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BALMORAL
PRIMARY + INTERMEDIATE

Balmoral School Newsletter

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Vision

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

Friday 16 February 2018

Intermediate Dates to Diary

HPV1 Y8 catch-up	Tuesday 20 March
CZ Cricket Girls	Tuesday 20 March
Y7 Piha Mill Camp	Tuesday 20 – 23 March
School Conferences	Tuesday 27 March, 3-6pm & Wednesday 28 March, 1-7pm
Easter Holidays	Friday 30 March – Tuesday 3 April
PTA Balmoral School Triathlon	Sunday 8 April School Field 8am
Term 1 ends	Friday 13 April 3pm
Term 2 begins	Monday 30 April
PTA Balmoral Comedy Club	Saturday 5 May Mt Albert War Memorial Hall 6.30pm – Midnight

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12:30PM ON WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH

Intermediate Whanau Blogs

Turanga	http://whanauturanga.blogspot.co.nz/
Aparangi	https://aparangibalmoral.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

Recently the government removed the need for our school to report using national standards. This is a move many of us at school have felt is necessary for a long time.

While we want our children to excel in maths, science, literacy and social studies those skills are not enough for success in our world. Being a successful learner at the end of compulsory schooling is much more complex than this and by making these standards the focus of school measurement other factors were ignored.

We know that to be a successful member of society it requires us to develop capabilities like resiliency, adaptability and collaboration. Children also need empathy, social awareness and compassion to be good citizens, neighbours and whanau members. These habits or competencies are vitally important for our young people.

We have our student led conferences coming up. I hope that all of you will attend with your child as they know their learning best. At this time, they can share with you the amazing things they have been doing in their classroom. They can also take the time to describe to you how they use their habits and the type of learner they are. Our staff can also share with you how they have settled into the classroom and the strengths and areas for growth they have begun to identify.

The world is asking our young people to show more than the old industrial model of skills. I would encourage you to use this time to let your child show you their learning journey so far. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 27 March or Wednesday 28 March.

Kia pai to mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend)

Naku noa

Malcolm Milner

Principal (Te Tumuaki)

Student Conferences - REMINDER

Tuesday 27 March, 3pm – 6pm

Wednesday 28 March, 1pm – 7pm

NOTE: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12:30PM ON WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH

On Tuesday 27 March, school will close for children at 3.00pm. Conferences will start at 3.15pm and continue through until the final interview at 5.45pm. Please bring your child with you.

On Wednesday 28 March, school will close at 12.30pm. Please arrange to collect your child from school at this time. Conferences with teachers will begin at 1.00pm and the final interview for the day will be scheduled for 6.45pm.

Please book your interviews online at: <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>

The school code is **eux3v**. If you book in this way you are more likely to get your preferred time. This site is currently now live.

If you cannot book online, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

From time to time you may want to talk to your child's teacher without them being present. Please contact the teacher to make an appointment to do this at another time.

Welcome to New Staff

We have managed to appoint two new teachers to our intermediate school. Carol Anne Kempster is moving from the UK and Joe Teague will be in Room 31 from the start of Term 2. Joe previously taught in the United Kingdom.

Emma Wallace will be on maternity leave from the start of Term 2. Fern Watson will be teaching in Room 5. Fern previously taught at a school in West Auckland.

Thanks

On Tuesday the staff attended their Paid Union Meeting. I would like to thank the community for enabling our teachers to attend this meeting by adjusting their child care arrangements.

The current teaching shortage means that it is important for our staff to know what conditions are up for negotiation in their Collective Employment Agreement.

Hopefully we will not have to call on you too many more times this year and these negotiations are settled quickly.

Thanks to the PTA

On Tuesday night I attended the PTA AGM. I would like to acknowledge the effort that these enthusiastic parents put into raising funds for our school and to create some really lovely social events. I would also like to acknowledge Louise Garbett and Sasha Halstead who have been on the Leadership Committee and PTA for 8 years. In this time the PTA has raised about \$750,000 for our school. This is a huge contribution to our school and our children.

