

Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 22 September 2011

Principal's Comments

Dear Parents, Families and Friends of the School,

Thanks to all the Year 4 and 5 children for taking part in the beach clean up recently. It was a very worthwhile project. This was part of an initiative to keep Takapuna beautiful, especially since we have 10,000 visitors in our local suburbs for the RWC. The children were amazed at the amount of rubbish polluting our lovely Takapuna Beach. Also for the RWC, Mrs Harvey is organizing buskers to perform in Takapuna 7 October. These children's parents will be notified.

As you are well aware the school terms have changed to accommodate viewing of the RWC games including the finals. Term 4 starts Tuesday 25 October and finishes Thursday 15 December at 12.30pm. Please note these dates.

Senior School prizegiving (Y4-6) will be Wednesday 14 December 9.00am and the Junior School prizegiving (Y1-3) will be Friday 9 December at 1 O'clock.

The Board of Trustees and staff have agreed to make a PE and sports uniform compulsory next year for all Year 3-6 children. This debate has taken place over 5 months with consultation amongst staff and the Board. The children will wear this uniform for cross country practice and race, athletics day, sporting events internally, Friday sports and when competing against other schools. Teachers may ask the older children to wear this PE uniform for PE throughout the year. The children are still required to wear their school uniform to and from school. Samples have arrived and look very smart. The PE uniform for will prevent wear and tear on the school uniform and be more hygienic. We anticipate that most families will need to buy two sets of tops and shorts during Years 3 to 6 as their children grow. The price is \$45 for shorts and the top, these may also be used outside school hours if parents wish.

Belmont Primary has another fortnight of exciting learning and extra curricular activities this term. Starting tomorrow we have our usual certificate assembly with Room 6 (Y4) performing. There will be some cakes, biscuits and hot drinks available by donation in the hall foyer before and after assembly.

Monday 3 October all Year 4-6 children will be participating in a hockey tournament. Notices have been sent home. I have the mouthguards that families ordered. If you did not order one from school your child will need to get one from the chemist or supermarket.

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

Tuesday 4 October at 7pm there will be a showcase evening of dance and song which Mrs Harvey is arranging. It will be another night of talent and fun. Mrs Harvey is also coordinating other performing arts events involving selected children. If your child is involved in marimba, Kids for Kids or is in the choir which will perform in Carmina Burana with the APO, you will have received separate notices.

The PTA has managed to arrange a movie date with Devonport Cinemas in the school holidays. On Saturday 8 October at 11.45am families can buy some tickets and see the Smurfs. Proceeds go to the school. More details will follow, and the entry ticket will include a bag of lollies. What a great way to start the holidays.

Next Tuesday at 6pm in the staffroom the International Committee will be meeting again. If you are a immigrant or a new family to our school please feel most welcome to attend. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Your children are welcome.

The PTA has confirmed two dates. On Friday 18 November there will be a family fun night. This event in Term 1 was very popular. There will be food and refreshments available, including adult refreshments. The PTA is also coordinating our first school fair in over 17 years. This will be held Saturday 28 April 2012. Please put both these dates in your diary.

Finally, children that have completed 40 weeks, 80 weeks or 120 weeks (1 year, 2 years or 3 years) of schooling this term will bring home an anniversary report at the end of the term. This will indicate your child's achievements and where they are achieving according to National Standards. If you have any questions regarding this report please see your child's teacher or myself.

Bruce Cunningham

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Thank You

We were delighted to receive a \$4,000 grant from Four Winds Foundation Ltd in August. The grant is to help Yr 5 and 6 children design and make a mosaic mural, with local "artist in residence" Jill Cahill, and will be installed along the new breeze block wall outside the senior classrooms.

Certificate Winners 9 September	
Room 1	Kyra Matthews
Room 2	Stella Henderson
Room 3	Cameron Gore
Room 4	Isobel Davis-Gray
Room 5	Sophie Lewis
Room 6	Tayla Penfold
Room 7	Tom Robinson
Room 8	Hebe Suenderhauf
Room 9	Jack Wallace
Room 10	April Lin
Room 11	Holly Jeffries
Room 12	Kent Davies
Room 13	Petar Percakovski
Room 14	Charles Wilson
Room 15	Olly Jensen
Values	Kiana Ria Renata-Kokiri

RWC Window Display

Rooms 1 and 4 created window displays in Devonport for the Rugby World Cup. Room 1 represented Scotland at the Victoria Theatre and Room 4 Wales in Echo Design (a women's clothing shop beside Flagstaff Gallery.) Pop in and see the children's fantastic work and vote for your favourite window at <http://www.speculator.co.nz/2011/survey/>.

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 this sub-committee



Second Hand Uniforms

All enquiries to Helen Lewis 445 7782. If you are wanting to sell items no longer needed small sizes are especially required.

Welcome students

Welcome to our new students Ethan, Kayla and Kiern Wilson from Australia, Ryuta and Taiki Ito from Japan, Tegan and Carrington Brady from the USA.

Welcome also to our New Entrants Amanda Everett and Manaia Kahui-Ariki Watson.

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.

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!! So get ordering, so many chances to win!

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.

MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER AT THE BRIDGEWAY: 'THE HELP'

Get your friends together and show your support for Anne Ross's family. Thursday, 29 September at 8pm @ the Bridgeway. \$20 ticket includes complimentary glass of wine or juice, lolly bag and spot prizes. Raffle for Two Premium tickets to see TAYLOR SWIFT at the Vector (drawn on the night). Tickets on sale at Vauxhall School Office - phone 446 0818.

KUMON IS NOW OPEN IN BELMONT! Using mathematics and English as a base, Kumon gives children a strong academic foundation, a positive attitude towards school work, confidence, good concentration ability, a sense of achievement, and the ability to self-learn advanced topics. To find out how your child can experience this joy of learning, contact Sylvia Wong to attend the next Parent Orientation. 09-410-2183 or 021-886-991, e-mail:

kumonbelmont@gmail.com.

St John Youth:

St John Youth is for all young people from 6 to 18 years; our Penguin Programme caters for 6 - 8 year olds, while our 8 to 18 year olds work through the Grand Priors badge, which is a royal award similar in structure to the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award. The Devonport division meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm at the Devonport Scout Hall on Allenby Avenue.

NZ FOOTBALL ACADEMY OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

For all football fanatics aged 5-12yrs! Our main goal is to provide quality coaching to get the best out of our youth, whilst keeping games and skills fun for girls and boys of all abilities to develop. Games, skills, competitions, tournaments and much more, all under the guidance of our great team of qualified coaches and players of the beautiful game. Indoor and outdoor facilities available. Venue - Takapuna Grammar School from 9am - 1pm from 10th-14th October. For more info contact Chris Bryson on 021 0676700, (09) 489 4872 or email nzfootballacademy@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Friday 23 September	Assembly with Room 6
Wednesday 28 September	Dance Festival—Belmont Intermediate 7pm
Tuesday 4 October	Performing Arts Showcase—Hall 7pm
Wednesday 5 October	PTA Meeting in staffroom at 7.30pm
Sunday 30 October	Marimba Festival 3pm—Baradene
Tuesday 15 November	Kids for Kids at Bruce Mason Centre
Friday 18 November	Family Fun Night