



# Belmont Primary School

## Upcoming Events

Friday 9 February	Assembly with Room 16
Friday 23 February	Assembly with Room 1
Saturday 3 March	School Fair
5-8 March	Year 6 Camp
Friday 9 March	Assembly with Room 10
Friday 23 March	Assembly with Room 2
Friday 30 March	Easter Holiday Starts
Wednesday 4 April	School reopens after Easter
Friday 6 April	Assembly with Room 9
Sunday 8 April	Shore to Shore Fun Run
Friday 13 April	ANZAC Assembly and last day of

## Principal's Comments:

Dear Parents and friends of the school,

A very warm welcome to you all and I hope that you and your children have a very good year. A very special welcome to the 33 who have enrolled in our school over the past week, with 14 being new entrants. Our roll is currently 412. The Senior Syndicate has 162 children, with 86 being in Year 5 and 76 being in Year 6. This will be fun at camp on March 5th. The roll is the same as last year, after 1 week of school.

Our staffing for this year is again very settled, with no new staff. However, it is with delight that I can inform you that Michaela von Sturmer has returned to work and will be here 2 days a week. Michaela looks great and her recovery is wonderful. It is also with delight that we welcome back Mandy Viles after 18 months maternity leave. It is lovely to have Mandy back as well.

The children are very settled and have begun the learning routines, mostly with ease. It is lovely to see all children organised with stationery and uniform. Thanks for this support.

Most of you would have noticed that the MOE have removed one prefab and are intending to remove the other 2 in the April school holidays. We have also renumbered our school, so good luck in remembering this!!

The Board are in discussion with the MOE regarding a long term building plan and vision, taking into account the unitary plan which could mean more apartments and the Hillary Block housing development.

Our school donations have remained at \$325 for the third year, with a third child free. I understand there are many costs at the beginning of the year and the Board does appreciate your donation. The school has many costs to meet at the beginning of the year and you are entitled to a 33% rebate from the IRD this year if your donation is paid prior to 31 March. Our school provides more teacher aides than most schools, is extremely well resourced and we provide many extra curricular activities, which the Board pay for. Therefore we do appreciate and need your financial support so we can keep offering wonderful opportunities for your children to learn and to provide teacher aide support.

We will have our first full assembly this Friday and as usual all parents are welcome to attend. Assemblies start at 9.00am in the hall. Room 16 (Mr Thorne's Year 3 class) have the honour of presenting the first item after very minimal preparation time. For new families we have an assembly every fortnight.

The government has started making legislative changes to educational policies that the past government introduced. One of these is in regards to National Standards. Our staff will be having discussions on how we should assess students, report this assessment data to parents in clear language and how we will track progress and achievement.

I will keep you fully informed of this process and the outcomes. The staff have already made one decision and that is we will continue to report twice a year and we will do this mid year and at the end of the year. We will not do anniversary reports as previously required.

The school is having its annual fair on Saturday March 3rd and the PTA and class reps will soon be in touch to let you know how you can support the school with donations of goods which we can sell, raffle or give away as prizes. Please keep this afternoon free. It is a wonderful occasion of fun, socialising and supporting students from the other peninsula schools as they participate in the Battle of the Schools.

The staff, in conjunction with the Board and last years Year 6 children, have developed a new vision which we will be promoting. We have kept our 106 year old motto Our Best Always and the values that were developed in 2004 of Manaakitanga, Learning, Respect, Responsibility, Effort and Cooperation. These are very important to us and are well known. We are adding that we want our children to be creative, curious and confident. The 3 C's. When I ask staff, children or parents what our vision is, I am hoping that they can name the 3 C's and explain what a curious learner looks like, what a confident learner looks like and what a creative learner looks like. Ask your children if they can remember the 3 C's.

Finally, I look forward to another outstanding year of learning, social development and children stepping out of their comfort zone and giving new opportunities a go. Thanks for your support.

**Bruce Cunningham**

**Principal**

### 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

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## Belmont Primary Newsletter – PTA Update

Happy New Year to all! By now we are getting back into the rhythm of the school year, and the PTA are in the midst of fair organising - yes, can you believe it's only a few weeks away?

The Belmont Primary School Fun Fair will take place on **Saturday, 3 March from 11 am - 4 pm**. It will be a great, fun occasion with the Battle of the Schools (Year 6 teams competing from around the Peninsula) a children's exhibition of art items in the hall, lots of games and food! We will also do a quality, used children's goods stall this year instead of the general pre-loved goods. Thank you to those parents who have already indicated their willingness to help make it a fun day. Here's how you can help:

- Filled jars (eg clean jam jars filled with stickers, lollies, stationery items, etc) will be collected by the teachers in class from **12 February**. Children will earn house points.

- Rosters for baking, games stalls, etc will be posted in your class from **12 February**. If you can sign up for an hour to help on the day, that would be greatly appreciated!

- Quality used toys, children's books, and sports equipment can be brought to Room 20 (Music Suite) from **19 February**. No junk will be accepted, and items will be triaged at the door.

- Look out for a **notice going home next week** with more details.

Thank you to all in advance; we are looking forward to a great, community day out!

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	Pippa Laing	Holly Alderson
Weka	Katie Buchanan	Jenny Hwang
	Luke Allen	Adam Nicholls

