

Tena koutou, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi atu, Bula vinaka, Ciao, Namaste, Al Salaam a'alaykum, Ni hao, Merhaba, Konnichiwa, Hola, Annyong hasayo, Greetings



# Balmoral Intermediate Newsletter

## Te Kura o te Roto a Rangi

19 Brixton Road, Mt Eden Auckland 1024  
Phone 638 7960 Fax 630 1944  
Email office@balmoral.school.nz  
[www.balmoral.school.nz](http://www.balmoral.school.nz)

### Vision

*To value diversity and to develop curious, confident and connected learners.*

Friday 1 June 2018

### Intermediate Dates to Diary

**Queen's Birthday Weekend**

Monday 4 June (public holiday)

**PTA Meeting – All Welcome**

Tuesday 12 June 7.30pm Hall

**Science Road Show**

Monday 18 June & Tuesday 19 June

**Paid Union Meeting**

Wednesday 20 June 12.30pm

**Year 7 & 8 Cross Country**

Wednesday 20 June 9.15am

**Kids Movie Night**

Wednesday 27 June

**Whittaker's Chocolate Fundraiser**

All payments must be made by  
Friday 29 June

**Tough Guy/Tough Gal**

Monday 27 August – Helensville

**Year 8 Camp**

Tuesday 28-Friday 31 August

### Intermediate Whanau Blogs

**Turanga**

<http://whanauturanga.blogspot.co.nz/>

**Aparangi**

<https://aparangibalmoral.blogspot.co.nz/> Click here to find  
Year 8 camp information

**Canteen Days**

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday only**

Please check the calendar on our school website ([www.balmoral.school.nz](http://www.balmoral.school.nz)) for up-to-date events and times.

## **Tena koutou e te whanau, he mihi nui kia koutou katoa**

### **Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers**

One of the things that we have been trying to do at Balmoral School over the last ten years is to develop a curriculum that is meaningful to children. The 2007 New Zealand Curriculum gave schools the opportunity to do this, however some of us were side-tracked by assessment, achievement data and measurement by standards. There is increasing evidence that the education systems emphasis on achieving measurable results has resulted in the erosion of children's curiosity.

During the last two terms we have released Adrienne Browne, a classroom teacher and Inquiry leader, to work alongside staff in developing a curriculum which has connections to children's lives. Curiosity is at the heart of this curriculum, where we encourage our staff to focus on questions that interest pupils.

To develop an inquiry which integrates the curriculum, students are provided with the freedom to explore, the opportunity to observe closely, and to record findings in various ways. They also learn that subjects do not exist in isolation, but inform each other, and that the Arts are a fundamental cornerstone of how we learn.

Teaching this way is very hard work and requires a fundamental shift in some belief systems. It is not a new way but really a return to the way of the great NZ educationalist Elwyn Richardson.

**Kia pai to mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend)**

**Naku noa**

**Malcolm Milner**

**Principal (Te Tumuaki)**

### **Paid Union Meeting**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June nearly all our staff will be attending a Paid Union Meeting where they will be discussing their pay negotiations and the governments offer.

I would ask that all parents arrange for their child to be collected from school at 12.30 so that as many teachers as possible can attend.

Further information about this will come out later.

**Paid Union Meeting**

**Collect Your Child from School at 12.30pm**

**Wednesday 20 June**

## Farewell to Staff

At the end of this term we say farewell to Eric Shadbolt (Year 8). Eric has accepted a position in Hong Kong.

Judith Knight is also leaving school with a view to possibly returning to Early Childhood Education.

We wish Judith and Eric all the best as they leave our school.

We have advertised Eric's position nationally and internationally and are hoping for some high quality applicants. Unfortunately, during the current teacher shortage, suitable applicants are very hard to find.

We are also experiencing some difficulties finding relief teachers when teachers are sick. In the coming months as we enter the flu season if we can't find relief teachers we will split children across classes. While this is not desirable and disruptive for children and staff in both classes there are few other options.

Judith's position will be filled by Cheryl Taylor who always opens a New Entrant class during the year.

## Property

Recently the school staff have been reviewing the design of the gym and looking carefully at the costings. The Board and staff are wanting to ensure that we are getting value for money and risk of variation is minimised once building starts. Recently the Board engaged Frank Cleary from Babbage Architects to complete a design review of the gym. Frank has raised some points with the Ministry's project team.

Over the next two weeks staff will be meeting with the MoE and their agents to discuss a Design Review Panel Report and its implications for the build. We have an indication from the Ministry that the most recent cost estimate exceeds budget, this will result in value engineering. We are unclear of the quantum of the issue and what this will mean to the design, however the Board has anticipated this and are ready to protect design objectives from being eroded by the Ministry.

The last programme from the Ministry has showed tendering from September 2018 and construction commencing Q1 2019.

At the end of last week, the builders discovered an issue underneath the proposed Satellite Unit relocatables at the Eldon Road entrance. There is a stormwater line which runs underneath the proposed location of the relocs as well as a gas line which runs perpendicular to them. Unfortunately, when the gas line was installed some time ago, it was thrust through the stormwater line. This does need to be remediated and as such the classroom is unable to be installed where originally proposed. We are working through this issue with the MoE.



Our dawn celebration will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June (week 7) at 6:30am. We will gather on the bottom courts for a brief ceremony and a chance to star gaze. Afterwards, we will share some kai – please bring your own bowl and spoon to save on recycling and support our sustainability programme.

