Night** coming up on 1 December, which is a really fun evening for our school families with food, games and a disco. The school band is also going to play before the disco, so that's something to really look forward to!

Each class will be assigned an area to help with on the night of the **Fun Night**, as it's all run by school parents. Later

next week you will see a sign-up sheet in your classrooms, and if each family can sign up to help for one hour on the evening, we will have all of the activities well covered. My kids love that bit of freedom while I am on a stall – they get some pocket money and go play a game or two, or buy something to eat and feel very grown up!

Looking forward to seeing you there!
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**SATURDAY
11TH NOV
3PM - 8PM
82 JUTLAND RD**

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Your classic kiwi community fair!

Fundraising for a Cool School Pool and future outdoor projects

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Bayswater Halloween Trail

When: Friday 27th October, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Where: Bayswater Park, Bayswater

Mount your bike, put on your ghost shoes and explore our green route! Register between 5:00pm-6:00pm at Bayswater Park by the playground – to avoid the queues, bring along your already completed registration form. Forms can be downloaded from our website: www.devonportpeninsulatrust.nz. There will be treats, tricks, lots of prizes, coffee for sale plus a free sausage sizzle. For more information contact Maria 027 924 3494, maria@devonportpeninsulatrust.nz or www.devonportpeninsulatrust.nz. Caregivers are responsible for children under the age of 14 years attending this event.

The **Values Award** went to Matthew Shaw and Samuel Mansell.



The **Bayleys Growth Mindset Award** went to Toby Dil.



BAYLEYS

Park safely and keep our kids safe

This year our school is participating in Auckland Transport's 'Safety at the School Gate' programme. Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off passengers put the safety of children at risk. Parking officers will be on patrol outside the school this year and will be issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally.

The agreed approach is 'zero tolerance' – There will be no warnings issued, you will receive a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone's driveway – or for any other vehicle safety offence.

Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed.