

# Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 25 August 2011

## Principal's Comments

*Dear Parents, Families and Friends of the School,*

Please note that although there is no formal assembly tomorrow, there will be two in a row, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Tomorrow at 9.45am I will host a morning tea for new families. This is an opportunity for families new to the school and maybe to NZ, to discuss schooling, teaching and learning. Please feel most welcome to attend. This is a new initiative to ensure new families are welcomed into our school.

With the Rugby World Cup just around the corner I would like to let you know what our school is doing as part of this event. Mrs Harvey is coordinating some groups to busk on the last day of term in Takapuna. Room 1 and Room 4 are dressing some shop windows in Devonport in Scottish and Welsh colours. The school has adopted France as our second team and we will dress the hall foyer in French colours. This is a request from the Takapuna Beach Business Association since the French are being hosted at the Spencer on Byron. The Year 4 and 5 classes are cleaning Takapuna Beach on Friday 9 September as part of 'Make Takapuna Beautiful' for the 10,000 visitors Takapuna and Devonport are expecting. Finally Mr Thorne and the PTA are organizing a themed mufti day where your child can come dressed in the colours of their favourite team. I will inform you of this date shortly.

On Friday 2 September we will host our speech finals at the Rose Centre. Two children from each class will be in the finals. The times for the syndicates are 9.45 to 10.30 for Middle Syndicate, 10.30 to 11

### TERM DATES

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| <b>Term 3</b>      | <b>Tue 2 Aug</b> to Fri 7 Oct |
| <b>Term 4</b>      | Tue 25 Oct to Thu 15 Dec      |
| <b>Term 1 2012</b> | Thur 2 Feb to Thur 5 Apr      |
| <b>Term 2</b>      | Mon 23 Apr to Fri 29 June     |
| <b>Term 3</b>      | Mon 16 July to Fri 28 Sept    |
| <b>Term 4</b>      | Mon 15 Oct to Tue 18 Dec      |

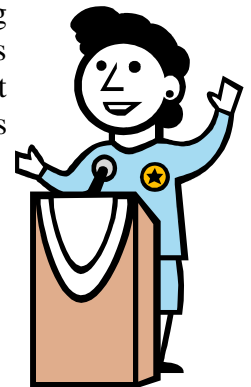
for the Junior Syndicate and 11.30 to 12.30 for the Senior Syndicate

Belmont Primary School will celebrate its centennial during Labour Weekend next year, 19-22 October. If you know of any past families, past teachers or past friends of the school, could you please ask them to register their interest at [centenary@belmont.school.nz](mailto:centenary@belmont.school.nz) or ring the school.

Finally, thanks to all those families who recently paid their school donations. This is much appreciated and needed to ensure we can continue to deliver quality teaching and learning programmes, employ teacher aides and buy resources. If you have not paid yet, could you please do so as soon as possible.

**Bruce Cunningham**

**PRINCIPAL**



## Auckland Boys Choir

Auditions are about to happen for boys 9-12 to sing with this group. They will be recording for television, and singing in the Town Hall and Holy Trinity Cathedral later this year. Practices are in Epsom.

Go to [www.akboyschoir.cfsites.org](http://www.akboyschoir.cfsites.org) or phone Fraser Faulknor 522 4227

STORYLINES in association with the APO  
proudly present the world premiere of  
**JELLYBEAN**  
a play for orchestra and three actors  
by Tessa Duder - based on her children's novel *Jellybean*  
ASB Theatre, Aotea Centre, THE EDGE  
Sunday 28 August 2011  
Two performances only  
at 1.30 pm and 3.00 pm  
**FREE ADMISSION**

The event is sponsored by:  
Harcourt, APT CITY, BECROFT FOUNDATION, Auckland Council

Tim Bray Productions  
presents  
**A Lion in The Meadow**  
and Other Stories by Margaret Mahy  
Adapted by Tim Bray  
Songs by Christine White  
The Civic - Wintergarden,  
Sunday 28 August 2011  
Performances at  
10.15am and 12.15pm  
**FREE ADMISSION**

## Certificate Winners 12 August

|         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| Room 1  | Megan Tan            |
| Room 2  | Jack Ryan            |
| Room 3  | Jonathan Nicholas    |
| Room 4  | Benjamin Holt        |
| Room 5  | Hana Garrett         |
| Room 6  | Tom Christie         |
| Room 7  | Kyra Richardson-Heys |
| Room 8  | Hana Garrett         |
| Room 9  | Henry Kinnon         |
| Room 10 | Kaedee               |
| Room 11 | Lily Jones           |
| Room 12 | Dominic Barker       |
| Room 13 | Gina Torjussen       |
| Room 14 | Daniel Rudduck       |
| Room 15 | Liam Cowie           |
| Values  | Jacob Groenendyk     |

## Phones For Starship

We are collecting old mobile phones for the Starship's Air Ambulance Service fundraising campaign. The good news is that our school gets to benefit too. Depending on how many phones our school collects, there are some exciting rewards we can claim, including interactive whiteboards, projectors, PCs, books, handycams, sports gear and cameras. Please drop off the phones in the box at the office.

