



# Belmont Primary School

## Upcoming Events

Friday 17 August	Assembly with R14
Wednesday 22 August	Speech Finals
Friday 24 August	'Bring a Can' Mufti Day & Kids' Movie Night
Friday 31 August	Assembly with Show Item
Tuesday 11 September	Pie Day
Friday 14 September	Assembly with R11
18–26 September	School Show Madagascar
Friday 21 September	Dad's Night
Friday 28 September	Assembly with R6 & 7. End of Term 3
Monday 15 October	Term 4 starts

Welcome to our new student **Aleksei Osipov** from Russia.

### TERM DATES 2018

Term 3 2018 Mon 23 Jul - Fri 28 Sep  
 Term 4 2018 Mon 15 Oct - Fri 14 Dec  
 Term 1 2019 Mon 4 Feb - Fri 12 April  
 Term 2 2019 Mon 29 Apr - Fri 5 Jul  
 Term 3 2019 Mon 22 Jul - Fri 27 Sep  
 Term 4 2019 Mon 14 Oct - Wed 18 Dec

## Principal's Comments:

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to all the parents who have been able to support the school show in many different aspects. Your skills and time are very much appreciated. The show dates are 18-21 September and then 24-26 September. For our new families, once the tickets become available I urge you to purchase asap as they go like hot cakes. Due to the demand and popularity of past shows we are having 7 performances. Congratulations to all the children for learning their lines, songs and dance moves.

I would like to congratulate all children for the work they have done preparing and delivering their speeches. This skill is of the utmost importance and it is pleasing to see the confidence our children have when speaking in front of an audience, in particular assemblies, morning news or presenting their work to their class.

On Friday 24 August we have a busy day. It is Mufti Day to raise awareness for the Salvation Army. If your child/ren wish to wear mufti that day please ensure they bring a can of food. Then in the evening it is the annual Movie Night. More information will be sent home soon about both events, however please pencil in your diary Mufti Day (bring a can) and Movie Night.

Thank you for understanding the need to look after your children yesterday due to the strike. It is not our intention to inconvenience families. It is however our intention to highlight our needs to the current government. We need better conditions, including better support and funding for special needs children. We need a better starting salary so we can attract a higher quality of younger people into the profession and of course an increase in base rates due to 9 years of minimum increases. It is about valuing education, valuing teachers and ensuring teachers are working in a supportive environment where they can cater for all children.

One of our staff wrote a letter to Minister Chris Hipkins and some of her main points in

the letter were:

- The dedication the majority of teachers bring to their job.
- The hours we work and the sleepless nights when we wake thinking of children and how we can support them with relationships, confidence, learning, mental and physical health.
- The disparity of our salary compared to an MP, when once upon a time they were the same.
- Teachers have accepted low increases due to the government financing Christchurch due to earthquakes and due to the GFC. Our wages have barely kept up with inflation, which thankfully is low.
- The last significant pay increase for teachers was 1971.
- If we want our children and country to have a bright future surely investing in quality teachers and supporting them and retaining them is vital.

Congratulations to our tackle rugby team who are undefeated after 9 games and have now made the North Harbour Finals against the winners of the other zone finals.

Finally, if you know of any children who are likely to start Term 4 and have not enrolled please ask those families to contact the office asap. We have 16 children enrolled already, so the class is starting to fill up. We are also taking enrolments for Term 1 2019 and have 10 confirmed so far. This confirmation allows me to plan staffing for Term 4 and Term 1 respectively.

**Bruce Cunningham**

**PRINCIPAL**



### Certificate Winners

Room 1	Astra James
Room 2	Katie Buchanan
Room 3	Molly Walker
Room 4	Lily Glancy
Room 5	Lucy Stuart
Room 6	Dylan Bright
Room 7	Teo Ivanoski
Room 8	Jacob Scott
Room 9	Louis Mansell
Room 10	Mavi Aslankilinc
Room 11	Ben Hindle
Room 12	Isabella Howell
Room 13	Lydia Marshall
Room 14	Sophia Hay
Room 15	Sylvie Millham
Room 16	Opeti Seu
Room 17	Annabel Priddy
Room 18	Matthew Holt
Te Reo	Mikaela Topolsky

## Belmont Primary Newsletter – PTA Update

Hope your kids are all looking forward to Peter Rabbit at the Kids' Movie Night coming up on Friday, 24 August! It is taking place at the school hall, and you can buy tickets online via Kindo (the same system you use to order lunches, pies, etc), which you can find at the school website under 'Online Shop' Tickets are \$10 and include popcorn. So jump online and get the kids some tickets to see Peter Rabbit!

You may drop your children off (ages 5 and older) at 6 pm, and we ask that you pick them up at 8 pm. Any parents who want to stay on the evening are welcome to pop along and have a quiet drink or cuppa in the staff room.

A big thank you to Vic and Jemma of

Harcourts who are sponsoring our movie night and providing an opportunity to win a family pass to The Vic, for one child who finds who finds a golden ticket in their bag of popcorn! Very exciting.

Remember to have your children bring their reusable drink bottles to the Kids' Movie Night; we will not be providing drinks this year. As a school, Belmont Primary is trying to reduce its single-use plastic and the PTA is 100% on board with this effort.

Hope your term is going well!

**Nissa Jameson**  
PTA

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The **Values Award** went to Phoenix Crane.



The **Living the Vision Award** went to Nathan Davies.



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Contact: Gillian administration@northshorecricket.co.nz or 0212120112

### M Sports Football Kidz Skills Clinics at Belmont Primary



M Sports are coming back to hold fun Football Kidz clinics at the school with our new inflatable pitch. Girls and boys from years 0-6 are welcome to participate. They'll play fun games, learn exciting new skill techniques, play small matches and make new friends all under the guidance of our great team of qualified coaches.

When: 5 weekly sessions starting Tuesday 21st August

Time: Lunch time

Where: School Field

Cost: \$59 per child, \$29 per extra sibling

Register on the website [footykidz.m-sports.org](http://footykidz.m-sports.org). For more info please email Chris on [admin@northshore@msports.co.nz](mailto:admin@northshore@msports.co.nz)

**SUNDAY SHOWCASE** entry by koha  
AUG 19 • 1-3PM  
@ THE VIC, 48-56 VICTORIA RD, DEVONPORT  
DEVONPORT DRAMA, DANCE SPRITE, B.I.S. KAPA HAKA, FREYA, SONS OF SING, SHORT FILMS FROM T.G.S. MEDIA STUDENTS

FOR MORE INFO: 445 9533 OR 027 924 3494

Don't forget to check out our website for Photos, Holiday programmes and Community Notices  
<http://www.belmont.school.nz/>

**Mud Monster Mud Rush**  
8th & 9th September at Massey University

- 20 different muddy obstacles to complete.
- Suitable for everyone above the age of 6.
- There'll be slipping, sliding, climbing, crawling, splashing and lots of mud!

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