

# Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 25 February 2010

## Principal's Comments

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

Last week the senior school students (Y5-6) voted for their house captains. Each child voted for 1 boy and 1 girl to represent their house. The candidates gave speeches before the voting took place. I am pleased to announce this year's House Captains are:

<u>Arawa House Captains</u>		
<b>Captain</b>	Tamarau McGahan	Grace O'Brien
Vice	Blake Sharrow	
<u>Kiwi House Captains</u>		
<b>Captain</b>	David Broad	Maddy Hill
Vice	Liam Donnelly	Lizzie Andrew
<u>Ngapuhi House Captains</u>		
<b>Captain</b>		Alexandra Dooley
Vice	Wilson	Jenna Williams
<u>Weka House Captains</u>		
<b>Captain</b>	Bradley Howell	Melanie Kim
Vice	Josh Galloway-Mills	Natalie Morrison



Our office managers this year are Eliot Hayes and Angel Karanui and the bell monitor is Tamarau McGahan. House Captains, ICT monitors, office monitors, librarians and road patrol students will receive their badges at assembly this Friday.

The senior children are currently being assessed in reading comprehension, vocabulary, maths and listening skills. They will also complete an assessment (asTTle) based on reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, spelling, finding information and inferencing. This same test will be re-taken at the end of the year so that we can assess the improvement.

Parental involvement and participation in the educative process can take many forms, ranging from helping at working bees, helping on trips or parent help in the classroom through to involvement on the School Board. This parental contribution plays a vital role at Belmont Primary. It is not simply making life easier for the teaching staff; it is active, hands-on involvement in the development of your children. Parental participation enables many educational activities to occur that would otherwise be out of the reach of the school. In addition, parents have the opportunity to establish new friendships and thus the school becomes a valued part of social life in the community.

Please feel free to communicate with the school at any time to discuss areas of concern or interest, as open communication between parents and teaching staff is essential in providing the best possible education for each child. Some parents have discussed the Year 3 homework with me already and as a result of this communication we have changed the format.

A reminder that the PTA picnic is Friday 12 March from 5pm to 7pm and we look forward to seeing as many of you as can be there.

As you are aware, we do many wonderful activities, are well resourced, the buildings are well maintained and we provide quality staff. The government will be funding 60% of the school's expected expenditure. However, we do rely on grants from the community, international students, fundraising events coordinated by the PTA and **school donations**. Please think seriously about donating \$250 per child to

### TERM DATES 2010

**Term 1** Wed 3 Feb to Thurs 1 Apr

**Term 2** Tues 20 Apr to Fri 2 July

**Term 3** Mon 19 July to Fri 24 Sept

**Term 4** Mon 11 Oct to Thurs 16 Dec

the school. The money benefits your child and ensures they receive quality education. At the beginning of the year we have many expenses, therefore we would appreciate having the donations as soon as possible to cover our costs. I would like to thank families who have donated more than the requested amount. This is very generous and appreciated.

The children have made a terrific start to the year. They are all settled and their attitude to learning is positive. All children have been studying 'what it takes to be a good learner,' and their thinking and answers have been tremendous.

If any family has changed address or phone numbers please contact Julie in the office.

On **Thursday 4 March** at 6.30pm, I will be hosting an information evening regarding National Standards. Please feel welcome to attend. Not suitable for children although you can bring them.

On **Thursday March 11, school will be closing at 12.30pm**. There will be a meet the teacher afternoon/evening for parents to meet their child's teacher. Prior to this a discussion sheet will be sent home which can form the basis of the interview. More information soon, including choosing interview times.

The NZEI (Teachers Union) has announced a paid stopwork meeting for **Thursday 18 March** at 1.00pm. This will mean school will close at 12.30pm. Please make arrangements to have your child collected at 12.30pm.

The staff have been discussing some ways in which parents can assist their child's independence and have come up with a small list. Can your child demonstrate these skills? *Write their last name correctly, tie shoe laces and know how to tell the time.*

**Bruce Cunningham**

**PRINCIPAL**

Certificate Winners 12 Feb 2010	
Room 1	Gregory Perrett-Holmes
Room 2	Blake Sharrow
Room 3	Melanie Kim
Room 4	Luke Patterson
Room 5	Daniel Johnson
Room 6	Cayla McInroy
Room 8	Andrew Crotty
Room 9	Maddy
Room 10	Finn Norton
Room 11	Aiden Finn
Room 12	Anna
Room 13	Alireza
Room 14	Lucy Nicoll
Room 15	Molly Tucker
Values	Alex Dooley

## School Payments

For any parents wishing to settle outstanding accounts using internet banking, our bank accounts details are as follows: 12-3065-0129642-00.

