

Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 10 June 2021



Dear Parents and Friends of the School

A **very special welcome** to all the new children and new families that have joined our school this week. It is a very special time for the child and the parents. Please make yourself known and I trust you will enjoy your next 6 years at Belmont Primary School.

Thank you for completing the recent **Health Curriculum Survey**, which the MOE asks all schools to do every 18 months. We can customise the survey to suit our community. Once the board has analysed the data we will give feedback to the community.

We have just sent out an **engagement survey** for parents to complete regarding your perception of your child's engagement at school. This data will also be analysed against the last survey and we can then determine if the programmes and vision we have implemented are having an effect on the wellbeing and learning of the children. Once again we ask you to take 5-10 minutes to complete this survey.

I enjoyed going to netball last Wednesday to see the Year 5 and 6s. The standard was very high and I loved the camaraderie amongst the girls. All teams had high skill levels, so once again thanks to all the coaches and managers.

Next Wednesday the Junior School visits MOTAT and Mr Thorne is taking the selected cross country runners to the interschool championships at Fort Takapuna. I hope the Junior School enjoys their learning experience and I wish the runners all the best.

We have many highlights at our school and one of them is **Art Week**, organised by Mrs Sykes. This is a three day event, starting Monday 21 June and the children have selected three different types of media they would like to learn. They will experience three different teachers over these three days and the classes will be vertically grouped from Yr 3 to Yr 6. The older children are so good with the younger learners and it makes a lovely vibe around the school. The Year 1 and 2 children will also be involved but will not be vertically grouped.

A reminder that **June 25 is a Teacher Only Day** as part of the 2019-2022 Teacher's Collective. School will be closed for the day. Staff will be using this time to write reports, which is what these 8 days were intended for. It was designed to reduce the workload of teachers so instead of spending evenings and weekends on school work it is done during a non contact time. This initiative replaced higher salary increases as part of the bargaining. Our school has 4 more to use prior to July 2022.

Finally, there is a **Paid Union Meeting (PUM) on Tuesday 22 June from 1.00-3.00pm**. We have 3 staff attending to represent our teachers. Your child's learning will not be disrupted and school will remain open. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the upcoming three year collective, including conditions and salaries.

I look forward to seeing you at the last assembly item by our Year 6s (Room 2) tomorrow.

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