

# Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 1 December 2011

## Principal's Comments



### TERM DATES

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| <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   |



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

This is our last official newsletter of the year, so it is an opportunity to say thanks to many parents, children and staff, and to farewell the Year 6 families who are not returning.

To all the families who gave up their time to coach or manage sports teams, thanks. The miniball season in particular is long and your commitment is appreciated. The children would not have had the opportunity to participate if it wasn't for your time and energy. To all the families who gave up time to assist with our performing arts groups, thanks. This group of children certainly enjoy performing to a very high standard. Jennie Hoadley and family are moving to Wellington. Thank you Jennie for all the time you have given to many children over 8 years. Thanks to the PTA for all your time and creative thinking to ensure the children of Belmont Primary continue to have the necessary resources available to them. The Family Fun Night raised \$6500, which is a tremendous result. This included the sale of food from the International Food Stall (Taste of Belmont) which raised \$3000, what a great effort. To all the parent helpers who volunteer time in the classroom, on school trips and sports days, thanks. To all our parents who are involved in WaterWise, so the children can learn to sail, thanks. This weekly commitment in the cold waters is very much appreciated. I would also like to make mention of the parents who volunteered to coach gymnastics at 8.00am for three terms. This sport was so popular with all ages. Thanks. The teachers do appreciate your time and the work you do. We just had our helpers morning tea and over 150 invitations were sent out, which is incredible and shows the support the children receive.

To all the families who are finishing at Belmont Primary this year thank you for all the help and support you have given, many over 8 years. I know your child will leave Belmont Primary with very good values, with a strong academic foundation, strong friendships and many fond memories. This group of Year 6 students have exceeded all our expectations. Their academic results are outstanding, their friendships are very strong and they are great kids. They have been very good role models for all our younger students. I wish them all the best for their next educational adventures.

I will post our academic results on our website [www.belmont.school.nz](http://www.belmont.school.nz) next Thursday when they are all completed, including National Standards data.

I would like to remind families that our Junior Prizegiving (Y1-3) is Friday 9 December 1pm and the

Senior Prizegiving is Wednesday 14 December 9.00am start. Both these prizegivings are formal occasions (especially the Senior Prizegiving which will last 3 hours) and I would ask families with younger children to consider organising a baby sitter or family friend to look after them.

The Board has granted Shirley Harvey leave for term 1. Ruth Segrove will teach drama in Term 1 and Johanna Ciesielski will take music performance groups.

This year has seen 125 children enrol in our school and our current roll is 358. Next year Rooms 11 and 12 will be occupied by the Year 2 children, with Rooms 8 and 9 being for our New Entrant (Year 1 children). We anticipate both these rooms to have 18 students by March, which means we will start our new roll growth class in April. The Board has appointed Pat Holdich who returns to our school after three years in Christchurch. It will be great to have Pat and her experience back. The popularity of the school and its very good community reputation continues and is a very accurate reflection on the quality of the teachers, the leadership team and the expectations that staff, children and parents strive for.

A reminder that school finishes this year on Thursday 15th December at 12.30pm and starts next year on Thursday February 2. The children will go straight to their new class. They will have a chance to meet their new teacher and new classmates on the last day of school. We trialled this initiative last year after parents suggested it would be a way to lessen anxiety and it was very successful. The office will be open from Thursday 26 January for uniform purchases and general information. Julie has the stationery lists organised and these need to be returned to the school by Friday 9 December, otherwise you will need to take them to Paper Plus in Takapuna yourself.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their continued support of my leadership. It is a wonderful school and community to belong to. I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and enjoy seeing your family and friends. Enjoy your children for the next six weeks.

**Bruce  
Cunningham**  
*PRINCIPAL*



*See the fabulous Christmas art in the hall*

## Certificate Winners 18 November

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| Room 1  | Jack Hargreaves       |
| Room 2  | Oscar Wilson          |
| Room 3  | Jake Oh               |
| Room 4  | Eileen Park           |
| Room 5  | Charlotte Andrew      |
| Room 6  | Hannah                |
| Room 7  | Charlotte Buchanan    |
| Room 8  | Rehan Chambers        |
| Room 9  | George Rush           |
| Room 10 | Matthew Bowyer        |
| Room 11 | Seth Peters           |
| Room 12 | Matthew               |
| Room 13 | Jake Avram            |
| Room 14 | Aiden Harris          |
| Room 15 | Emma Patterson        |
| Room 16 | Lois Fairbank         |
| Values  | Kisepi Havea-Tuitupou |

## Kids for Kids Festival

Our Bellbirds joined 8 other schools on Tuesday 15 November at the Bruce Mason Centre to sing with Suzanne Prentice to raise funds for World Vision. Congratulations to Felicity Lewis and Luke Patterson for winning solo parts in the show and for performing so well.