Please put your child's name and a brief description of what you are paying for eg: Donation, SportsAcad, Camp, etc in the reference fields. Many thanks.

## Welcome Student

Welcome to our new new entrant Sophia Trembath.

## Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a notice regarding the election will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 23 April 2010 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school office.

The poll closes at noon on 7 May 2010.

## Keeping Ourselves Safe

There is a booklet available with information about this programme. There is an allocation of one per family so if you did not attend the meeting or your child has not brought one home please come to Room 2 to collect one. This is the Police website: <http://www.police.govt.nz/service/yes/resources/violence/kos1.html>. Thank you for your support.

## Kapa Haka

Kapa Haka will commence in Term 2 on Tuesday mornings at 8.30 am for Year 3 to 6 children. Younger children by special request to Ms von Sturmer or Ms Logan.

## Upcoming Events

Friday 26 February	Assembly by Room 8 in the Hall at 9am
Thursday 4 March	National Standards Information Evening 6.30pm
Friday 5 March	School swimming carnival with senior syndicate 11-12.30 and middle school 1.30-3.00pm.
Thursday 11 March	1.30-8.00pm. Our first meet the teacher conference. Please note <b>school will be finishing at 12.30</b>
Friday 12 March	PTA Picnic 5-7pm on the field
Monday 15 March	Year 6 Camp
Thursday 18 March	<b>School closes at 12.30pm because of an NZEI Stopwork meeting for teachers.</b>
Tuesday 30 March	Year 5 Camp

## Community Notices

**We have a brochure display unit in the office area. Notices on display are as follows:**

Bubbledome, Kidactive Parties, Devonport Library's Rakau Summer Reading Programme, Holiday fun, Swimsation, Helen O'Grady's Children's Drama Academy, Shotokan Karate, Hip Hop Dancing, Dance Expressions, Elite Group Training, Kids Athletics in Devonport, Martial Arts - Kumgang Taekwondo, Yoga at the Rose Centre, Music Education Centre, Belmont Primary Parent Information form, Summer Fun Preschool play, City Nippers surf lifesaving, Kumon Maths and English, Instant text message notifications for the school newsletter, Belmont Primary Gymnastics Club.

### BAYSWATER AUTO SHOW

Sunday 7 March, 10AM - 3PM, Bayswater School, Bayswater Ave. An event for the whole family. More than 200 specialty automobiles (vintage to exotics & kitcar to hotrod, Harley Davidson motorcycles, Big-Rigs, Emergency Services, rides & fairground amusements, food, raffles, live entertainment. \$10/family (2 adults 2 kids) \$3/person. Under 5 years free. Info [www.schoolground.co.nz/bayswaterautoshow](http://www.schoolground.co.nz/bayswaterautoshow)

### WELCOME to the DEVONPORT PENINSULA!

Are you new in the area? We look forward to meeting you! Morning Tea @ 11:15 am or Drinks @ 7 pm on March 1, May 3, June 7, Aug 2 (Midwinter Christmas), Sep 6, Nov 1, Dec 6, Devonport Community House, 32 Clarence Street, 445 9533 445 3068 [dportcomm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dportcomm@xtra.co.nz)

### DEVONPORT JETS 5km RUN

Every Wed. Register from 5:30 pm for 6 pm start. Devonport Squash Club, Wairoa Rd. Entry fee \$2:50/child and \$5/adult. For more info, ph Fiona 446 0134

### Piano for sale, tel Susan 445 4680

### Devonport Community Treasure Hunt:

Explore Devonport Village and slightly beyond to find the treasures in our midst! Free Family Event. Sun 7 March (National Children's Day). 10 am - about 2 pm. Register @ Windsor Reserve. Heaps of Prizes!! For info, contact Maire 445 9533

### North Shore Junior Boys Rugby

Dates and times for registration are:-  
Sunday 28 February 5-7pm  
Wednesday 3 March 5-7pm  
Sunday 7 March 5-7pm.

**Smashtennis** Is running After School Tennis now at Belmont Park Racquets Club for all levels of Kids. Please contact [Ashley@smashtennis.co.nz](mailto:Ashley@smashtennis.co.nz) to book your child. Adult Classes are also available running in the evenings and during the day. We have Easi Tennis for players just starting and Tennis Fit for players of a higher level. Please contact [debbie@smashtennis.co.nz](mailto:debbie@smashtennis.co.nz)