

# Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 12 May 2011

## Principal's Comments

**TERM DATES 2011**  
**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,*

First of all, a special welcome to all our new families who have started this term. I know your children will enjoy their learning experiences at Belmont Primary. Our staff are very dedicated and professional.

**THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY.**

**THE WORKING BEE FOR THE JUNIOR FITNESS TRAIL HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.** Further information regarding dates will be advised.

The rippa rugby and tackle rugby has been postponed till Tuesday 17 May. Same venue and times.

The school has decided to sell sleeveless fleece vests. These are made of the same material as the fleece jacket and have attractive piping. The cost is \$42. Robyn, in the office, has samples if you would like to see them. Robyn will be sending a flyer home on Friday with more details.

Last Monday a staff member caused the smoke alarm to go off which meant the fire brigade came. Mr Thorne asked his class who they thought burnt the toast and why. Here is one of the answers.

*I think it was Ms Logan because she may be so busy with animals on her farm that maybe she forgets things at school. Pippi*

Wednesday 18 May is school photo day. Please ensure your child's uniform is clean and tidy.

I would like to thank all the parents who are assisting with netball. The time you give to coach, manage and support the children is much appreciated, as it is with the ongoing miniball.

Last week Belmont Primary School was awarded a silver medal for the Travelwise programme. This award

is for getting more people walking and fewer cars coming to school. Congratulations to all our walkers and parents who are 'bus' drivers.

I would like to remind all parents who have not paid their school donations of \$250 that this donation is vital to the school. It enables us to employ teacher aides, buy resources for staff and students, and helps fund all the extra cocurricular activities we do. It also ensures that all staff can continue to deliver high quality learning and teaching programmes. Our expected expenditure is \$555,000 while the MOE provide \$326,000. You can see that we need to raise a lot of money throughout the year. This is achieved through grants, PTA, International Students and school donations. I truly believe that for most families this donation is affordable and all the families I talk to appreciate what we provide at school. Please consider paying the donation.

The Board of Trustees received a resignation from Chris Green who has moved to Australia. Andrew Cowie has been appointed by the BOT effective immediately.

A safety message – please do not park over the driveway entrance when you are dropping off your children.

Finally, if any of your contact details have changed please notify Julie in the office. With the weather becoming more inclement, children may be off sick, so please contact the office. If you don't, Julie will try to contact you, as we are required to know where all children are each day. It saves time if you ring the office.

**Bruce Cunningham**

**PRINCIPAL**

*The Belmont Masterchef competition and winner below*



## New students

Welcome to James Kidd from Riverview Primary, Keri Keri, Chloe Dunn from Brightwater School, Nelson, Hannah Oliver from the UK and Emily Zhou who has returned from China.

Welcome to our New Entrants Oliver Norgrove, Dominic Barker, Alexander Wu, Jasper Bowman, Pearl Nicholson and Adam Towns.

## Walking School Bus

There is afternoon coffee for WSB volunteers on Thursday afternoon 19 May in the staff room.

Want to join a school bus? Contact - [deborah@bayswaterconstruction.co.nz](mailto:deborah@bayswaterconstruction.co.nz) for Bayswater Rd; [kirstansweetman@gmail.com](mailto:kirstansweetman@gmail.com) for Creamer Ave, - can only take more children with extra drivers; The Lakers, [MHawkings@rnzfb.org.nz](mailto:MHawkings@rnzfb.org.nz) and for Fraser Rd, [minettnicky@hotmail.com](mailto:minettnicky@hotmail.com)

## 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.

## The Awesome Colgate Carton Race

We are doing so well! We have consistently been at the top of the leaderboard throughout this competition. You can see our progress on [www.colgatecartonrace.co.nz](http://www.colgatecartonrace.co.nz). We also 'won' a bonus of one free toothpaste and brush per student and we are allowed to put those boxes in our count as well. Please, please keep them rolling in. Stock up your bathroom cupboards with toothpaste and send us

