

Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 6 October 2011

Principal's Comments

Dear Parents, Families and Friends of the School,

Thanks to all families for your support this term. Once more the children have had plenty of opportunities to participate in sporting and performing arts events. A selected group of children are about to have the wonderful experience of singing with an orchestra in Carmina Burana. This is life long learning. These children will remember this experience for a long time. As our Term 3 sports teams finish their season I would again like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who coached and managed these teams. The school and children are very fortunate to have this support.

To all the children who performed at our Performing Arts Showcase evening on Tuesday and to the parents for supporting the event, thank you all very much. The



children were simply terrific. The talent and the confidence of these young students is amazing. Thanks parents for supporting your children and giving them opportunities to show their creative abilities.

On Friday 18th November the PTA will host a Family Fun Night. The PTA will shortly be sending home information about it. It will involve a disco, the rock band and stalls. The International Parents' Committee will be cooking the dinner, a mixture of ethnic cuisine and a taste of Belmont. This night will again be an early evening of fun and thanks to the PTA for organising a community event which will also raise some necessary funds for the school.

Tomorrow morning I will host a morning tea at 10am for new families to our school. This is an opportunity for new parents to meet each other and a way in which we can make new families welcome. Please feel most welcome to attend.

Marimba Festival

On Sunday 30 October at 3.30pm at Baradene College, Victoria Ave, Remuera.

24 of our students are joining primary and intermediate students from 7 other schools to play an hour's free programme for parents, friends and anyone interested. Our students have been working hard all year towards this and would love to see some familiar faces.

TERM DATES

Term 3 Tue 2 Aug to Fri 7 Oct

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

Please remember to inform past friends of the school that the Centenary is next year. For further information please contact the school.

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank all families who have paid their school donations this year. If you have not taken the opportunity to pay this donation yet, the school would greatly appreciate it if you could pay so we can continue to fund teacher aides, buy resources and continue to provide high quality education.

Children who have completed 40, 80 or 120 weeks of school this term will bring home their National Standards Anniversary report. This informs parents if their child has met or not met the National Standard in Literacy (Reading and Writing) and Numeracy. If you would like to discuss these reports, please feel most welcome to contact your child's teacher, Mr Thorne (Y3 children), Mrs Bioletti (Y1-2 children) or me.

Room 14 have made greeting cards which will be on sale in the hall foyer before and after assembly on Friday. Proceeds go to the kitchen garden.

Finally, enjoy these school holidays. The children have coped very well with the longer terms necessary to accommodate the RWC draw. They are very interested in the tournament. Mrs Sykes' children in Room 9 designed and made their own rugby world cups. I hope the country that you are supporting goes well for the rest of the tournament. The staff and students are now looking forward to a well-deserved break. School will resume on Tuesday 25th October (after Labour Weekend). Term 4 finishes on Thursday 15th December at 12.30pm. Please note that with the arrival of daylight saving all children are now required to wear a hat when outside.

Bruce Cunningham

PRINCIPAL

Thank You

We were delighted to receive a \$4,000 grant from Four Winds Foundation Ltd in August. The grant is to help Year 5 and 6 children design and make a mosaic mural, with local "artist in residence" Jill Cahill.

It will be installed along the new breeze block wall outside the senior classrooms.

Certificate Winners 23 September	
Room 1	Tijay Karanui
Room 2	Calem Roberts
Room 3	Gregory Perrett-Holmes
Room 4	Sienna Norman
Room 5	Tom Scofield
Room 6	Tom Scofield
Room 7	Samuel Heiderich
Room 8	Ezra Butler
Room 9	Campbell Jones
Room 10	Will Hopkins
Room 11	
Room 12	Natalie Wilson
Room 13	Connor Cowie
Room 14	Oliver Travers
Room 15	Levi Rose
Values	Year 4 & 5 Students

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.

We Need You!

Next term our artist in residence, Jill Cahill, will begin working with Year 5 and 6 children on our mosaic wall project. This will happen every Wednesday and Thursday in the 1st three weeks of Term 4. We would love as many people as possible to help us to glue on what will most likely be thousands of pieces of tiles! NO EXPERIENCE OR ARTISTIC ABILITY NECESSARY. Jill will be here all day on the dates above...just pop in and lend a hand anytime throughout the day. Even if only for an hour. Thank You ~ Alyson

Welcome students

Welcome to our new student Jiaqi Su from China.

Welcome also to our New Entrants Myckaella Chaitika, Sascha Letica and Suki La Hood.

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.

Paint Needed

We are looking for a small amount of brown fence paint so we can paint another 'New Entrant Welcome Tree' in the Junior Quad. Does anyone have any left over from a project at home that they could donate to school. We only need about a litre. If you do could you please send it to Alyson Aislabie in Room 1

We are also looking for left-over ceramic wall tiles to mosaic the new breeze block planter walls behind the senior block. If you have any (broken or chipped is fine) in any shades of dark blue or green that you could donate to school send these also to Room 1.

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

Upcoming Events

Friday 7 October	Assembly with Room 8
Saturday 8 October	The Smurf Movie 11.45am at The Vic, Devonport
Tuesday 25 October	First day Term 4—remember to wear a hat
Sunday 30 October	Marimba Festival 3pm—Baradene
Wednesday 2 November	Pizza lunch and mufti day
Tuesday 15 November	Kids for Kids at Bruce Mason Centre
Friday 18 November	Family Fun Night

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. There are brochures for the following :

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, in2it street games brochure, Learn to Surf brochure, Awataha Young Mariners, Wynton Rufer Soccer School, Harbourside Childcare Centre, Kelly Sports.

North Shore Cricket Club is now taking enrolments for the approaching season. Boys and girls, new to cricket or experienced, from 5 yrs old and upwards are welcome. Practice starts very soon, and play starts 29/10. Enrol online at www.northshorecricket.co.nz, or ring Bruce Warner 021-625233 with any questions.

NZ FOOTBALL ACADEMY OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Indoor and outdoor facilities. Contact Chris Bryson on 021 0676700, 489 4872 email www.footballacademy@gmail.com

The Navy softball Club invites you to join them for the 2011/12 season. Training now started on Thursdays 4.30pm at Ngataringa sports complex. Fees \$60. Check www.sportsgrounds.co.nz/navysoftballclub for updates and news. All welcome. Join us for Summer fun!

RUN4IT

Register now for Run4it programmes at Milford Reserve in term 4. Thursdays 4pm from Oct 27th. Register now at www.run4it.net, ph 021 100 6953 or 021 122 8556

Mairangi Bay Surf Lifesaving Junior

Registration (for all 7-13 year olds as at 30th Sep 11) Register and pay online at : www.mairangibayjuniorsurf.com Club rooms in Sidmouth Street will be open as follows for uniform sales and new members to bring proof of age: Sunday 2nd October 10am -12pm, Wednesday 5th October 6pm-8pm and Wednesday 26th October 6pm-8pm. Subs for this year have been set at: \$100.00 for 1 child, \$155 family 2 kids and \$200 for family 3+ kids. First club day is Sunday 30th October, 9.45am - 12pm.

Smashtennis Kids

Term 4 after school training please book in NOW online. www.smashtennis.co.nz

Your chance to WIN! Find a lucky Golden Ticket in your Pit Pack!

Every week until the end of term, TWO students will find a lucky Golden Ticket in their Pit Packs! This entitles you to a FREE Pit Pack the following week! In addition, every student who orders a Pita or a Pit Pack for lunch will go in the draw to win a platter of pitas for their **WHOLE CLASS** on the last day of term!! **ROOM 13 WON and will have Pita Pits on Friday!!!**