

# Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 4 June 2020



## Principal's

### Comments:

Dear Parents and Friends of the School,

It has been a wonderful three weeks and it is great to be able to reconnect with students and parents.

Once again, thank you for your understanding of dropping children off at the courts or bottom of the driveway. For those who have downloaded the **Skool Loop app** and sign in, thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our **building works** that are starting and we should have the sign off from the council in November.

We are building a **toilet block** at the top of the field, which will benefit the Year 3 and 4 children plus children on the fields during the breaks. The **decking outside Room 15 and the GATE room** will be widened, and a **covered walkway** will be built from Room 15 to Room 16 so staff and students will be able to move around the whole school under shade or have shelter from the rain.

The **Literacy Garden** behind Rooms 11 and 12 is being excavated and this will enable those rooms to have an outdoor area to use. **Rooms 11 and 12** are having a full refurb. **The Library and ICT Suite** are being modernised.

These projects are being funded by the MOE. Every 5 years the MOE allocates funding to schools based on the in zone roll to complete maintenance and ensure health and safety works are complete. If they deem the school to be in good quality we can use the money for a different priority, which we are.

Secondly, in November last year the government

announced an **infrastructure grant** to all NZ schools based on their in zone roll. We were granted \$282K and we have to spend this money within two years. The Board had to sign off prior to 31 May 2020. **We have allocated our grant to the covered walkway, reinstating the driveway, field drainage and reinstatement, Tiger Turf on the Senior Quad (where the rubber matting is currently), some fencing and Kitchen Garden improvements.** Some of these projects will start once the building work is complete, some can start now.

**Our PTA is looking for new parents to join** as we will lose some members at the end of the year after many years of service. Please contact me. **We are also looking for a new PTA Chair.** Regina has had this role for three years and has been a wonderful leader of this committee. Please see me if this interests you. We desperately need someone so we can start our 2021 planning for the Fair. You will be given support, guidance and a lot of information.

**In Term 3, 30 July we will have our parent teacher meetings.** There will **not** be a **written report** to discuss and these interviews will be a lot less formal than in the past. The teachers are wanting to reconnect with parents and I know parents want to touch base with the teachers. Please remember that the teachers are available to discuss your child at any time that is suitable to both parties and making an appointment is very much appreciated.

Finally, I look forward to seeing **Room 12's item** at assembly tomorrow morning. Mr Thorne will do a live feed through our Facebook page.

**Bruce Cunningham**  
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#### TERM DATES 2020

Term 2 Tue 28 Apr—Fri 3 Jul  
Term 3 Mon 20 Jul—Fri 25 Sep  
Term 4 Mon 12 Oct—Tue 15 Dec