

Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 10 March 2011

Principal's Comments

TERM DATES 2011	
Term 1	Wed 2 Feb to Fri 15 Apr
Term 2	Mon 2 May to Fri 15 July
Term 3	Tue 2 Aug to Fri 7 Oct
Term 4	Tue 25 Oct to Thu 15 Dec

Dear Parents, Families and Friends of the School,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their donations to support the people of Christchurch. I know many of you have contributed in many ways and many times through various agencies and clubs.

Last Friday our school of 300 pupils raised \$1700 which was a magnificent effort. Brodie Kent decided that this money be given to the Red Cross, so that is what we did. Heather and Ellen Smith donated \$310 from their pocket money made up of 20 and 50 cent pieces. The bag was heavy! Thanks children.

We have welcomed 4 families (6 children) into our school from Christchurch and we will do our very best to support their social and educational needs over the coming weeks. Once again our children have been very eager to be buddies and to be hospitable. All have been showing manaakitanga.

Our children have just finished a set of assessments. These results plus comments have been shown in the discussion sheets that went home with Year 3-6 children. The purposes of this assessment are varied. It shows the child and the parent where the child is currently based on a standardised test that is norm referenced, it will enable our school to track progress over the year and it will inform the teachers about children's strengths and weaknesses. Thus it will

teachers planning. Lastly it can form the basis of the discussion today at the parent teacher conference.

The TXT service. I would like all families to register for this txt messaging service. This service will allow us to contact all families instantly if there is an emergency. It would take staff a long time to contact everyone by phone. The Christchurch disaster is an example of how effective a TXT messaging service can be. Yesterday we needed to ring the fire brigade. Although it was not a full blown emergency we did have to evacuate and wait on the field for 20 minutes until the all clear was given. If we needed to close the school and contact you the TXT messaging service would have been used. Please look at the cover page on our website, www.belmont.school.nz It will only take a few minutes to register. We will only txt you in an emergency.

Next week I am off site with the Year 6s at our annual camp, based at Papamoa. This is a highlight of the year for many children and part of their schooling they will always remember. The Year 5 children will be at Arataki on Thursday and Friday. Year 4s, you're in charge!!

Bruce Cunningham
PRINCIPAL

Belmont Music Centre

We still have limited spaces in our beginner clarinet and violin classes. Subscription is \$100.00 per year, instrument hire is \$80.00 per year.

We have also some spaces in our Trumpet beginner class and offer trumpet lessons at a reduced price: Learn trumpet for only **\$50.00 per year** and hire a trumpet from us for **free!**

For more information please call the Manager on 444 5096 or 027 291 2690.

PS. Belmont Primary would love more children learning the trumpet.



Shore to Shore Fun Run

Don't forget your entry for the Shore to Shore Fun Run. This is a great opportunity to raise money for sports equipment for the school. Your whole family can be involved. Entries to Mrs Sykes by Tuesday 15 March. Info to follow.

New students

Welcome to Angelina Lovison from Milford Primary, Mikaela Keer-Keer from Halswell Primary, Ben Heffter from Sumner School and Heather and Keith Miller from Middleton Grange School.

Welcome also to our New Entrants Isabella Lovison, Katie Young and Mia Harvey.

Lost keys

Julie has a collection of different keys that have been handed in to her at the school office and never claimed. If you have lost keys at any time please see Julie.



Middle School Swimming Sports



Certificate Winners 25 February	
Room 1	Kiana Ria Renata-Kokiri
Room 2	Patrick Calver
Room 3	Edward Giles
Room 4	Tim Lambers
Room 5	Joseph Kernohan
Room 6	Jueun Kim
Room 8	Manawa Karanui-Rowe
Room 9	Anna Stuart
Room 10	Scott Havea-Tuitupou
Room 11	Hannah Santos
Room 12	Chrisan
Room 13	Molly Tucker
Room 14	Connor
Room 15	Amelia Peachey
Values	Brodie Kent and Rhys Morris



Community Notices

KELLY SPORTS - After School Multisport Programme at Belmont School

Kelly Sports is offering an 8-week "Super Summer Series" programme on Wednesdays from 3.10pm to 4.10pm starting 16 February. Designed especially for Year 1 to 4 children. A whole range of sports and other fun games are on offer. Contact Irene Fourie on 0800 535 598 or irene@kellysports.co.nz for more info.

Rock and Roll

If anyone is interested there is a free introductory Rock & Roll lesson and social dancing at Avondale Bowling Club on the last Tuesday of this month (29th March). Come and learn to dance and meet some new people. See Natasha Taylor, Room 10 for any further info.

The Devonport Community Harvest Fair

Sunday 13 March 2011 2pm-7pm
Devonport Community House 32 Clarence Street, Devonport

Girls aged from 9 years can learn to sail and enjoy water based and outdoor activities with **Awataha Young**

Mariners. The Awataha unit provides excellent peer support for girls to learn to sail in optimist, sunburst and cutter craft as well as participating in camping, kayaking, rowing, lifesaving and other fun activities during the year. The unit meets every Monday evening during school terms from 6 to 8 pm at Milford Sea Scouts, 24 Craig Road, Milford. Fees are only \$45 per term. Check out Young Mariners of New Zealand at <http://youngmariners.org.nz/>. For more information, contact Neville McGrath, phone 443-6438

Christchurch Urban Rescue Fundraiser Concert @ the Masonic Tavern on Friday 25 March @ 8 pm:

Boyd Thwaites from the Masonic Tavern is organizing this event featuring local stars such as Jordan Luck, Dave McArtney, Debbie Harwood, Tina Cross, Rikki Morris and others. \$20 cover charge plus donations accepted.

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. There are brochures for :

Bubbledome, Kidactive parties, Holiday fun, Swimsation, Helen O'Grady's Children's Drama Academy, Shotokan Karate, Hip Hop Dancing, Dance Expressions, Elite Group Training, Martial Arts - Kungang Taekwondo, Yoga at the Rose Centre, Music Education Centre, City Nippers surf lifesaving, Kumon Maths and English, Gymnastics Club, Ballet, Art classes after school, NZ Modern School of Music Ltd, Global Martial Arts, Skids After School Care, Zumba dance lessons at Bayswater Primary, Pita Pit order envelopes, Sushi order envelopes, Belmont Primary School PTA 2011 update Newsletter, in2it street games brochure, Learn to Surf brochure, Football Kidz NZ.

Upcoming Events

Friday 11 March	Assembly with Room 15
Monday 14 March	Year 6 children at camp for a week
Thursday 17 March	Year 5 children an overnight camp at the Arataki Centre in the Waitakere Ranges
Tuesday 22 March	Parent Information Evening. Writing
Thursday 24 March	Yr 5 and 6 cricket at Hauraki 12.30-3pm
Sunday 27 March	Shore to Shore Fun Run