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**BALMORAL**  
PRIMARY + INTERMEDIATE

# Balmoral School Newsletter

## Te Kura o te Roto a Rangi

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### Vision

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

Friday 16 February 2018

### Dates to Diary

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| <b>Primary Assembly</b>                    | Friday 16 February @ 9.15 am           |
| <b>Maths Roadshow</b>                      | Monday 19 to Friday 23 February        |
| <b>Primary Swim Sports Y 5/6 (9-12.30)</b> | Thursday 15 February                   |
| <b>BoT Meeting</b>                         | Tuesday 20 February @ 7.30pm           |
| <b>Maths Road Show</b>                     | Monday 19 February to 23 February      |
| <b>Class Photos</b>                        | Wednesday 28 February & Friday 2 March |
| <b>Ambury Farm Trip Year 1 Koru</b>        | Friday 9 March departing 9.15am        |

**Paid Union Meeting** Tuesday 13 March 1.30pm

### Whanau Blogs

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| <b>Koru</b>    | <a href="http://korusharingspace.blogspot.co.nz/">http://korusharingspace.blogspot.co.nz/</a> |
| <b>Mahira</b>  | <a href="http://mahirasyndicate.blogspot.co.nz/">http://mahirasyndicate.blogspot.co.nz/</a>   |
| <b>Whetu</b>   | <a href="http://fabulouswhetu.blogspot.co.nz/">http://fabulouswhetu.blogspot.co.nz/</a>       |
| <b>Hiringa</b> | <a href="https://hiringabalmoral.blogspot.co.nz/">https://hiringabalmoral.blogspot.co.nz/</a> |

**Canteen Days** starts 7 February **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

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

It was great to have many parents make the effort last week to meet their child's teacher in a very informal situation. I hope that those who attended found these evening beneficial in helping you find out about how our school works.

From time to time parents like to make times with teachers to discuss sensitive matters about their child. Please feel free to email your child's teacher or the office if you would like to meet with one of us.

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

Naku noa

Malcolm Milner

Principal (Te Tumuaki)

### Paid Union Meeting (PUM)

We have been notified by the NZEI (Teachers Union) that they will be holding a paid union meeting on Tuesday 13 March from 1pm. This means that almost all of our teaching staff will not be at school during the afternoon.

We ask that wherever possible parents make alternative arrangements for their child/ren at this time.

Further information will come out soon from our school

### Cyber Safety Agreement

Last week you would have received by email a link to the cyber safety agreement as a Google Form. Thank you very much to those parents and whanau who have completed this agreement with their child.

We are wanting all these completed by the end of next week. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

### Chinese New Year

Some of our families will be celebrating Chinese New Year today and we all wish you Happy New Year.

This year's zodiac animal is the dog - a loyal, kind, cautious and good natured animal. Famous people born during the year of the dog include Mother Teresa, Elvis, Madonna, and Justin Bieber.

Did you know that during Chinese New Year, the [largest annual human migration in the world](#) occurs, with nearly 3 billion trips made in 2017.



## Class Photos 2018

### Balmoral School on 28th February & 2nd March 2018

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

**You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.**

You will receive an order envelope featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

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| <p><b>Pack A \$40.00</b></p>               | <p><b>Pack B \$35.00</b></p>   | <p><b>Pack C \$29.50</b></p>          | <p><b>Pack prices</b><br/>(do not pay now)</p> <p>A = 40.00<br/>B = 35.00<br/>C = 29.50<br/>D = 20.00<br/>E = 15.00</p> |
| <p><b>Pack D (Portraits) \$20.00</b></p>  | <p><b>Packs include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☐ Pack A: 10x8, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar and Class</li><li>☐ Pack B: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, and Class</li><li>☐ Pack C: 1x 5x7 and Class</li><li>☐ Pack D: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, but no Class</li><li>☐ Pack E: Class only</li></ul> <p><small>Complimentary<br/>Packs A-D include portrait file voucher. Email the code on the included voucher to us, and we send the file by return.<br/>A, B &amp; D include complimentary 8x5x7's.</small></p> | <p><b>Pack E (Class) \$15.00</b></p>  |   |

**Family/Sibling Photos:** Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form **MUST** be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

## Safety at the School Gate

We have had a number of adults when collecting children from school park illegally on yellow lines and in front of driveways. They have also been turning into driveways and backing out again during heavy traffic and in poor visibility. This is very unsafe for our students as they leave our school grounds as many of them are small and difficult to see. We are also taking numerous calls from our school neighbours about people being inconsiderate. Managing these calls creates additional work for our staff and also damages the positive relationships we try to develop with people close to our school.

Could all caregivers who collect children from school think of other people around them and desist from this poor road safety example to our students, neighbours and other caregivers

## News from the Primary School

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

Kia ora e te Whānau o Te Roto a Rangi,

Welcome back! The children have returned to school ready and eager for learning and we appreciate your support in making this happen!

We are excited to be focusing again on rich learning experiences through our inquiry approach and look forward to building on the research from Carol

Dweck and Jo Boaler to ensure that we continue to develop our growth mindset across the curriculum. Children have already begun to wonder and ask questions based on the provocations they have been given and it is lovely to already see the interests of children being explored.

Ngā mihi

Katy and the Primary Team

## **World of Maths Roadshow**

### **Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February**

Next week, our school is hosting the "World of Maths", a traveling maths show that provides fun, colourful, hands-on, mathematical, problem solving activities for student participation. This is an enrichment activity and not a core curriculum.