There are many other parents who work tirelessly behind the scenes for the good of all our children and this contribution to our community is valued highly. Thank you all very much.

Property and the Build

Over the last two weeks the Senior Leadership have visited four Christchurch Schools and been involved in numerous meetings regarding the development of our school. We have discussed colours of the internal and external layout. Other considerations have been the type of roller doors used in the shared spaces and door hardware. We have also been discussing landscaping directly outside the classrooms. We see these areas as another classroom so getting this part right is essential.

The MoE will present the completed plans to the BoT on Tuesday 10 April. From here the plans go to a Design Review Panel (DRP). At this stage we will be able to share the building design with you.

The two prefabs have finally been installed on piles near Room 30 by the Eldon Road Gate. Two further classrooms are expected to be established parallel to these rooms closer to the driveway.

The BoT will need to contribute locally raised funds to this project. Locally raised funds include school donations, PTA gifts, grants from trusts and any other money we raise through our small trading activities.

Interestingly this week I found something from our archives that said in October 1926 Balmoral (NZ Herald, 19 February 1926, p.10) held a Queen Carnival to raise money to improve the grounds. Our community raised 460 pounds for the school as the grounds were in such a sorry state and there was insufficient money from the Education Board. Not a lot has changed in 90 years.

Intermediate News

Tēnā koutou Intermediate Whānau,

One of the very important things about being at Intermediate school is making sure you try as many different and new things as you can. It is heartening to see many of our students making sure they do just that. Our cricketers and orienteers have been out over the last two weeks doing a great job representing our school. Today, a group of 40 children went out to Polyfest in order to soak up the atmosphere and bring back some inspiration for how our Kapa Haka and Cultural groups can continue to grow at school. Next week, our Year 7 team head out to Piha Mill for their camp. The teachers and students have been hard at work preparing and we know they will have a great time. We are crossing our fingers that the weather stays settled for them.

Nā mātou noa, nā

Trish and the Intermediate Team

Student Council News

This term, the School Council is organising a fundraiser for Youthline. Youthline is one of the charities we will be supporting this year. On Thursday 29th, two weeks from now, there will be an Easter-themed mufti day. There will also be games such as the classic egg and spoon race, Easter egg hunts, and more. There will be more information in the notices. We are asking for a gold coin donation to take part in the day.

Nicole and Misaki,
Student Councillors

News From Room 26

Tuakana Teina, older people working with younger people. Luckily for room 26, we have room 25 next door, who are year one students and some are new to school.

We decided to try and beautify our neglected gardens. Some out the front of our rooms, and in the courtyard behind our classes. We hope to make the courtyard a wonderful shared space.

We discovered some of the weeds were really hard to pull out because their roots were so deep and strong. It was important to pull out from the roots, so the weeds didn't keep growing. Of course a weed is just a plant that we don't think is useful in that place.

There was an over abundance of parsley, so we transplanted some into pots, and air dried some (which you can see hanging in our room).

In room 25 there may have been more baby snails than students. Their class got to see the whole process of snail, to egg, to baby snail (we think we may have to google to see if there is an official name for them).

We have a lot of ideas bubbling away, we're considering plants we want to grow, thinking about seasonal planting and how we can incorporate some sculpture and weaving into the courtyard. So watch this space.



Drum Lessons

We are pleased to announce that Tristan Deck is the new drum teacher at Balmoral School. Though still quite young, he has gained a wealth of experience teaching between the ages of 4 and 60 at various schools around Auckland, including the Music Education Centre and the Auckland Drum School. In this role he has high student retention rates and is experienced with all manner of learning styles and abilities.