Certificate Winners	
Room 1	Jackson Rice
Room 2	Domenic
Room 3	Nargess Shakiba Tabar
Room 4	Sophie McMillan
Room 5	Lennox Morrison
Room 6	Anya Christiansen
Room 8	Cian Ross
Room 9	Molly Laing
Room 10	Jaimiee Nimmo
Room 11	Sativa-Lee Shaw
Room 12	Jasmine Kernohan
Room 13	
Room 14	Taehyun Lee
Room 15	
Values	Pippi Duncan

the boxes. It never expires and you will always use it! We have a competition each week to see which class can collect the most. So far it has been Room 2 and 9. I have checked the rules and yes we can put boxes in from overseas, so get those relatives posting the flattened ones over to us. We have until the end of June. See Ms Logan if you have any questions. Imagine what sports gear we could buy with \$10 000!

## School Photos

School photos will be taken at the school next Wednesday 18 May.

Your child brought a form home. **ONLY** fill it in and return it if you want an Individual Portrait done.

If you want a Family photo please collect a form from the brochure stand in the school office.

Please give any forms for Individual or Family photo requests to Julie in the office by next Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**NO MONEY** is required at this time.

**Julie has a collection of keys that have been handed into the school office and not claimed. If you have lost keys at any time please see Julie.**

## Upcoming Events

Friday 13 May	NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK
Wednesday 18 May	School Photos
Friday 20 May	Peninsula Choral Festival

## 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.

### Coal Drive 2011

Fundraising for 1<sup>st</sup> Devonport Scouts. 25kg bags of coal delivered free! 1-4 bags \$17 each 5-9 bags \$16 each 10 or more bags, \$15.00 each. Free Delivery to Devonport, Belmont, Bayswater, Takapuna ! Order before Saturday 21 May (for delivery Sunday 29 May). Contact Suzanne on 446 1272 or email: [suzanne@modo.co.nz](mailto:suzanne@modo.co.nz)

**RUN4IT:** Run4it 7 week fitness programmes offer running technique, drills, nutrition & assessments to improve performance. Dashers & Speedos: Skills & activities to improve stamina, agility & coordination. For children aged 6 - 11 yrs regardless of ability. \$85. Endorsed by highly qualified coaches. Belmont Primary: Wednesday lunchtimes from May 25th. Find out more or register at [www.run4it.net](http://www.run4it.net), Deb McNee 021 1006953 or Deb Crowe 021 1228556 *Run4it's motto "better than before" aims to develop greater athletes*

### The Victoria Picture Palace & Theatre Survey

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e3men4mygmqb1c9n/start>  
Please complete the questions and submit them before Wed 18 May, only if you have visited the Victoria cinema. It should take no more than 5 minutes of your time. To thank you you will receive via email a **special gift of a 2-for-1 offer** valid until end of June 2011. The offer will be emailed after 18th May 2011. Please note you will receive your special offer only if you provide your email address on the survey

**KELLY SPORTS ARE BACK!** This term we are coaching: HOCKEY, BASKETBALL/NETBALL, RIPPER RUGBY AND SOCCER. Within our 7 week programme we give your child a taste of each sport by teaching them individual and paired skills as well as playing fun games. There are spaces available simply go to [www.kellysports.co.nz/takapuna.asp](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/takapuna.asp) for enrolment form or contact Jeremy [jeremyb@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:jeremyb@kellysports.co.nz) or 09 443 0254/027 278 4254.

Welcome to **Takapuna Grammar School Fundraising Dance!** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the school hall. Local bands (Ran for cover and Front Room), cash bar and great raffle prizes. Tickets are \$25 and include a light supper. Purchase from Yarrtons, nord or school office.

**MID-WINTER MUSICAL CONCERT** - Thursday June 23 from 7.30pm, held in St. Leonards Chapel at The Wilson Home Trust, Belmont. Acoustic guitar, LipsNZ singing group, Robyn Allen-Goudge on harp, barbershop quartets, string quartets, The Rose Centre singers, a little bit of jazz, and more. Mulled wine and refreshments available. Tickets \$15 call Diane Eaglesome (09) 485 3464 or email [diane@wilsonhometruster.org.nz](mailto:diane@wilsonhometruster.org.nz)