



Belmont Primary School

Upcoming Events

Thursday 7 December	Junior Prizegiving 1pm
Wednesday 13 December	Senior Prizegiving 1pm
Friday 15 December	Christmas Assembly School finishes at 12.30pm
Wed 31 January	School starts for 2018 2018



TERM DATES 2018

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
 Entrant Yewon Kim.**

Principal's Comments:

Dear Families,

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** and happy holidays. I also thank you all very much for your support of your children and the school. I receive a lot of feedback from various agencies, parents, the MOE and visitors and the feedback is very positive. There are always things we can improve on and being teachers, we are reflective. I believe we are a very good school, with outstanding teachers, teacher aides and support staff. The Board and PTA have been wonderful leaders and supporters of our school and I know they will continue to be so.

I have just signed all the end of year **reports** and as a whole school the progress and achievement levels of all children was outstanding. I have not had an opportunity to collate all the data but based on memory of past reports this years reports are the best I have seen in 13 years.

To the **Year 6 children**, I wish you well for your next stages of education. You have been a delightful cohort. You are good friends with each other, your learning has been excellent and your values are high. The best ever.

There have been a number of teacher changes for 2018. **Caroline Gardiner** (Yr 1 R6) has leave for the 2018 school year and has won a fixed term position at St. Andrews Prep School. We all wish Caroline the best. **Mandy Viles** returns from maternity leave and will teach Year 1/2 in Room 6. We are starting with one less teacher at the beginning of next year therefore there has been a shift of teachers, a bit like dominoes!! **Michelle Perry** is going to Yr 2, **Jules Dallas** is going to Yr 3, **Tash Taylor** is going to Yr 4 and **Emma Hodgson** is going to Yr 5. Unfortunately this means we cannot re-employ **Stephen Slater Brown** for 2018. We thank Stephen for his 3 terms of teaching the Yr 5 / 6 class and wish him all the best at Summit School.

Lee Robertshaw (nee Ollerenshaw) resigned

during the year and therefore will not be coming back from maternity leave. We wish her all the best for her future. **Anthea Dunning**, after 13 years of teaching at Belmont Primary has also resigned from a full time position, however she will be returning as a part time teacher. We thank **Louise Todd** for her professionalism, dedication and helping us out this term with the NE class. This was much appreciated. Thanks also to **Leigh Jewell** for her 3 terms of teaching her NE class. Leigh will be returning in a part time teacher role.

Karen Donnelly, our second longest serving teacher aide has resigned after 14 years of service. Karen's dedication, commitment, humour and skills will be missed by staff, children and parents. We wish Karen well in her position of accounting. We will miss you. Earlier this term **Helena Gray**, another talented teacher aide with a combined total of service of over 8 years resigned to pursue her interests. We were fortunate to secure the services of **Hannah Oorschot** for the past 15 weeks and we thank her too for her help in the different syndicates.

School will close at 12.30pm on Friday 15 December and will **reopen on Wednesday 31 January**. The office will be open from **Wednesday 24 January to Tuesday 30 January for uniform purchases, enquiries and beginning of the year preparation**. The office will **not** sell uniform or stationery to our current families between 31 January and 2 February.

Finally, to the families that are leaving us after numerous years of being associated with our school, a sincere **thank you** for your support.

Enjoy the summer holidays and being with your families and friends.

Bruce Cunningham
 Principal





Certificate Winners	
Room 1	Jenny Hwang
Room 2	Leonardo Bacchus
Room 3	Molly Zhang
Room 4	Max Tuttle
Room 5	Max Gray
Room 6	Emily Downs
Room 7	Harlem Kistler
Room 8	Connor Maddigan
Room 9	Dylan Morris
Room 10	Tasmin Thomas
Room 11	Aksh Singh
Room 12	Lexi Gymer
Room 13	Munich Thane
Room 14	Florence Mules
Room 15	Lucy Bates
Room 17	Marine Carle
Room 18	William Robson
Room 19	Maia Congdon
Room 20	Lena Jeffic
Room 21	Mantong Wei

Belmont Primary Newsletter – PTA Update

First of all, a huge thank you to all the parents who helped out and who attended the Family Fun Night last Friday! It was a very successful evening - lots of fun was had by all of our children, and I think we all enjoyed it as well :) Another big thank you to the PTA members who led the organisation of all of the stalls and to the teachers who stayed on and helped out. We couldn't have done it without you.

The PTA be back next year with a 'Children's Fun Fair' in March and a notice is going home with your children soon to give you some early information about it.

It's almost the end of the year, and I want to wish you all a very happy holiday wherever and however you may be celebrating. It's very rewarding being part of the Belmont Primary community, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all again next year. I'll leave you with a reminder, courtesy of Rachel Mary Stafford,

which I am trying hard to remember at this time of year, as I get rushed, busy and grumpy...

"Today I will look for the blessings among the chaos, the challenge, and the clutter. If I don't see them right away, I will keep looking."

Happy holidays

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Got a spare room? Join our Homestay Family! Host Families needed for Takapuna Grammar School International Students

Become a homestay family for International students at TGS, We welcome families who would like to host, especially for long term and give our students a wholesome family experience. Please 'spread the word' to your friends, family and contacts who live not too far from TGS. It can be a most rewarding experience for everyone. For further information please contact homestay.coordinator@tgs.school.nz

The **Values Award** went to **Amelia Swarbrick**.



The **Bayleys Growth Mindset Award** went to the **International Students**.

BAYLEYS



Takapuna Grammar School

Christmas Tree's for sale - Takapuna Grammar School fundraiser

Takapuna Grammar has been able source top quality Christmas trees to sell to our community. You can preorder these through the link provided. Delivery or pickup is available as is disposal. All money raised from the trees will go directly to support the development of rugby at Takapuna Grammar. [Christmas Tree orders](#)