

Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 26 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,

I would like to remind families that we do have several children at school with nut allergies and some have severe life threatening allergies to nuts, so please reconsider sending nuts to school in the school lunches. During the week we found nut shells in the junior quad and if the child had have stepped on them there could have been serious consequences. Thank you for thinking of others.

I had the privilege of taking 16 of our school leaders to a National Young Leaders Conference last week. This was a very inspirational day and I know the children enjoyed the experience. The school will benefit greatly from their new awareness of skills in leadership. These children will do a presentation at an assembly in the near future.

Starting in week 6 (beginning 6 June), your child will be participating in our mid year assessments. These results, along with continual formative assessments and social observations will be reflected in the mid term report which goes home on the 15 July. There will be an opportunity to discuss this report early in Term 3 on Thursday 11 August. These reports will indicate if your child is on track to meet the National Standard at the end of the year. Please remember you are able to discuss your child's progress any time with the teacher.

Our children continue to be heavily involved in sport this term, with all children preparing for the

annual cross country race which is on TUESDAY 14 JUNE. The Year 1 & 2 children will race at 1pm while the Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 children will race at 1.30. The rippa and tackle rugby was a huge success and some of our older boys represented the school at the annual Barbarian Rugby Tournament at Ngataringa Park last Sunday, in which our boys were undefeated in an open weight tournament.

Our teachers continue to be involved in PD, with all teaching staff updating their first aid certificate. Julie is away today and tomorrow on a first aid course. Other PD for staff recently has been ICT, Literacy, PE and Music.

Mr Thorne's wife had a beautiful baby girl last week, Miriam, weighing 8lb. Mum and daughter are both very well. Dad is over the moon.

Finally, a big thank you to all members of the PTA who are organising our first school fair in over 20 years, which will be held on Saturday 5 November. I know a lot of the planning and follow up of promises is well under way. The work that you do to raise money for all children is very much appreciated. As a school we are constantly searching for income so we can continue to provide the highest quality of education.

Bruce Cunningham

PRINCIPAL

Peninsula Sing

Well done to all our Bellbirds who contributed two songs to this event last Friday. We hosted 320 students from choirs in surrounding schools for the morning and listening to them all singing Michael Jackson's 'We are the World' was really moving.

Shirley Harvey



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

Well over 2000 boxes now, but we need to hang onto our place in the Top 5 so that we don't get bumped out at the last minute. Remember, 5 schools win \$10 000 EACH!! Please keep up the great work and think of other people you hadn't thought of to 'tap' for their boxes. Do you have contacts with a rest home as they may have boxes we could use? Ms Logan has arranged to ask shoppers at New World for their boxes on 28/29 May and 18/19 June 10-4pm, so if you are interested in helping with this by sitting with our giant mouth box outside, email her alil@belmont.school.nz and she will put you on the roster. One more month to go!! Keep following our progress at www.colgatecartonrace.co.nz



Message from BIS

Would you be interested in joining the Belmont Intermediate School Board of Trustees? We will be electing two new board members this year so we're looking for parents who have children about to enter Belmont Intermediate who would like to be involved. The board is also looking to co-opt extra board members with skills in finance, legal matters, human resources or property. Please contact RBarraclough@xtra.co.nz or phone the board chairperson Rosemary Barraclough on 489 7314.

Junior Kapa Haka

Due to staffing issues this group will start in Term 3 on a Monday lunchtime.

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.



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.

Kumon is now open in Belmont! The Rose Centre, School Road. Tuesdays and Fridays. Contact your local Kumon Supervisor, Sylvia Wong, 09-410-2183 or 021-886-991 to enroll in our Maths and English programmes. For more information, please e-mail: kumonbelmont@gamil.com, or visit <http://nz.kumonglobal.com/>

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, Deb McNee 021 1006953 or Deb Crowe 021 1228556 Run4it's motto "better than before" aims to develop greater athletes

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 for enrolment form or contact Jeremy jeremyvb@kellysports.co.nz or 09 443 0254/027 278 4254.

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

TAKARUNGA PLAYCENTRE on Mt. Vic is pleased to offer you the **NEW VOUCHERCODE** discount book, valid from now to the 1st June 2012. It's cost effective, portable and has everyday specials local to your area that ensure you earn your money back, with over \$5,000 worth of family, home & garden savings in each book of 100 vouchers. **For just \$25** you will help the fundraising efforts for Takarunga Playcentre, as \$10 from every sale goes directly to them. To purchase a VOUCHERCODE book, please contact: Liz Brown on 550 5823 / 021 0220 4685 / lcannon73@yahoo.co.uk For more info www.vouchercode.co.nz



Upcoming Events

Friday 27 May	Rock band performance as well as Room 2.
Friday 10 June	International Assembly—Just to clear up a possible misconception – children in the parade are <u>not expected</u> to do an item. If your child is practising an item and has not brought home a notice about this, please ask them to collect one from Mrs Harvey.
Tuesday 14 June	School Cross Country
Friday 15 July	Reports go home