## Music Education Centre

Music is great fun for the whole family. Many adults regret not having learned to read music or play an instrument. Music is complex, and Intermediate and Secondary school age students find it more difficult than younger students to pick up the fine motor-coordination skills needed to be a good musician. Your school provides the wonderful opportunity for individual instrumental tuition after school time. To book your child into guitar or piano/keyboard lessons, contact the Music Education Centre on 0800893939.

## A Message from Belmont Intermediate

We are holding an **Open Day** at Belmont Intermediate School for parents and caregivers of Year 6 students intending to come to BIS in 2012. The school will operate 2 tours around the school. The school is open for students, parents and caregivers to see how BIS operates.

During September we will hold 2 **enrolment evenings** at BIS for parents/caregivers to come along with their child to hand in their enrolment forms and other paperwork.

The dates are as follows:

**Open Day** - Thursday 25 August – Tours at 9am and 1.45pm, BIS hall. **PS** Due to Ripper Rugby being held on 25th August we will be having an addition Open Day Tour. This will be held on Friday 26th August at 9am (one tour only).

**Enrolment Evenings** – Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 September from 3.15pm to 7pm in the Information Centre.

## EdAlive software

EdAlive's educational software is now available as Internet downloads through the new eCSP (electronic Community Software Plan)! Save up to 70% off RRP *and* direct 20% of the value of your orders as CASH to our school. To access the eCSP go to [www.edalive.com/ecsp](http://www.edalive.com/ecsp). You can download the software directly to your computer or have CDs shipped to your home address.

## Second Hand Uniforms

All enquiries to Helen Lewis 445 7782. If you are wanting to sell items no longer needed small sizes are especially required.

## Keys

See Julie if you have lost keys at any time.

## Community Notices

We have a brochure display unit in the office area with a huge range of notices. Please pop into the office and have a look.

### North Shore Rugby Football Club

Rugby tournaments aren't all about the big boys...The North Shore Rugby Football Club is running a "Junior Rugby World Series" fun rugby tournament for primary/intermediate kids during the first week of the October School holidays. Playing in the national colours of teams competing in the main RWC, children in their respective grades (J1-J6) will compete in a two day match-up, all vying for the honour of taking home the Championship title. The teams will be randomly selected 10 a-side – tackling with plenty of great ball handling skills and fast-paced action. And that's all done in bare feet! This is where future rugby stars are born! Where: North Shore Rugby Football Club - Cambridge Terrace, Devonport. When: October 10,11, 12- reserve day Price: \$80 per child and \$40 for each additional child in the family Contact: Gordon Stuart, 027-262 9596 / [gordon.stuart@idrisk.com](mailto:gordon.stuart@idrisk.com), Dione Bird – for any registration queries on email [dione.bird@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dione.bird@xtra.co.nz) To register please click on the following link: [Rugby World Series](#) Places are limited so get in quickly. Registrations close 31st August 2011.

### Community Town Centre Tidy Up -

Devonport Saturday August 27, 1pm – 4pm Meet at Windsor Reserve. Roll up your sleeves! It's our turn to help Devonport shine and put a sparkling face on our town for Rugby World Cup 2011. Get behind the Devonport Business Association's community effort to make the day a gleaming success. Help is needed with planting, painting, sweeping, washing - simple tasks that all of us are good at! There will be free lunch for volunteers @ 3 pm. For more info, contact Eddie de Heer @ 021 498390 or [dba@ihug.co.nz](mailto:dba@ihug.co.nz)

**KUMON IS NOW OPEN IN BELMONT!** Using mathematics and English as a base, Kumon gives children a strong academic foundation, a positive attitude towards school work, confidence, good concentration ability, a sense of achievement, and the ability to self-learn advanced topics. To find out how your child can experience this joy of learning, contact Sylvia Wong to attend the next Parent Orientation. 09-410-2183 or 021-886-991, e-mail: [kumonbelmont@gmail.com](mailto:kumonbelmont@gmail.com).

### St John Youth:

St John Youth is for all young people from 6 to 18 years; our Penguin Programme caters for 6 - 8 year olds, while our 8 to 18 year olds work through the Grand Priors badge, which is a royal award similar in structure to the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award. The Devonport division meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm at the Devonport Scout Hall on Allenby Avenue.

## Upcoming Events

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| Friday 26 August       | No assembly this week |
| Friday 2 September     | Assembly with Room 4  |
| Friday 9 September     | Assembly with Room 3  |
| Wednesday 21 September | Sausage Sizzle        |