## Old gas cylinder, anyone?

Our sound sculpture desperately needs an empty gas cylinder.

Does anyone have one which is past its use by date? Please let Shirley know.

**Could the owner of a black 4WD with a registration 'close' to BGR815, who took this vehicle to the Family Fun Night contact Bruce Cunningham please.**

## Welcome students

Welcome to our new student Francesca Sanderson from the UK.

Welcome also to our New Entrants Tupou Havea-Tuitupou, Ivy Denton, Jack and Alyssa Boyd.

## 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)

## Seedling Sale

Room 1 will be selling seedlings outside the hall on Friday 2 December before and after our special Christmas Assembly. We have basil or coriander planted in a ceramic pot complete with a gold bow and a Christmas gift tag....ideal gifts! Only \$5 each! Money raised will go towards outdoor art projects for our centenary next year. Thank you, Room 1.

## Worm Tea and Card Sale

Worm tea (\$1 per litre) and cards will be available outside the hall before and after assembly on Friday. Funds go to the upkeep of the kitchen garden.

**Remember tea, coffee and finger food available before the Assembly on Friday.**

## 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.

### Harbourside Kids Childcare Centre

Come and enjoy quality care for your child (0-5 years) with new purpose built facilities, experienced qualified teachers and convenient location. 48 Esmonde Road, Takapuna. 0800 HSKIDS—[www.hskids.co.nz](http://www.hskids.co.nz). Visit website for our latest Special Offers!

**Hospice North Shore** are running their Annual Trees Of Remembrance Programme at ten sites around the North Shore from 9th to 23 December. We welcome more volunteers to help sit at our trees, for a 2 hour time slot. It helps raise money for the work Hospice does in our community. Parents If you can assist, please contact Karen Lee on 479 8199 or [leewhanau@xtra.co.nz](mailto:leewhanau@xtra.co.nz)

### North Shore Junior Orchestra

NSJO are holding auditions for the 2012 orchestra on Wed 7 December, for children between 8 and 14, who play a musical instrument. We rehearse every school term on Wed from 4.30pm to 5.45pm at Rangitoto College. Ph David Kay - conductor - (09) 440 9075 or see our website [www.nsj.org.nz](http://www.nsj.org.nz) for an audition form.

### Bayswater School Camp Fundraiser

See an early screening of the movie, 'The Adventures of Tintin'. At BRIDGEWAY CINEMA, NORTHCOTE, on Sunday 4 December, at 3:30pm. Tickets on sale from the office. Kids: \$15.00(12yrs & under), Adults: \$18.00, Family: \$55.00 (2 adults & 2 kids) Spot prizes on the night and lolly bag with each ticket.

### Smashtennis Kids Pre-Xmas Holiday Camp

at Belmont Racquets Club on Bayswater Ave from the 19th- 23rd December Junior camp 9am-12 or match play 10am-1pm (for interclub Kids only) \$30 a session or book online \$25. call Mark 021 462 496 or [mark@smashtennis.co.nz](mailto:mark@smashtennis.co.nz)

### Holiday Programme Co-ordinator

Devonport Community House are looking for a person to organize and facilitate our school holiday programmes for 5 - 13 year olds, starting January 2012. Applicants should have strong organisational skills, experience working with children and an ability to lead a team. For application or job description contact Pam Churchill at [devonportcomhouse@xtra.co.nz](mailto:devonportcomhouse@xtra.co.nz) or on 445-3068 before 2 December 2011.

**Devonport Swimsation** - learn to swim for preschoolers and school aged children. At Devonport Primary pool. Block courses start 5th December - get the kids swimming before heading to the beach this summer. We also have courses in the Jan holidays and term 1 2012. Phone 480 8914 or email [evonport@swimsation.com](mailto:evonport@swimsation.com) for more info. Small group and individual lessons available.

## Upcoming Events

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| Friday 2 December        | Christmas Assembly  |
| Sunday 4 December        | Devonport Santa Parade and Festival                             |
| Monday 5 December        | Bellbirds at TGS Christmas festival at 7pm                      |
| Friday 9 December        | Junior Prizegiving at 1pm <b>Last day for stationery orders</b> |
| Wednesday 14 December    | Senior Prizegiving at 9am                                       |
| Thursday 15 December     | Last day of Term 4, school closes at 12.30                      |
| Thursday 26 January      | School office open  |
| Thursday 2 February 2012 | First day of Term1, 2012  |