## **Intermediate News**

### **Talofa lava,**

Momoli atu le fa'afetai tele i matua ma aiga ma uo na lagolagoina le fa'amanatuina o le vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa. Fa'afetai tele i le tama'ita'i faiaoga ia Joanna i lana fesoasoani i le vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa. Ua mafai ai e la matou aoga ona a'oa'o ina nisi o upu i le Gagana Samoa. E pei o le:

Hello – Talofa

Goodbye, Tofa Soifua

Please - Fa'amolemole

Thank You - Fa'afetai ma

My name is.... - Lo'u igoa o.....

O le ata lea o le fa'afiafiaga o teine o la matou aoga i le fa'amanatuina o le vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa.



Fa'afetai tele lava, ma ia manuia le fa'aiuga o le vaiaso.

**Malo lava!**

**Trish and the Intermediate Team**

## Book Quiz - Telling Tales

We had a great afternoon on Wednesday at our annual Book Quiz, this year called Telling Tales. Thank you to Bronwyn, Anita and Nicola for all their work putting together and running the quiz, and to their entertaining princess helpers. A huge congratulations to The Nanny Crankies representing Room 3 who won, very closely followed by Charlie's Chocolates from Room 8. The Wonderlandians, Room 31, and The Clue-did-its from Room 26 tied for third place. The Book Quiz is the culmination of our Book Festival weeks during which we have been lucky enough to hear both Brian Falkner and Sandra Morris speak. Our thanks go to Bronwyn for organising this for us too.



## News From Room 4

In Room Four we've been learning about sleep for our inquiry. We have researched, painted, recorded and presented our work. Here are some facts we found.

66% of teenagers have insomnia which is when you can't sleep. They might only have 4 hours of sleep per night which is well under the recommended 9-11 hours. If you don't get enough hours of sleep insomnia, cancer, heart attacks, depression and possibly death could occur.

When daylight saving starts you lose an hour of sleep, incredibly on this day you increase a 24% chance of heart attacks but when daylight saving ends heart attacks decrease by 21%.

We have some tips for you to reduce the chance of the symptoms above. Read a book and turn off screens an hour before bed and be active during the day.

This has been a really interesting topic for Room Four because we found our average of sleep by recording our sleep times each night for a week, so we now know if we should be sleeping longer. We have started research into other questions such as - Why do we need so much sleep? Why part of our brain is responsible for dreams? And why do we have nightmares?





# WHITTAKER'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER 2018

## Does your child want to win \$50?

**There is a cash prize draw for anyone who has sold 3+ boxes of chocolate and returned their money to the PTA box or PTA bank account by Friday 8th June.** The \$50 cash Prize will be drawn at 15th June Intermediate Assembly and 22 June Primary Assembly.

**Need ideas for where to sell chocolate?**



- **Take them to your sports games to sell to spectators or at the club rooms after the games**
- **The All Blacks are playing at Eden Park on 9<sup>th</sup> June (game starts at 7.35pm head out for a walk with your chocolates as the crowds are arriving at the stadium**
- **Pop into Mum &/or Dads work and hit up their co-workers after school**

If you are keen to sell more chocolates, you can collect extra boxes on a Wednesday morning between 8:50-9:05am or Friday from 3-3:15pm from the back door of the school office. Please note: any child in Primary who would like an additional box/s of chocolate will need a parent to accompany them to pick up extra boxes OR have sent an email to [Balmoralschoolchocolates@gmail.com](mailto:Balmoralschoolchocolates@gmail.com) 24 hours prior.

**There will be a prize for the top 3 Primary and Intermediate sellers (\$100 Westfield voucher each). There will also be spot prizes for ANYONE who has sold a box of chocolates throughout the Term. The prizes include UE Boom Speakers, Wireless Headphones and Action Cameras.**

**Major prizes will be drawn at the last assembly of Term 2. *To be eligible for the prize all money must be returned by Friday 29th June.***



## THE BALMORAL COMEDY CLUB WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Featuring top notch comedy acts, a great chance to catch up and lots of dancing.

Huge thanks to Scott Blanks and The Classic team and Steph Vercoe for organising the event.

With the help of our fantastic new sponsor, Ray White Mt Eden, we raised a TOTAL of **\$20,000** for the school!!!

We'd also like to say a huge thanks to all that helped and supported us, including Ray White Mt Eden, The Classic Comedy Club (who provided all the acts for FREE), Anna Morton, Matt Headland, Deb Campbell, Patrina and Mark Friedrichson, Pippi Laing, Kristen de Monchy, Kirk Tucker, Hannah Peddie and team, Kane Dickie, Liquorland Mt Eden, Oceania, Brothers Beer, Bread and Butter Bakery, Lisa's Dips, Sabato, Hello Saturday Interior Design, David Trubridge, L'Oreal, Hobbiton and Calocurb.

And finally, thanks to all the friends and family who attended and supported this great event.

## Come along to a PTA meeting!

The PTA meets the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm in the school library. Pop along and see what's happening within the school community, no commitment required.

Everyone welcome!

## Balmoral PTA proudly presents...



## KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

Save the date:  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June



**NZ WARBIRDS**

PROUDLY PRESENT

# DDAY

## OPEN DAY



**Sunday 3 June 2018**

**10am-4pm Ardmore Airport**

(HAMLIN ROAD ENTRANCE ONLY)

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

**THE ROCK FM**



**ENTRY \$20 Children Under 14 FREE**

Entry includes a chance to win a flight in  
a Warbird and free parking

● Food and Refreshments ● Adventure Flights

**STATIC DISPLAYS and PRACTICE FLYING DISPLAYS 11am, 12.45 & 2.30pm**

Check the Website... [www.nzwarbirds.org.nz](http://www.nzwarbirds.org.nz)



Open Day environmental services provided by SuperLoo and Sulo

**SULO**