

Belmont Primary School



Newsletter 8 April 2021

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

As you are all aware our **annual school fair** was a wonderful occasion of community spirit, fun and laughter. All the hard work from the PTA paid off and **the fair raised an amazing \$27,000**. What an achievement!!

Tomorrow's assembly is a Singing Assembly. Our next certificate assembly is Thursday 15 April and this assembly will have three large foci. The first being **Room 1's item**, the second being **Joyce's farewell** (her last day will be Thursday 15 April) and the third is the annual **ANZAC commemoration**. We will be selling poppies to support the RSA and there will be defence force staff attending. If anyone would like to contribute financially to Joyce's gift please see your child's teacher or Robyn prior to Tuesday.

On **Sunday 25 April**, our **Bellbirds choir** is singing at the **commemoration service in Devonport** which starts at 10.00am. We will also be laying a wreath alongside other schools and community groups. We ask that if your child attends this service they **wear their school uniform** please as has always been the tradition. Please meet at the New World Carpark around 9.40am and look for our Senior students. The march will commence at 10am to the cenotaph outside the Devonport Library.

There is **no school for the students on Friday 16 April**. This day has been designated as one of the four **Teacher Only Days** for the year that were part of the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement. The dates for these four teacher only days were signalled at the

end of last year and at the beginning of this year. Our last three Teacher Only Days to do with the collective agreement are **Friday 25 June, Friday 27 August and Friday 19 November**. Our final two days will be in Term 1 and Term 2 of 2022.

We also have a combined **Devonport Peninsula Teacher Only Day** involving TGS, BIS, Bayswater, Vauxhall, Stanley Bay and Devonport Primary on **Friday 4 June**.

The **Year 5 camp last week was a huge success. Thanks to all the parents** who volunteered their time and skills. The children had wonderful experiences. This will assist their confidence for the Year 6 camp next year. **Thanks to the staff also** for giving up their family time to be with 87 kids.

Finally, **I would like to acknowledge Joyce and all the work she has done for students, parents, staff, the Board and myself**. Joyce has been an amazing Office Manager. She definitely is the Minister of First Impressions. She remains calm amongst chaos in the mornings, supports parents and visitors to our school with confidence, respect and humour while at the same time administering first aid, doing 100 enrolments, announcements over the intercom, all my work and she does this with a huge smile on her face. I personally will miss Joyce, our work friendship, the banter, her mocking me and her loud contagious laugh. On behalf of the school community I know you join me in wishing her well for her next adventures. You are a carrier of enthusiasm and you have made a difference in many people's lives.

Bruce Cunningham
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