



Belmont Primary School

Principal's Comments:

Dear Parents and Friends of Belmont School

Thanks once again to all the parents who were able to help with the two Year 5 camps. The children and staff had a great time and the learning was evident. Thanks also to the parents who were able to help with the Junior School zoo trip. Once again the day was very successful and the younger children thoroughly enjoyed their time at the zoo.

This Friday starting at 1pm we have our school's cross country day. The Year 1 & 2 children start at 1pm and the Yr3-6 children will start at 1.30pm. Please feel most welcome to attend these races.

On Friday 8 June we are hosting our annual International Assembly. Some groups of children are performing national dances or cultural performances. There will be song, poetry and maybe even a Kung Fu display. I look forward to seeing the children wear costumes associated with their country of origin and for a fun morning of colour and celebration.

A reminder that in conjunction with Takapuna Grammar School, Belmont Intermediate School and 4 other Peninsula primary schools, **Belmont Primary School will be closed on Tuesday 5 June for a shared Teacher Only Day** to be held at Takapuna Grammar School.

On **Tuesday 19 June the teachers' union (NZEI) has called for a teachers meeting** to present to the teachers their offer from the Ministry of Education regarding their contract negotiations and for teachers to vote to accept or reject the offer.

- Over the past 6 years, there has been a 40% drop-off in those training to teach.
- 40% of new teachers leave the profession in the first five years.
- 35% of our experienced teachers will be eligible to retire during the next 10 years and many are leaving early.

The Minister of Education Chris Hipkins has described recruitment and retention of teachers as "a ticking time bomb".

Our children deserve the best education. However, that can only happen when there is a supply of committed, talented teachers and principals. A successful outcome to the current teacher contract negotiations is central to addressing this teacher shortage. We are hoping that we can rely on the support of our community in this critical matter. We know from past experience, such as when the Ministry tried to increase class sizes, that when the community is behind us we have a much stronger voice.

Teachers who are union members have a legal right to attend this meeting. We will have supervision for the children, but if you wish to collect your child at 12.30, please collect them from the classroom. Children will be unable to walk or bike home, unsupervised.

As our weather turns wet and wintry could those parents and caregivers dropping off children to school please remember that driving into school from Harrison Avenue is NOT permitted. This area and car parking option is for STAFF ONLY. The only exception to this is if you are picking up a sick or injured child during school hours.

Bruce Cunningham

Principal



Upcoming Events

Friday 25 May	Assembly with Room 15 Cross Country
Wednesday 30 May	PTA Sausage Sizzle
Friday 8 June	International Assembly
Monday 4 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 5 June	Teacher Only Day
Friday 15 June	Interschool Cross Country
Friday 22 June	Assembly with R5
Monday 2 July	Reports go home

Cross Country

25 May

1pm Year 1 and 2

1.30pm Year3-6

TERM DATES 2018

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

Certificate Winners	
Room 1	C Choi
Room 2	Jorgia Adams
Room 3	Vette Beckett
Room 4	Tavia
Room 5	At camp
Room 6	Phoenix McQuoid
Room 7	Ivy Files
Room 8	Nicole Garde
Room 9	Iris Jiang
Room 10	Ivy Cooper
Room 11	Emily Downs
Room 12	Harlem Kistler
Room 13	Sasha Wilton
Room 14	Ella Jung
Room 15	L Choi
Room 16	Oliver Arwanitis
Room 17	Lulu Beech
Room 18	Liam Feng
Te Reo	

Belmont Primary Newsletter – PTA Update

The PTA Movie Fundraiser was last week at the Vic; thank you to all who attended! We hope you had a great night and enjoyed the film. We've got the kids' sausage sizzle coming up on **Wednesday, 30 May** and then a Pie Day next month on 27 June, and a notice will be coming home to remind you as well.

On another note, I noticed some police officers stationed keeping an eye on the Lake Rd - Bayswater Ave intersection recently, which was in response to calls to Auckland Transport. The police noticed our kids having to weave amongst the cars and stopped several cars. They encouraged us to

continue to call Auckland Transport 09 355 3553 to request a camera at this intersection and instant fine for cars on yellow lines when the pedestrian 'green man' is on.

In sponsor news, I'm pleased to let the school know that we have a new Gold Sponsor - Vic and Jemma of Harcourts Cooper and Co! We look forward to working together. Also a big thank you to our Silver Sponsors You Travel - Takapuna Be sure to contact them if you are planning a mid-winter holiday.

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Year 5 Camp



The **Values Award** went to a Year 3 pupil.
The **Bayleys Growth Mindset Award** went to Room 12.



Reminder: School will be closed on the following days:-

- Monday 4 June—Public Holiday**
- Tuesday 5 June—Teacher Only Day**

Don't forget to check out our website for Holiday Programmes, Photos and Community Notices

<http://www.belmont.school.nz>

