

# Belmont Primary School

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Dear Parents and Whānau

I would like to **thank you** all for the support you give to the students of our school. The donated goods, your support at working on stalls or Battle games will ensure that we have some funds to Tiger Turf the middle school playground.

The **Fair and Battle of the Schools** is also an important social event on our school calendar. This is always a fun day with a lovely community spirit. I know there is a lot of work done behind the scenes and for this **I am very appreciative of the work Briar Williams and her PTA group do. Thanks to Tim Peacocke and Jake Phillips and their group for organising the Battle. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday.**

We have our **Year 5 camp** next week and once again thank you to all the families for your support. Once again we are over subscribed for support which is lovely but also a difficult task to tell willing parents that we don't need you. I am looking forward to this overnight camp and the children learning new skills, including independence.

**Joyce, our wonderful Minister of First Impressions (and Office Manager) has resigned**, effective the end of Term 1. We would like to invite the school community to support us in farewelling Joyce in our assembly on Thursday 15 April at 9am. (Friday 16 April is a Teacher Only Day). If you would like to contribute towards a gift, could you please see your child's teacher or Robyn in the office.

Thank you for attending the **Parent Teacher Conference** today. If you need any further

information or would like to see your child's teacher again please contact them and make an appointment.

**Our Whanau group had a hui last week and have appointed Kingi Stirling as their representative for our Board of Trustees.**

**We need instructors to help with our Waterwise Programme.** This programme is for Year 5 and 6 children, however we are losing a substantial number of instructors this year who have given over 6 years of support. If you are available to support our Waterwise Programme, please contact me.

Thank you to all the families who completed the **Home Learning Survey**. The Board will review the feedback on Thursday and then communicate data to the community. After a quick analysis over 75% of all respondents thought the work offered for their child was appropriate.

**We are pleased to announce that we raised \$7,200 as a result of the Emirates Team NZ signed and framed shirt**, kindly donated by the Ashby Family. The shirt sold to an outside bidder for \$3,700 who wanted 100% of the proceeds to go to the school. However, it provided the catalyst for a school family to donate \$3,500 to the school. As a result of this very generous donation the Ashby's have thanked the family with an Emirates Team NZ signed poster. Overall this has been a great success for the school, for which we are very grateful, and we thank the families involved.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all at the Fair on Saturday. It will be a lot of fun.

Bruce Cunningham.  
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