In addition to teaching he regularly performs around Auckland, New Zealand, and internationally with different ensembles such as:

The Laneway tour, NZ tour and Australian tour with Aldous Harding

Theatre shows with The Blackbird Ensemble at Auckland Town Hall and Q Theatre

Performing throughout the Pop-Up Globe's Auckland Season

Indie and jazz/creative bands: A.C Freazy, Anthonie Tonnon, WD40 Trio, GRG67 and Big Ticket

Here are some links to Tristan playing:

<https://youtu.be/q2Pi6NuXodc>

<https://youtu.be/jTxwGwHFTW8>

If you are interested in getting lessons for your child please contact Tristan directly on tristanjdeck@gmail.com or 021 047 9256

EGGS Open Morning

Open Morning at EGGs – Tuesday 10 April

Epsom Girls Grammar School would like to invite prospective students and their parents to an Open Morning on **Tuesday 10 April 2018**. There will be guided tours at 8.45am and 10.45am. The tours are designed to show the school at work, so you will have the opportunity to observe what happens on an ordinary school day. To minimise disruption to their learning programme, we ask that students from Balmoral Intermediate School attend the **10.45am** session. To register, please follow this link [EGGS Open Morning](#) or go to our website www.eggs.school.nz If you have any questions please contact the Enrolment Manager, Mrs Wendy Smith phone 9706710 or email enrolments@eggs.school.nz



Give it a try!



The great Balmoral School Triathlon is back for 2018!

This is a must-do event on the school calendar so make sure the morning of **Sunday April 8** is free.

There are race categories to suit all ages and abilities and the feel-good factor on the day is through the roof! Just asks last year's winners (pictured above).

A registration pack, including an entry form to our famous "design the t-shirt" competition, should have come home in school bags this week.

This year, those competing in the race category, will receive a special racing t-shirt. We're sure it will become a must-have in the wardrobes of older kids.

There will be finish-line goodies and spot prizes awarded on the day so get training and register online now:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/balmoral-triathlon-2018/auckland/balmoral>.

Entry is \$25, plus \$10 for a t-shirt or \$15 for a race t-shirt. Any questions, please contact: balmoralschooltriathlon@gmail.com

Meet our new team and come join us!



Meet our lovely new PTA leadership team!

This fantastic group were voted in at the PTA AGM this week. From left: Sarah Gaskell (treasurer), Deb Campbell (leadership team), Kristen de Monchy (chairperson), Anna Morton (leadership team), Sarah Jack (secretary), Tracy Peirce (treasurer), Catherine Evans (leadership team).

They're excited about 2018 and all the fantastic fun events the PTA has planned to bring our community together, create connections and help raise money for our school.

We'd love to have you on board too! If you can do a little or a lot, we'd love to hear from you particularly if you have skills in the areas of sponsorship, design or communications.

We'd like say a special thanks to two of our long-standing members who have stepped down from the leadership team, although they remain on the PTA: Louise Garbett and Sasha Halstead. Your contribution to the PTA has been amazing and we're truly grateful for the time, energy and commitment you've devoted to making our school a better place.

If you'd like to find out more about joining the PTA, contact us at:

pta@balmoral.school.nz

Need a laugh?

