

# BELMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 8 September 2011

## Principal's Comments

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

Thanks for the support you gave to the SPCA recently through the making and buying of cupcakes. We were able to donate \$537 to them.

It was with great excitement that some families were able to celebrate the arrival of the Japanese Rugby World Cup team on Sunday. The players were very social and enjoyed mixing with adults and children and we all had a lovely afternoon at Tim and Yuri William's farm. My daughter thought the highlight was being spat at by a llama!!

I have been talking to many principals recently regarding digital learning, partly because of Orewa College's decision to put an iPad (or some similar device) on their Year 9 stationery list. Many schools, including primary schools, are now asking families to supply the iPad or similar device as it is too costly for schools to do so themselves. If you have any thoughts on the use of ICT in a 21st century classroom please let me know at [brucec@belmont.school.nz](mailto:brucec@belmont.school.nz) as we are currently reviewing our technology policy. It is quite scary to think that in 2019 our Year 6 children will be either entering the work force, going to another learning institution or travelling somewhere. How prepared will they be, digitally and socially?

Our school is not closing early tomorrow for World Cup celebrations. Staff will be on site till school closes as usual. However, the Board and staff have agreed that you may collect your child early from school if you wish to do so. Please inform your child's teacher so we can account for all children.

### TERM DATES

<b>Term 3</b>	Tue 2 Aug to Fri 7 Oct
<b>Term 4</b>	Tue 25 Oct to Thu 15 Dec
<b>Term 1 2012</b>	Thur 2 Feb to Thur 5 Apr
<b>Term 2</b>	Mon 23 Apr to Fri 29 June
<b>Term 3</b>	Mon 16 July to Fri 28 Sept
<b>Term 4</b>	Mon 15 Oct to Tue 18 Dec

Unfortunately I will be absent tomorrow from Room 3's item. (No, not at a RWC function, I am in Wellington meeting Anne Tolley to discuss funding, National Standards and more funding). I know it will be a wonderful item as the children realize that this is one of their last opportunities to perform as a class before they go to Intermediate next year.

At assembly Ms Logan will display some of the sports gear she has received so far from her \$10,000 Colgate prize.

Congratulations to our Year 2 netball team the Belmont Rubies, who won their grade this year. Thanks to all the netball coaches and managers for your time and energy. Well done to all our girls.

Congratulations also to all our speech finalists and winners. I had the privilege of hearing the 24 finalists and they were all terrific.

**Bruce Cunningham**

*PRINCIPAL*



**Speech  
Competition  
Winners**



Certificate Winners 2 September	
Room 1	Chris Lee
Room 2	Kade McLean
Room 3	Annabel Read
Room 4	Efren Maralit
Room 5	Louie Curham
Room 6	Zoe Raines
Room 7	Hettie Read
Room 8	Isabella
Room 9	Dominic Holt
Room 10	Lior Hirschauge
Room 11	Pearl Nicholson
Room 12	Brook Thomas
Room 13	Lucy Nicoll
Room 14	Rebecca Buchanan
Room 15	Heather Smith
Values	Eileen Park

## 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.

## Performing Arts Showcase

This will be held at 7pm Tuesday 4 October.

Every two years we have our Performing Arts Showcase to allow you to see and hear our bands, dance groups, choirs, kapa haka, recorder ensembles and some small group and individual items. This is simply to let you know it is happening and if your child is in one of these groups, please make it a priority for that evening. If your child cannot be there, please let the teacher in charge know as soon as possible.

## A Message from Belmont Intermediate

During September we will hold 2 enrolment evenings at BIS for parents/caregivers to come along with their child to hand in their enrolment forms and other paperwork.

**Enrolment Evenings** – Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 September from 3.15pm to 7pm in the Information Centre.

## 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). You can download the software directly to your computer or have CDs shipped to your home address.

## 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.

## Keys

Julie has a collection of keys that have been handed into her in the school office. If you have ever lost keys please see Julie.

## Library Help Needed

After our successful Book Fair we have lots of books that need covering. If you are able to help please contact Chris Bioletti at school or email [chrisb@belmont.school.nz](mailto:chrisb@belmont.school.nz).

## Welcome students

Welcome to our new student Izzy Fox from Abu Dhabi.

Welcome also to our New Entrants Monique Jermy and Carlos Spooner.

## 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.

**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](mailto: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.

### The Navy Softball Club\*

Everyone from ages 4+ is welcome to join  
Registration Dates: Thur 8th Sep 4-6pm,  
Sun 11th Sep 2-4pm, Thur 4-6pm at  
Ngataranga Sports Complex, Jim Titchener  
Parade, Devonport or for online  
registrations & more information go to  
[www.sportsground.co.nz/navysoftballclub](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/navysoftballclub)

## Junior Speech Final Winners

1st	Anna Tucker
2nd	Georgie Shanahan
3rd=	Dominic Holt
3rd=	Hugo Sweetman

## Middle Speech Final Winners

1st	Gina Torjussen
2nd	Tom Christie
3rd	Elizabeth Dooley

## Senior Speech Final Winners

1st	Jessica Christie
2nd	Annabel Read
3rd	Brad Winter

## Upcoming Events

Friday 9 September	Assembly with Room 3
Wednesday 21 September	Sausage Sizzle
Wednesday 28 September	Dance Festival
Tuesday 4 October	Performing Arts Showcase