

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 Primary

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Vision

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

Friday 13 April 2018

Primary Dates to Diary

Queen's Birthday Weekend	Monday 4 June (public holiday)
Primary Cross Country	Wednesday 6 June 9-12 school field
Primary Assembly	Friday 8 June 9.15am
PTA Meeting – All Welcome	Tuesday 12 June 7.30pm Hall
Mangere Mountain Education Centre	Wednesday 13 June
Whetu Syndicate Rm 16 & 17	Thursday 28 June
Rm 30 & 15	Monday 2 July
Rm 29	Wednesday 4 July
Rm 18 & 19	Monday 18 June & Tuesday 19 June
Science Road Show	Wednesday 20 June 12.30pm
Paid Union Meeting	Wednesday 27 June
Kids Movie Night	All payments must be made by Friday 29 June
Whittaker's Chocolate Fundraiser	

Primary Whanau Blogs

Koru	http://korusharingspace.blogspot.co.nz/
Mahira	http://mahirasyndicate.blogspot.co.nz/
Whetu	http://fabulouswhetu.blogspot.co.nz/
Hiringa	https://hiringabalmoral.blogspot.co.nz/

Canteen Days **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday only**

Please check the calendar on our school website (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 ways 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 20th June, most of our staff will be attending a Paid Union Meeting where they will be discussing their pay negotiations.

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.

P_{aid} U_{nion} M_{eeting}

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.

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 storm water 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 storm water 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.

Matariki – Friday 15th June

Our dawn celebration will be on Friday 15th 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.

News from the Primary School

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Kia ora e te Whānau o Te Roto a Rangi,

Talofa lava! This week has been Samoan language week – thank you to Joanna for promoting this week at school and to the girls cultural group for such a wonderful performance in our assembly last Friday. We look forward to seeing more dances from them in the future!

In week 7, we will all come together for our Matariki dawn service – more news to follow from our Tikanga and Te Reo Māori team. We hope to see many of you there to celebrate together, share some kai and hopefully see the stars!

This week sees the end of our book festival. Many thanks to Bronwyn for arranging visits from authors and for organising the literacy quizzes – they were great fun. Koru finished the week with their annual 'Milk and Cookies' night and Mahira celebrated with a book themed Tūhurutanga! Check out the whānau blogs for any pictures!

Enjoy the long weekend,
Ngā mihi

Katy and the Primary Team

Shared learning from Whetu

In Room 30 we have been talking a lot about having a growth mindset and believing we can get better at things if we work hard at them and practice, practice, practice. We were inspired by our poem of the week to draw magpies. We have been practicing slowing down and looking very carefully when we are drawing. We are trying to notice all the details and draw exactly what we see. We created some magnificent magpies and we all feel that we are getting better at drawing too!

In writing Room 30 are working on choosing interesting describing words and simile to paint a picture for our readers. We then used our imaginations and wrote descriptions of pirates. We hope you enjoy them.

Garret Von Schmit

Garret's pitch black cape is used for dramatic entrances at docks. His whale bone carving on his necklace is in the shape of a majestic flying fish. Even though Garret has two hands he still has a hook to scare off other pirates. In his flintlock holder he does not have a gun but an old treasure map as rusty as copper. With the curliest cutlass he is the best fighter in the Caribbean. The ocean blue hat helps him camouflage so that under attack he cannot be seen. The lighter he uses to smoke tobacco is as old as the Statue of Liberty. He has a happy life married to the sea. He is the fiercest pirate in the whole of Jamaica.

Leo Siakimotu

Evie the Cabin Girl

Evie was a cabin girl who loved to cook dinner and wash the decks for the pirates when they came back from adventures. Her flaming red hair always hung past her shoulders in a plait like feathers falling off a phoenix. The wooden floor gleamed in the sun when she scrubbed it and her blue eyes glistened like sapphires stolen from a treasure chest. Evie watched the waves like a hawk and loved the sound of them crashing against the pirate ship. She had a kind personality and the pirates treasured her like a piece of gold.

Piata Cameron



The Beach
The sand feels like
a hundred tiny stars
on my feet
and the lovely sea,
it's like an enormous bath
but with waves.

By Ben Carpenter
Room 16





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 9th 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 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 12th 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 27th June**

Community Notices



Are you in Year 5 or 6?
Love creative cooking?

The first ever nationwide RaboDirect Root to Tip cooking competition is open and entries have just been extended!

To learn more about this exciting opportunity head to roottotip.org.nz

Entries extended until Tuesday 12th June



We sent along year 6 student Aidan from St Thomas's School in Auckland to find out more from NZ chef & restaurateur Al Brown, scroll down on our [Root to Tip About](#) page to see his video

Entering is easy! Just grab a friend and come up with a menu of 2 vegetable based dishes that use delicious seasonal vegetables. Head to roottotip.org.nz for all the information and inspiration you need to enter!



NZ WARBIRDS

PROUDLY PRESENT

DD DAY

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



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