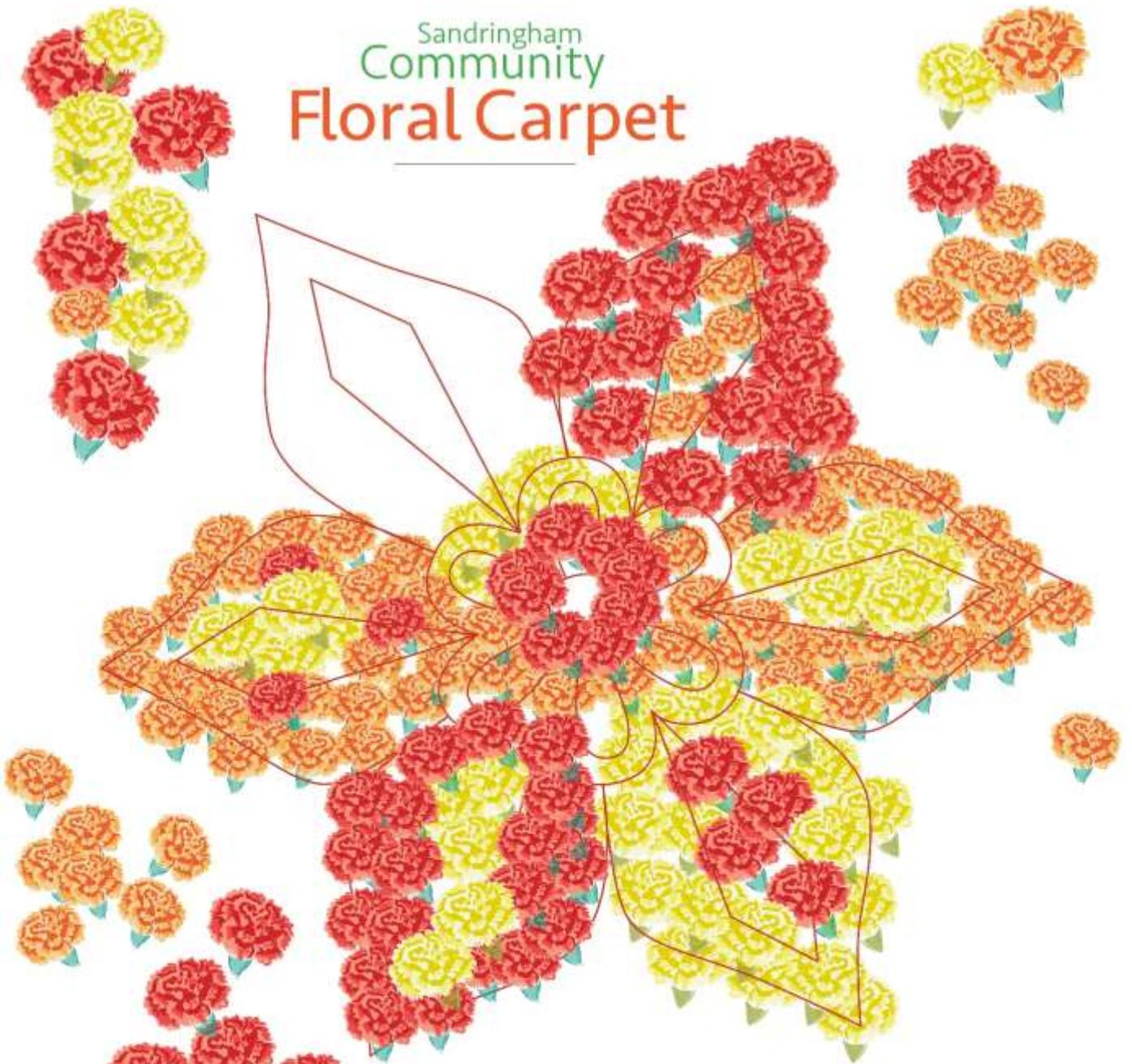
Save the date for our comedy night!

It's back and it's better than ever: the Balmoral Comedy Club featuring the best international and local comedians.

Clear your diaries so that **Saturday May 5** is free from 6.30pm-midnight and make sure you're ready to roar with laughter. Tickets to this sell-out event go on sale on Monday April 9, so get together your table of 10 now.

If you can help with this event, please contact steph.vercoe@gmail.com

Sandringham
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Floral Carpet



SPiCE invites you to participate in creating a colourful, community Floral Carpet at the Sandringham Reserve

Saturday March 17, 4.30pm*
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*(Rain date 18th March 4.40pm 2018)

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Does your child want to learn to code? Code Club Aotearoa have free coding projects for kids age 9-13! We can help you set up a club, or find you a club in your area. Whether you are a parent, teacher, student, or volunteer, getting involved is easy! Drop us a line at team@codeclub.nz or visit our website: codeclub.nz.

Performing Arts April School Holiday Programme

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