



Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 21 November 2019



Principals Comments:



Dear Families and Friends of Belmont Primary

As I write this newsletter I am currently in Melbourne visiting schools and participating in workshops for The Resilience Project. It has been a wonderful few days of learning and I am looking forward to our school being one of four schools in NZ to introduce this programme for our students, parents and staff. The major focus is on gratitude, empathy and mindfulness and how schools and parents can support their children.

The Board recently approved a years leave for Miss Claire Campbell to enable her to travel, participate in further study and to refresh, which is essential. Last week we appointed Miss Ester Dawbin, from a very strong field, to a fixed term contract to teach Year 4. We wish both teachers all the best for 2020.

I hope all our students enjoyed the recent athletic days and thanks to the parents that were able to attend.

Thank you to the PTA for organizing another wonderful social event last Friday. It is great that our school community finds ways to connect.

Finally, thanks to the House Captains and Vice Captains for organizing the games on Friday evening. Your four Houses raised over \$1000 for the school which will support the PTA Hardship Grant.

Bruce Cunningham
Principal

TERM DATES 2019

Term 4 Mon 14 Oct - Wed 18 Dec

TERM DATES 2020

Term 1 Mon 3 Feb—Thu 9 Apr

Term 2 Tue 28 Apr—Fri 3 Jul

Term 3 Mon 20 Jul—Fri 25 Sep

Term 4 Mon 12 Oct—Tue 15 Dec

Certificate Winners

Room 1	Ethan Clifton
Room 2	Daniel Reece
Room 3	Lucia Sweetman
Room 4	Louisa Coles
Room 5	Sophia Hay
Room 6	Gus Francis
Room 7	Nellie Homer
Room 8	Rosie Proffit
Room 9	Sophie Masters
Room 10	Respina Saranjam
Room 11	Isabella Fan
Room 12	Dean Zhang
Room 13	Ben Harvey
Room 14	Oliver Arwanitis
Room 15	Rowan Pearce
Room 16	Zara Leticia
Room 17	Ollie Pilkington-Nunn
Room 18	Sadie Bidwell
Room 20	Maia Perry

Upcoming Events

Friday 22 November	Assembly with Room 8
Friday 6 December	Music Showcase 9am
Monday 9 December	Junior Prizegiving 1pm
Friday 13 December	Senior Prizegiving 1pm
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas Assembly 9am
Wed 18 December	Last day of Term. School closes at 12.30pm
Thursday 30 January 2020	BPS Office opens
Monday 3 February	First day of Term 1 2020
Thursday 6 February	Waitangi Day Holiday

The Values Award went to Oscar Woodhead.

The Living the Vision Award went to Morgan Kearns.



Board of Trustees Fortnightly Newsletter – November 2019

A lot of people may be unsure what the Board of Trustees' role is at a school. The BoT is responsible for seven key work areas, which are:

- development and ongoing review of the school charter.
- monitoring and reviewing the school's progress.
- putting in place a policy framework.
- employing the principal.
- managing assets.
- ensuring the school's legal compliance.
- implementing the National Education Guidelines.

If you are interested in learning more about what a Board of Trustees does, there are some great resources out there: here's one <https://www.nzsta.org.nz/understanding-the-work-of-the-board/>

Just a reminder that we've invited parents to help us review the Sun Protection and Education Outside the Classroom policies by putting your feedback in on the website <https://belmont.schooldocs.co.nz> You can log in and view the policies for review with the username: belmont, password: policy.



Milla Rodrigues-Birch in Room 1 performed the leading role of Mary Lennox in the Auckland Broadway Orchestra's concert version of the Secret Garden during the school holidays. She shared the role with former BPS pupil Olivia Allen.

Milla's friends and music teacher Mrs Ackerman went along to support Milla at her performance. Congratulations on this outstanding musical theatre achievement Milla.

North Shore Youth Music is a community organisation which runs a variety of orchestras and choirs for young people. Applications are now being accepted for 2020, and auditions will be held on Wednesday 4th December. See www.nsym.org.nz for an application form.

Orchestras

Stringalongs (5 - 8yrs), Junior Orchestra (9 - 13yrs), Youth Orchestra (14+yrs)

Choirs

Songsters (5 - 8yrs), Children's Choir (9 - 13yrs), Con Brio Choir (10 - 16yrs), Resound (14+yrs)

NORTH SHORE
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2020 AUDITIONS NOW OPEN

*Applications for positions in
the 7 different ensembles in
NSYM are now open.*

HEAD TO THE WEBSITE FOR
MORE DETAILS AND AN
APPLICATION FORM

www.nsym.org.nz/apply



DEVONPORT

Christmas Festival

SUN 1 DEC • 11AM-3PM

LIONS SANTA PARADE

STEPPING OFF FROM CLARENCE STREET,
ALONG VICTORIA ROAD @ 11AM

THEN AT WINDSOR RESERVE

DANCE IN THE PARK,
DEVONPORT CRAFT & FINE FOOD MARKET,
DEVONPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE DEMOS
AND FREE RIDES WITH SMILES FROM MILES: NZ SIDECAR TOURS



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