

# Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 4 November 2011

## Principal's Comments

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

Welcome back to the final term of 2011. A very special welcome to all our new children and their families. I know that your children will enjoy the school and all the extra activities that we provide. Our current roll is now 348 and we expect to finish the year on 356, which will be our highest roll in 10 years. Anthea Dunning has been appointed till the end of the year to teach the New Entrants class in Room 16 (previously the dental clinic and GATE room).

With regard to staffing in 2012, Fiona Knight (R 11-Y1) will not be returning. We are very grateful for the dedication, professionalism and commitment she has demonstrated. The children and parents have appreciated Mrs Knight. Rachel Somerville, who is currently teaching in Room 7 (NE) will replace Fiona as the Y1 teacher. No other teachers are leaving and all current teachers will be teaching the same year level as they are currently.

Malcolm, our caretaker, will probably retire at the end of January next year. If you know of anyone who may want to do this job and has a range of skills please ask them to contact me asap.



### Belmont Community Dental Clinic Open Day!

Belmont Intermediate School grounds, Winscombe Road, Thursday 10 November, 12.30pm - 4pm. Come and view your new local community dental clinic, which will provide free dental care for 0-17-year-olds. Everyone is welcome and there will be giveaways of toothbrushes, toothpaste and fruit. Staff will be available to answer any questions. It's a new era in dental care with outdated clinics making way for modern, purpose-built dental clinics. Belmont is the second of five new fixed clinics to be built on the North Shore.

### TERM DATES

**Term 4** Tue 25 Oct to Thu 15 Dec  
**Term 1 2012** Thur 2 Feb to Thur 5 Apr  
**Term 2** Mon 23 Apr to Fri 29 June  
**Term 3** Mon 16 July to Fri 28 Sept  
**Term 4** Mon 15 Oct to Tue 18 Dec

I have been very fortunate to receive a sabbatical next year from the MOE. I will take my sabbatical in term 2. Chris Bioletti will be Acting Principal in my absence. As part of my sabbatical I need to write a report based on a research topic. I am also going to travel to England, Scotland, France and Italy with my family. This will be my first time travelling in Europe and you can imagine my excitement.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Family Fun Night on Friday 18th November. This will be the PTA's big fundraising event for the year so please support them. The Family Fun Night in March was very successful. There will be a food stall with a variety of foods prepared by parents from the International Committee. A tasting session took place last night at school and the food was delicious. There will also be refreshments for the adults.

The Kapa Haka group are performing at Bayswater School on Friday morning as part of the Peninsula Cluster's performing arts programme. It is also room 11's assembly item on Friday and I know Mrs Knight, Mrs Bioletti and the children have been working very hard on their class item.

The mosaics on the concrete block wall behind the senior block are looking fantastic so thank you very much to Mrs Aislabie and the senior students. There will be a sausage sizzle day next Tuesday. Our annual school athletics day is on Tuesday 22 November.

Finally, it is great to see all the children back at school.

**Bruce Cunningham**

**PRINCIPAL**

### Belmont Intermediate BOT Election

Belmont Intermediate School will be electing two new board members on 18 November. Parents or caregivers of BIS students are entitled to vote, as are parents of Year 6 students from the contributing primary schools. Nominations close on 4 November and all eligible voters will receive nomination forms in the mail. If you are interested in standing and would like to know more, contact the BIS board chairperson Rosemary Barraclough on 489 7314. If you do not receive a nomination form or voting papers, contact the school office on 489 4878.

Certificate Winners 7 October	
Room 1	Joseph O'Flynn
Room 2	Mitchel Ngadela
Room 3	Sarah Mitchell
Room 4	Ethan Rom
Room 5	Sean Allen
Room 6	Emily Zhou
Room 7	Eloise Thorne
Room 8	Chloe Cole
Room 9	Tyler Jones
Room 10	Olivia Allen
Room 11	Isabella Lovison
Room 12	Alex Wu
Room 13	Emma MacLean
Room 14	Priya
Room 15	Natalija Hayes
Values	Sabrina Strydom

## Family Fun Night

To be held November 18. Don't want to join the PTA but want to help organise an event? Parent helpers required to organise this highly successful fundraising event.

Food, drinks, music, entertainment, decorations. Something for everyone. Please contact Sarah if you would like to join [saranic@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:saranic@slingshot.co.nz).

## Marimba Festival

Thanks to all the children who performed wonderfully well at the festival at Baradene last Sunday.