There are activities belonging to the strands of: number; space; measurement; chance and data; and logical thinking and sequencing. All activities meet the national curriculum requirements. Your child will attend one session during the week which will be a guided discovery lesson, where students are encouraged to solve a variety of problems, discover number patterns, identify geometric properties, think logically and apply mathematics to the physical world.

By giving students this experience, they have an opportunity to acquire and practice a variety of different skills and strategies needed for problem solving which we know is hugely important.

## **Shared Learning from Hiringa**

Kia Ora Katou Katoa from Whanau Hiringa!

We've had a great start to the new year and students are back into school life and are ready to inquire and learn with growing minds.

Our whānau blog is now live with information and home learning. We also would like to offer a community snapshot page, so if you have Balmoral School community snapshots that you'd like to share please email your classroom teacher (please ensure photos are only of Balmoral students so we can check permission for publishing). The address is [www.hiringabalmoral.blogspot.co.nz](http://www.hiringabalmoral.blogspot.co.nz)

Check out some of our learning so far!

## Red Cross People Savers Course

We are very lucky to have Red Cross working with all classes this term. Shire One had an amazing lesson with Rob Munnik last week. Skills for assessing dangerous situations, dealing with injury and emergency were a few highlights.



## Shire 3 Maths

To begin our year in Maths, we have been exploring maps, following each others' directions and different routes to find landmarks on maps of our local area. It has given us an understanding of how easily it is to get lost if you are given the wrong directions, and that Eden Park is a very different location and grid reference to Mt Eden Domain.

We have also been looking at and plotting coordinates on single grid and quad grids. To help us remember which coordinate we read first, we have come up with a new saying instead of "x across then y for the sky". We have likened it to first walking around Eden Park to the right gate, then going upstairs to our seat.



## Water Skills

This week Balmoral Students and teachers have been learning about 'Water Skills for Life' with Moe from Swimming New Zealand. This programme is designed to support students achieve competence in the water by the time they reach the age of 13.

Throughout the rest of the term your children will be working through a range of skills, from personal buoyancy and submersion to sculling and the safety of others. These skills are designed to reduce drowning not just in the local swimming pool but at rivers, beaches and boats where we don't always have controlled water conditions.

**Dan Allen**  
**Sports Co-ordinator**



## Community Notices

Football at Western Springs AFC in 2018:

*Registrations for Juniors (ages 4-8 years) and Youth (ages 9-20 years) players are now open for Western Springs AFC.*

*We will close enrolments on Friday 2 March 2018 - so don't miss out! To enrol, simply go to [wsafc.org.nz](http://wsafc.org.nz) and click on the registration link.*

*We look forward to seeing you at Western Springs AFC for the 2018 season*

**Tracy Cunnington**  
**WSAFC Comms Co-ordinator**  
021 0322-006

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and practical strategies

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we can help  
with any of your  
parenting concerns

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**Parent  
Help**  
For Parents and  
Family Support

Hi, my name is Adam Bateman and I used to go to Balmoral Primary and Intermediate. I am Year 12 at Mt Albert Grammar and I am doing the "Relay for Life" to raise funds for cancer research. As part of this, I need to raise money. The suggested target is \$200, which is quite a lot. I have done a lot of babysitting for my street (and my family - I still have a little brother and sister at Balmoral Primary). If you want a baby sitter until March 11, I am available for a reduced rate of \$10 an hour which will all be donated to cancer research. I've attached the website link for you. References are available if you need them. If interested, my phone number is 0278298829. Thank you!

<https://rflaucklandnorth2018.everydayhero.com/nz/adam>

[Help Adam make a difference](#)

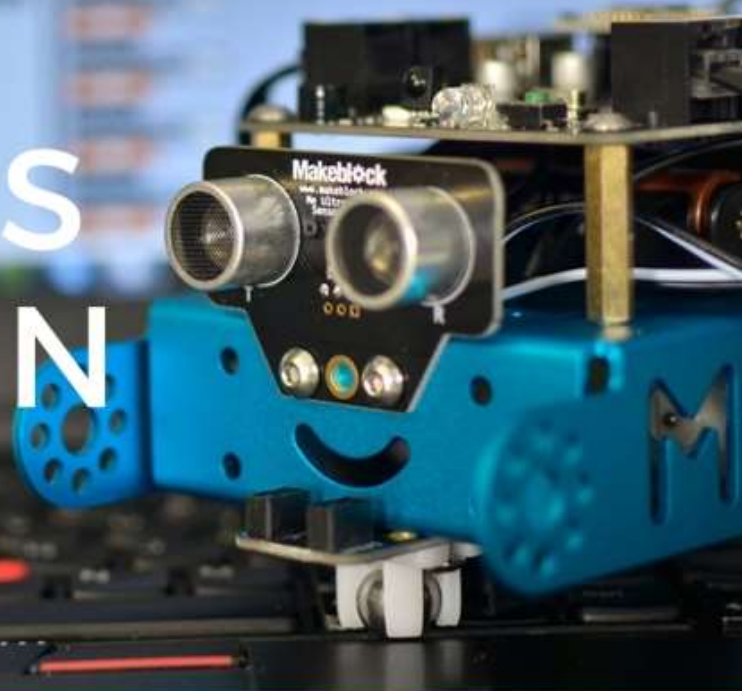
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Please show your support by giving through Adam's Supporter page and sharing to spread the word about Cancer Society Auckland Northland Division





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