

# Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 24 March 2011

## Principal's Comments

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

The Year 6 children had a wonderful time at camp. The weather was superb, the parent helpers were fully involved and the children were thoroughly exhausted after 4 full days of activities. The highlights were paintballing, where the children were the targets, the high ropes course and the kayak park. The challenges the children faced, the confidence to step outside their comfort zone and to spend 3 nights sleeping in bunks away from their parents will help these children build resilience and lifelong memories.

The Year 5 children also had a great time at Arataki. The children enjoyed the activities and many children have told me stories about the night walk and seeing lots of wetas. They will also remember a mass sleep over, the art to bush survival and how they can help protect the bush.

Thanks to all staff and parents who make these trips possible.

Hopefully the parents who attended the writing evening on Tuesday went away with some knowledge on how to support writing at home and the learning progressions the staff use to ensure the children continue to progress.

### 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

On Friday 1 April, the PTA is hosting the April Fools' Family Fun Night. The evening will involve a disco and minisalls. The FUN NIGHT will run from 5pm to 7pm. There will be food stalls, refreshments for children and refreshments for adults. I look forward to seeing as many families as possible. The PTA have spent many hours planning this evening and we value your support. The money raised will go towards the Junior School Fitness Trail.

There will be a working bee on April 10 to start the preparation and foundations for the fitness trail and more information will come home soon about this working bee and materials required.

The Year 5 & 6 cricketers played Hauraki today and I hope the two teams had an enjoyable and successful afternoon.

Finally, thanks to all families for your continuing support of the school and for supporting your child's learning. The staff enjoyed the parent teacher conference and want to remind families that their doors are always open so please feel welcome to contact your child's teacher.

**Bruce Cunningham**  
*PRINCIPAL*

## The Awesome Colgate Carton Race

Please send your Colgate toothpaste boxes into school to help us be competitive in a competition to win \$10,000 worth of sports equipment. Children can earn 100 house points per box, so they need to show their teacher (or their 'Toothpaste Box Monitor'!) and then post the cartons in the box we will have in the hall foyer.

We will send home some notes children can post in your neighbours' letterboxes to ask them to help us too. Please email friends and family to ask them to keep their boxes. This is such an easy one for us if we all get behind it. It starts next Mon 28 March and finishes at the end of June. Please see Ali Logan if you have any questions.

Holiday Programmes are advertised on our website on the Newsletters page.

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*Year 5  
and 6  
camps*

## April Fools' Family Night

Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> 5pm-7pm. Music, entertainment, games, stalls.

We need parent helpers on the night, 5-6pm or 6-7pm, for the following:

- ♦ Hall security or ticket sales
- ♦ Face painting, hair design or nails stand
- ♦ Chips, drinks, lollies, or glow sticks stands
- ♦ Coffee and cake stall (cake/slice/muffin bakers also required)
- ♦ Beer Garden (selling beer and wine), sausage sizzle and Belmont Burgers stall (cooker and servers required)
- ♦ Chance games – (children can win prizes) -Asteroid Blaster, Soak a senior or teacher, Make over your Dad!

Please let Sarah know if you can help with any of the stalls. Phone 4466359 or [saranic@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:saranic@slingshot.co.nz)

Also required:

- ♦ Cake bakers and burger pattie makers.
- ♦ Small donated prizes required for games

There will also be music, a clown, a joke competition, bouncy castle and Wendy house (manned by the fire service).

Thanks you for supporting Belmont School and our children.

## Fitness Trail

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April we are going to build a Fitness Trail in the Junior School. If you can help on the day please e-mail [graeme\\_cathy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:graeme_cathy@xtra.co.nz). As well as volunteers we also need materials. Further details on this will be sent out shortly. We would really appreciate your help and support with this fantastic project for our kids.

Belmont School PTA

## Certificate Winners 11 March

Room 1	Melanie Page
Room 2	Thomas Renee
Room 3	Iona Anderson
Room 4	Eva Mackenzie
Room 5	Robert Wilson
Room 6	Ishbel Vergara
Room 8	David Nicholls
Room 9	Zoe Minett
Room 10	Gryffin Edwards
Room 11	Olivia Priddy
Room 12	Olivia Free
Room 13	Jayda Summer
Room 14	Niko Saussey
Room 15	Toby Saxby
Values	Maia Armstrong

## Found Keys

Julie has a collection of different keys that have been handed into her in the school office over some time now that have never been claimed. If you have lost any keys please see Julie.

## Busking Fridays

Several children have said they are keen to busk to raise money for Christchurch children.

I shall organise the children who are keen to busk on Friday lunchtimes starting next week.

If you are able to send a coin or two for your child to contribute to the buskers containers on the final three Fridays of the term, we would appreciate your support.



*The Belmont competitors for the Weetbix Triathlon*

## Upcoming Events

Friday 25 March	Assembly by Room 14
Sunday 27 March	Shore to Shore Fun Run
Tuesday 29 March	Interschool swimming
Friday 1 April	Family Fun Night 5-7pm

## New students

Welcome to Kun Ho Wang from Korea. Welcome also to our New Entrants Pania Rowe-Karanui, Sativa-Lee Shaw and Oscar Burke.

## Literacy Aid

We wish to re start our Literacy Aid programme in Term 2. We are looking for volunteers to come in to school and take individual children for ½ hour sessions. The aim is to increase the student's reading mileage and to help improve their fluency, comprehension and confidence. Teachers provide the reading material. If you have a free hour and would be happy to help, please contact Chris Bioletti.

## 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](mailto:irene@kellysports.co.nz) for more info.

### 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.

The Millennium Swim School is running intensive swimming lessons in the April School Holidays that are suitable for children 7.5 years and over.

The dates are: April 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>  
April 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$50.00 for 4x30 min lessons. Please call 477 2074 for more information or to make a booking.

**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, Elite Group Training, Yoga at the Rose Centre, Music Education Centre, City Nippers surf lifesaving, Kumon Maths and English, Art classes after school, NZ Modern School of Music Ltd, Skids After School Care, 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, Awataha Young Mariners, Wynton Rufer Soccer School, Devonport Fun Ferns Netball, Devonport Peninsula Neighbours Day, Brainwave, PTA April Fools Family night, Takapuna Athletics Club, Harbourside Childcare Centre, Belmont Primary School Dads working bee, Smashtennis School Holiday Camp.