Thanks to all our parents for their usual magnificent support.



## Welcome students

Welcome to our new students Jonathan Kim from Albany Primary, Seung Jun Min and Hyun Taek Jung from Korea, Pedro, Faaionga, and Teasia Teasia from Warkworth Primary, Will Heron from New Lynn Primary, Isaac Finkle from Bayswater Primary and Saxen McAlpine from Torbay Primary.

Welcome also to our New Entrants Elinor Oliver, James Bullian, Ella Hampson and Ava Shaw.

## EdAlive software

EdAlive's educational software is now available as Internet downloads through the new eCSP (electronic Community Software Plan.) Save up to 70% off RRP and direct 20% of the value of your orders as CASH to our school. To access the eCSP go to [www.edalive.com/ecsp](http://www.edalive.com/ecsp).

## Sound sculpture

Most of you will be aware of the existence of our 'sound sculpture' down by the swimming pool. This was built several years ago when 'Strike', a group of 4 great percussionists, spent a week at our school. Now, thanks to the weather which has caused rust, and sadly, some recent vandalism, we need to replace many of the sound sources. If you have any metal drums, large plastic barrels, empty gas cylinders, or in fact anything which rings when it is struck and you are not using it, we would love to have it. Please let Shirley or Malcolm know.

**Remember tea, coffee and finger food available before the Assembly on Friday.**

## Upcoming Events

Friday 4 November	Assembly with Room 11
Tuesday 8 November	Sausage sizzle
Wednesday 9 November	PTA Meeting in staffroom at 7.30pm
Tuesday 15 November	Kids for Kids at Bruce Mason Centre
Friday 18 November	Family Fun Night
Tuesday 22 November	Athletics day
Sunday 4 December	Devonport Santa Parade

## 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.

### Sculpture for Kidz

Find out how to make 3-D works in clay, Papermache and found objects. Multimedia artist Suza ([www.suza.co.nz](http://www.suza.co.nz)) is looking forward to create and play with children 8+ in the upstairs studio of the Devonport Community House. Friday 4 - 6 pm, 7 weeks, start Friday 4 November Cost \$ 100 (material included) For more info & enrol contact [suza@paradise.net.nz](mailto:suza@paradise.net.nz) or 021 924819

### Smashtennis Kids

Term 4 after school training please book in NOW online. [www.smashtennis.co.nz](http://www.smashtennis.co.nz)

### COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Narrowneck Playcentre proudly presents "Stand Up at the Vic" - at The Victoria Picture Palace and Theatre, on Tuesday 8 November 8pm - 10pm. Award winning comedians and stars of TV3's very popular '7Days' - Paul Ego, Jesse Griffin and Urzila Carlson. Auction between comedy acts. A silent auction and raffle will also run. All proceeds benefit Narrowneck Playcentre. Tickets \$25. For ticket info call the box office 446 0100 or buy online <http://www.iconiccinemas.co.nz>

### Girls Only Summer Football League

Girls in school years 3-6. All registrations welcome, individuals, teams, groups of friends at North Harbour Stadium starting on Monday 14th November. No coaches required. Register online using this link <http://www.nff.org.nz/index.php?id=232>

### BELMONT PARK RACQUETS CLUB JUNIOR SQUASH PROGRAMME

2 Nov - 7 Dec (6 weeks) Wed 5-6pm \$60 (rebate \$10-no absences) Contact Manu Yam 021886583 [www.squashcoach.co.nz](http://www.squashcoach.co.nz)

**Hauraki Primary School's Twilight Fair** is on Friday 11 November, 4-8pm. Our MCs are Actor Shane Cortese and Olympian Paul MacDonald. Local school rock bands and other performances. Grab some great bargains, then stop by for a cold drink from the bar. Have a tasty dinner and be tempted by the delicious treats in our Dessert Room! Visit the Action Zone including Water Walkers & Adrenaline Maze, Free Under-5's Play Area and Old MacDonald's Farm, to name a few! Check out the Live and Silent Auctions including a 14-Night Cruise aboard the MS Volendam from Auckland to Sydney! Remember to enter the raffle & \$500 cash draw. Eftpos available. See you there!

### Harbourside Kids Childcare Centre

Come and enjoy quality care for your child (0-5 years) with new purpose built facilities, experienced qualified teachers and convenient location. 48 Esmonde Road, Takapuna. 0800 HSKIDS—[www.hskids.co.nz](http://www.hskids.co.nz). Visit website for our latest Special Offers!