Belmont Primary School

Upcoming Events

Friday 24 March	Assembly with Room 11
Thursday 30 March	Opera performance
Friday 7 April	Assembly with Room 10
Friday 7 April	Beach Cleanup
Sunday 9 April	Shore to Shore Fun Run
Thursday 13 April	Last day of Term 1 (Easter)
Monday 1 May	First day of Term 2
Friday 12 May	Assembly with Room 4
Monday 15 May	Maui and the Sun (school performance)
Wednesday 17 May	Room 1 Camp

***Welcome** to our New Entrant Hilary Fry.*

Welcome also to our new students Samuel T from the UK, and Avery and Hayden Hoyt from Dallas, Texas.

Principal's Comments:

Dear Families,

Our **Year 6** students have had a very successful **camp.** I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this a memorable experience for these children. Two of the campers will share their adventures with us.

Year Six School Camp

From the 6th of March to the 9th of March Rooms 3, 4 and the Year 6s in Room 2 went on a 4 day camp in Papamoa. This is what we did...

Day 1 Karangahake Gorge

The first stop of our long trip was the Karangahake gorge underground gold mines. We set off on our forty five minute walk. We walked quietly through the dark gold mines so we didn't disturb the wetas and glow worms. Some of the mines were so dark that we had to hold each other's shoulders to stay together and not bang into things. After going through 4 mines we got back in the sticky, hot bus.

Mount Maunganui

When we got to Mount Maunganui the top seemed impossible to reach.

We started to walk up. When we got into the bush it was amazing. It was really tiring climbing the steep roads but at the same time it was beautiful. We walked through trees and bush we saw lots of native plants. When we finally reached the top the view was wonderful. When we reached the bottom we got in the bus and drove to the camp.

Arriving At camp

When we finally arrived after a 7 hour bus trip we all trudged off the bus, dragged our heavy bags and flopped down on the grass. Finally we were at Papamoa Christian Camp. First we were told what cabin you were in. Then we ate a delicious dinner of nachos.

Day 2 Adrenalin Forest

Arrived at Adrenaline Forest buzzing with excitement we were sorted into groups. Group 1 started with the high wires and Group 2 did team challenges. Adrenalin Forest was a tree top activity that was done in levels 1-6. Tom Robinson managed to finish level 6 along with one of the Dads. Team Challenges was all about working together and communicating. The games we played were Spider Web, Stepping Stones and more. Before each activity we would come up with a strategy.

Hot pools

After dinner we got in the double decker bus and drove to Papamoa Thermal Hot Pools. We spent one relaxing hour there. There was a slide, a very hot pool and a slightly heated pool.

The cool thing about these pools is that they are heated underground.

Day 3 Flip out

It was cold and wet on Wednesday so we missed out on Waimarino instead we went to Flip Out, a trampoline park. There were two Olympic tramps, a foam pit and walls to jump up on. There was also long strips of tramp with basketball hoops at the end of them.

We got another hour for free since we emptied the foam pit. We found lots of socks, a few watches and we even found a Pandora bracelet.

Skits

On Wednesday night everyone did a skit that we had practised throughout the week. They were so much fun to watch. We did things like singing, Movie fails, Shows and more.

The parents did two skits which were very funny. The MC of the evening was Tim Williams.

Day 4 Sports

On the way home..

When we arrived at Papamoa Primary School we got off the bus and walked into their school hall to see a group of kids sitting on the ground. They welcomed us with some Maori songs and then it began. First was Rippa rugby sadly we lost. Next was soccer and we thrashed them easily. The last game was basketball. Sadly this was the school's best sport and they thrashed us. Afterwards we shared morning tea.

So that's what we did on Year 6 camp. It was an awesome experience.

By Eloise Thorne and Monique Jermy

We are looking forward to our assembly tomorrow as our **PTA will be giving us information on our fair,** including the amount raised and which house won the most points.

Chris Bioletti
Associate Principal

Certificate Winners	
Room 1	Harvey Trembath
Room 2	Adam Nicholls
Room 3	*At Camp*
Room 4	*At Camp*
Room 5	Mia Coughlan
Room 6	Alex Watkins
Room 7	Michael Stirling
Room 8	Taavi Jameson
Room 9	Angelina Li
Room 10	George Read
Room 11	Cash Gibson
Room 12	Elena James
Room 13	Jeremy Kim
Room 14	Lola Senior
Room 15	Quinn Martin
Room 17	Nanae Sato-Nates
Room 18	Mimi La Hood
Room 19	Alex Craig
Music	Xavier Wilson

TERM DATES

Term 1 2017 Wed 1 Feb - Thu 13 Apr

Term 2 2017 Mon 1 May - Fri 7 Jul

Term 3 2017 Mon 24 Jul- Fri 29 Sep

Term 4 2017 Mon 16 Oct - Fri 15 Dec

Belmont Primary Newsletter – PTA Update

Stop Press….

…. At assembly tomorrow we will be presenting a donation to the school. We'll keep it a surprise until then but the cheque will have some 00's on the end of it. We are super excited and so proud to be doing so and still can't thank you enough.

And, but we'll also announce the winning house! Early results indicate a bit of a landslide!

We had a great meeting recently to review the Fair and over the next few weeks we will also be talking to the school and the Board of Trustees about fundraising ideas. So if you have any inputs to this please do let us know.

In the next update we'll let you know some results for different areas of the Fair and give you an overview of what's happening later this year.

Any feedback please send it in.

Thanks

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Remember to pay your school donation before 31/3/2107 if you want to claim your donation rebate for the tax year

Year 6 Camp

The **Values Award** went to Alexandra and Luther Watkins and Chloe and Delilah Pezaro.

The **Energy Award** went to Mr Cunningham.

The **Bayleys Growth Mindset Award** went to Room 1.

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