



# Belmont Primary School

## Upcoming Events

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 Term 1



**Welcome** to our new students Opeti and Samiu Seau from Onepoto School.

### 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

## Principal's Comments:

Dear Parents and Friends of the school

We are starting a new roll growth class at the beginning of next term and it is with delight that I can inform you that Jill Raines has won the position and will be back with us for the next three terms. This class will have 15 children, all starting on 30 April as we embark on our second term of cohort entry.

Our school, like some other schools, is investigating play based learning and as a staff we have decided to implement a water play station which will be in the Junior Quad, and Mrs Sykes is leading this initiative. We are also going to redevelop the kitchen garden area, slightly. Mrs Harris and Mrs Perry are leading this initiative. Part of this plan is to remove the large garden bed in the middle, while retaining the 8 planter boxes close to the fence and the citrus trees, and turn the middle part into an area that will open every lunchtime for kids to explore, make mud pies, investigate bugs and worms and generally enjoy a small piece of nature while having fun.

Therefore, **this Tuesday at 9.00am we are going to have a working bee in the kitchen garden** to remove weeds, remove old plants and spread mulch. This working bee will be led by Mrs Dunning. We would love it if three or four parents could give up 2 hours on Tuesday morning to help with this clean up. Bring gloves, spade and a drink bottle!

In 2016, a group of parents whose children finished their time at our school, wanted to donate a tree to our school, so in the future, the tree will be able to provide shade and children will be able to climb it. After much discussion, a established pohutakawa tree will be planted tomorrow. I would like to thank Keryn Christiansen for her coordination and the 10 ex-parents for their generous gift.

It has been brought to my attention that many children are arriving at school early. We would appreciate it if children arrived **after 8.30am** please. I do understand the need for parents to get to work and our school is a safe environment. However the number is increasing and the teachers are

being asked to look after kids in their room or outside their room. The teachers are trying to set up their programme for the day and have expressed concern about noise levels of happy children playing, or being in their rooms, and have also expressed concerns that a number of younger children are at school prior to 8.00am. As the seasons change, this early start will not be as practical as in summer. SKIDS provide before school care in the Rose Centre and I encourage you to look at this option if necessary.

With Easter just around the corner, it is timely to remind you that **there is no school on Tuesday 3 April**. Normally Easter is in the Term 1 holidays, so this is uncommon and parents may not realise that all schools are closed on Tuesday. Term 1 ends Friday 13 April and Term 2 starts Monday 30 April. During the holidays, Miss Hodgson and Miss Scurr are both getting married (not to each other). We wish both these wonderful people a lovely day and a future of happiness.

Our school participated in the Interschool Swimming Championships on Tuesday. Once again our children's behaviours were exemplary and our squad was very competitive. Our girls relay team came second, just, in a very competitive final and our boys' team came third and this race was also very competitive. Their certificates will be presented on Friday, at assembly.

Finally, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at assembly tomorrow. Mrs Clews' Year 6 class have a special item which I know the children are looking forward to presenting.

**Bruce Cunningham**  
Principal





Certificate Winners	
Room 1	At camp
Room 2	At camp
Room 3	Marine Carle
Room 4	Charlie Tallon
Room 5	Freddie La Hood
Room 6	Jude Dobby
Room 7	Addison McCarthy
Room 9	Arlo Brodie
Room 10	Ruby Barber
Room 11	Oscar Woodhead
Room 12	Leo Waide
Room 13	Jacob Perry
Room 14	Gray Engstrom
Room 15	Maisey Kearns
Room 16	Leo Fu
Room 17	Aksh Singh
Room 18	Alicia Patrick
GATE	Kaylee Jenkins
Te Reo	Lucy Stuart

The **Values Award** went to Theo Wilkins, Felix Johnson and Pippa Priddy.

The **Bayleys Growth Mindset Award** went to Willow Adams.



**BAYLEYS**

## Belmont Primary Newsletter – PTA Update

The term is flying by, and this week at the PTA we discussed events planned for the rest of the year - the first of which is our Open Evening on **Wednesday 9 May at 7.30 pm** in the staff room at Belmont Primary. All parents - mums and dads - are welcome to join us for a glass of wine or a cup of tea and some nibbles. It's a great opportunity to meet some other parents at the school, and have an informal chat about what's going on at Belmont Primary.

Also at our meeting we got the financial results from the recent Kids' Fun Fair and I'm really pleased to let you know that we met our target fundraising of \$20,000! When you consider that was mostly made by selling \$2-\$5 items, it's a lot of

transactions. Thanks to all for your support. The items and time you donated were important parts of that total with the Pre-loved Kids items making \$2,800, Burgers and Saussies \$2,100, Bake Sale \$1,800, Jar Grid \$1,600, Dumplings \$1,600, Mystery Bottle \$1,200, and Korean noodles \$650.

Each newsletter I will mention a different external sponsor, and a thank you this time goes to SKIDS Belmont, whose game stall raised \$700 for the school!

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THE ROSE CENTRE OPEN DAY

NEIGHBOURS DAY  
AOTEAROA

SUNDAY MARCH 25, 10AM TO 2PM

Good day Neighbours & Community.

We'd love to invite you to join us at The Rose Centre Open Day Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. Join mini tours of the theatre and the back stage caves, there's a **sausage sizzle** to feed you (or you can bring your own picnic), **drinks** to quench the thirst and a **sample class** from our **Yoga and Tai Chi Class** leaders. Let the kids loose in the sKids Obstacle Course Bouncy Castle. If you've visited us before but not been backstage, come and see. If you've never been before, come and see this amazing community venue that you can hire for groups, parties, shows, whatever your imagination comes up with. **If you can't come, stay up to date with Rose Centre events through Facebook or our email list. Most of all, meet some neighbours on Neighbours Day!**

**DEVONPORT Village**

**MARKET DAY & NAVY OPEN DAY**

- Come to the Devonport Village Market Day -  
Music, entertainment, markets & family activities

**MARCH 24**

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**SATURDAY 10AM - 4PM**

Win a table for two on a Navy Ship by voting your favourite 'Flotsam & Jetsam' window display!

**WIN**

Vote in participating stores or online at [www.devonport.co.nz](http://www.devonport.co.nz) under 'Win a table for two'

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