

Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 5 August 2021



Dear Parents and Friends of the School

A very special welcome to all our 11 new New Entrant Children who started in Room 8 last Monday. Also, a **special welcome to the 5 other students** that joined our school in different year groups.

Mr Thorne, Mrs Bioletti and I just attended the **New Zealand Principals' Federation conference**. It was an outstanding learning experience with excellent keynote speakers. One of the speakers was Sir Ian Taylor and he has gifted a wonderful resource to all NZ schools. This is the site that our staff and students will use as we navigate our way around the **Aotearoa New Zealand Histories curriculum**, starting next year. We will also be involving our Maori Whānau as well as other resources.

100 of our **Year 5 and 6** children were fortunate to go to The Cloud on Monday and be involved in the **interactive Olympic Experience**. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Mrs Naera's last day is tomorrow. We wish her and Francis all the best and we look forward to seeing Emma in a month's time when she brings "Bump" into school.

Next Thursday, Belmont Primary is hosting the **annual Choir festival**. Thank you Miss Peake for all your work. This starts around 9.30am.

On Tuesday 17 August our Choir is performing in the **Kids Sing Competition**. This is again a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience the thrill of performing. Miss Peake has worked extremely hard with our Choir and

regardless of the results (yes, it is also a competition) I know our choir has worked very hard, put a lot of effort into their learning and will remember the time they sang at the Town Hall.

Thank you Mrs Sykes for coordinating 30-40 pieces of art work as part of the **Cluster art festival** which will take place at **The Lake House Art Centre from 28 August to 11 September**.

I would like to acknowledge all the staff for the work they do with all our students. We are fortunate to have wonderful teachers, fantastic support staff and great office staff. After spending 3 days with colleagues from across New Zealand and listening to their stories about staff, students and parents our children are very fortunate to have a wonderful learning environment with people who are highly skilled and care. Therefore **thank you to all the families that have paid donations** so we can fund teacher aides, resources and provide many extra curricular activities. If you have not paid your donation can I ask you to consider paying this please.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you at **Room13's assembly tomorrow**.

Bruce Cunningham
PRINCIPAL