

Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 13 May 2021



Dear Parents and Friends of the School,

A very warm welcome to the 14 New Entrants and their families that joined our school on the first day of Term 2. We also welcome back the wonderful **Mrs Julie Wilkinson** who takes this class. We extend **a warm welcome to five new children and their families** who joined our school in different year groups. I know you will all enjoy the high quality of teaching, the culture and the kindness our teachers offer.

Vesna Burgess is now the new office manager and she is quickly getting used to this high demanding job. If you need to contact Vesna please do so at bpsoffice@belmont.school.nz.

Please note the contacts that you had for Joyce no longer work.

Please **ring or email if your child is absent**, this does save a lot of time in the morning if we know your child will be away for the day.

We have also welcomed **Michelle James** onto our staff as a teacher aide in the Junior School and extended **Jodi Letica's** hours to support the Senior School.

Our Board has also had some additions with **Rebecca Bruce** being added as a casual vacancy in response to Nissa Anderson resigning due to her work commitments. **Nissa did a wonderful job on our Board** and led our policy portfolio. Thanks for everything you did Nissa to support the children of our school. We welcome Rebecca to our Board and she will have the Personnel portfolio.

The PTA have generously donated \$30,000 to the school this week which will go towards the astro turf around the new toilet block and we will astro turf the Middle School playground instead of replacing the bark. Thank you all once again for supporting the fair with your generous donations of

goods and services.

Thanks to the abundance of support we received for the Middle School trip to the museum. This is much appreciated.

We do need Waterwise Instructors. We are in desperate need. Please make contact with me if you think you can offer your services to be a Waterwise Instructor, which will involve training days then being available on Mondays from midday in Terms 1 and 4. **The Year 5 cohort start their Waterwise programme in Term 4 and we need at least 3 instructors to ensure this programme goes ahead. We are looking for parents of Yr 3 and 4 children to future proof this programme for the next 2 or 3 years. Of course we will welcome any volunteer.**

Thanks to the Bellbird Choir, Miss Peake and all other children who attended the **ANZAC Service**. This was indeed an honour for our children.

If you shop at **New World Devonport we would love your receipts** once you have checked off your items. New World Devonport has been a very good supporter of our school and once a term gives us a percentage of the total receipts, which is approximately \$1000 each term. This sponsorship has been going for over 16 years.

A reminder that **school is closed on Friday 4th June** for the Peninsula Teacher only Day to be held at TGS.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at **Room 3's assembly tomorrow.**

Finally, **thanks to all the coaches and managers of our afterschool sports teams.** This is also very much appreciated.

Bruce Cunningham
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