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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

### Primary Dates to Diary

<b>Primary Assembly</b>	Friday 23 March 9.15am
<b>School Conferences</b>	Tuesday 27, 3-6pm & Wednesday 28 March, 1-7pm
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	Friday 30 March to Tuesday 3 April
<b>PTA Balmoral School Triathlon</b>	Sunday 18 April School Field 8am
<b>Hiringa EOTC</b>	Tuesday 10,11,12 April
<b>Primary Assembly</b>	Friday 13 April 9.15am
<b>End of Term 1</b>	Friday 13 April 3pm
<b>Term 2 begins</b>	Monday 30 April
<b>PTA Balmoral Comedy Club</b>	Saturday 5 May Mt Albert War Memorial Hall 6.30pm - Midnight

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

### Primary Whanau Blogs

<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** **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**

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 find and appoint two new teachers to our intermediate school.

Carol Anne Kempster is moving 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.

## 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,

### **School Council Fundraising**

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April (Week 9), the Primary School will be raising money for their chosen charity. For a gold coin donation, children can come to school dressed in an 'Easter' themed way and can take part in an Easter themed drawing competition. More information to follow!



This week has been the Auckland Transport Walking School Bus Week! There were a variety of themes across the week including funky feet, wacky Wednesday and Superhero Thursday! Malcolm and I enjoyed joining the Bus this week too! Many thanks to Merrin Rosnell and the rest of WSB parent team who make this happen for our community.

And finally some food for thought around the importance of encouraging children to use their fingers in Maths, despite what we might have been told when we were growing up! [Click here to read more.](#)

Ngā mihi

Katy and the Primary Team

### Shared Learning from Mahira

Kia Ora Katou Katoa from Whanau Mahira

Whānau Mahira have made a great start to their learning this year. Each class has a different inquiry underway which has started from the children's interests or an interesting discovery. At the moment, all four classes are finding out about animals and habitats, which reflects our 6-year olds' fascination with the natural world around them.

**Room 11** – We went walking around the playground, and we looked for bugs with magnifying glasses. Joshua caught a moth, I found an ant that was crawling all over my hand! Also I found a cicada on a tree. We drew them when we came back, and next we made some bugs from cardboard. We read a big book about stick insects. I hope we do some writing about the bugs. We need to find out more about what's inside the bugs and learn about the parts of their bodies.

*Elsy & Daniel*



**Room 12** – Our inquiry has been about fish and starfish, because Max brought in a snapper jaw, and then Leo brought in a starfish. We've learnt that not everything in the ocean is a fish! Some things are mammals, and reptiles. Fish need gills and a backbone. We went to go and see a Year 8 science lesson. We got to see the inside parts of a fish because they were dissecting them to learn about their bodies. Their hearts are round, not love heart shaped! We saw the fish brains and now we have lots of questions to answer about brains and how people and fish can think.

*Max M & Teina*



**Room 13** – First we found an orange bug in the bush. It flew onto my finger! When I walked to the class everyone saw it. We drew the bug and we thought about where did it live. On the tables we're learning about bug predators and prey. The ants try to kill the bombardier beetle, but the bombardier beetle sprays a special hot spray out of its bottom! Next, I think we need to learn about other kinds of bugs. Marcus found a green bug in the same place and I'm wondering if that bug is his brother? I'm wondering why some insects and spiders are poisonous?



**Room 14** – Laki found a snail and then Storm found a tank and then other children found lots more snails. Max found one at home when he was gardening. We had four but when it was the weekend one must have slid away. So we started learning about snails. We read a book about what they need. We found out they eat lettuce and leaves. I wonder where they go when they are lost because we lost some of our snails. We need to find out how they move with their slime, because they don't have any legs. It's so slippery, so why don't they fall over? Maybe their shells protect them.

Olivia & Max



## 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](mailto:tristanjdeck@gmail.com) or 021 047 9256



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:steph.vercoe@gmail.com)

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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](mailto:team@codeclub.nz) or visit our website: [codeclub.nz](http://codeclub.nz).

## Performing Arts April School Holiday Programme

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**Sing-Act-Dance**

**Perform in our 'Dr Seuss on the Loose' Show!**

**Auckland Grammar School**      **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Epsom Girls Grammar School**      **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

(minus Anzac Day)

Early Booking Rate *expires 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018*

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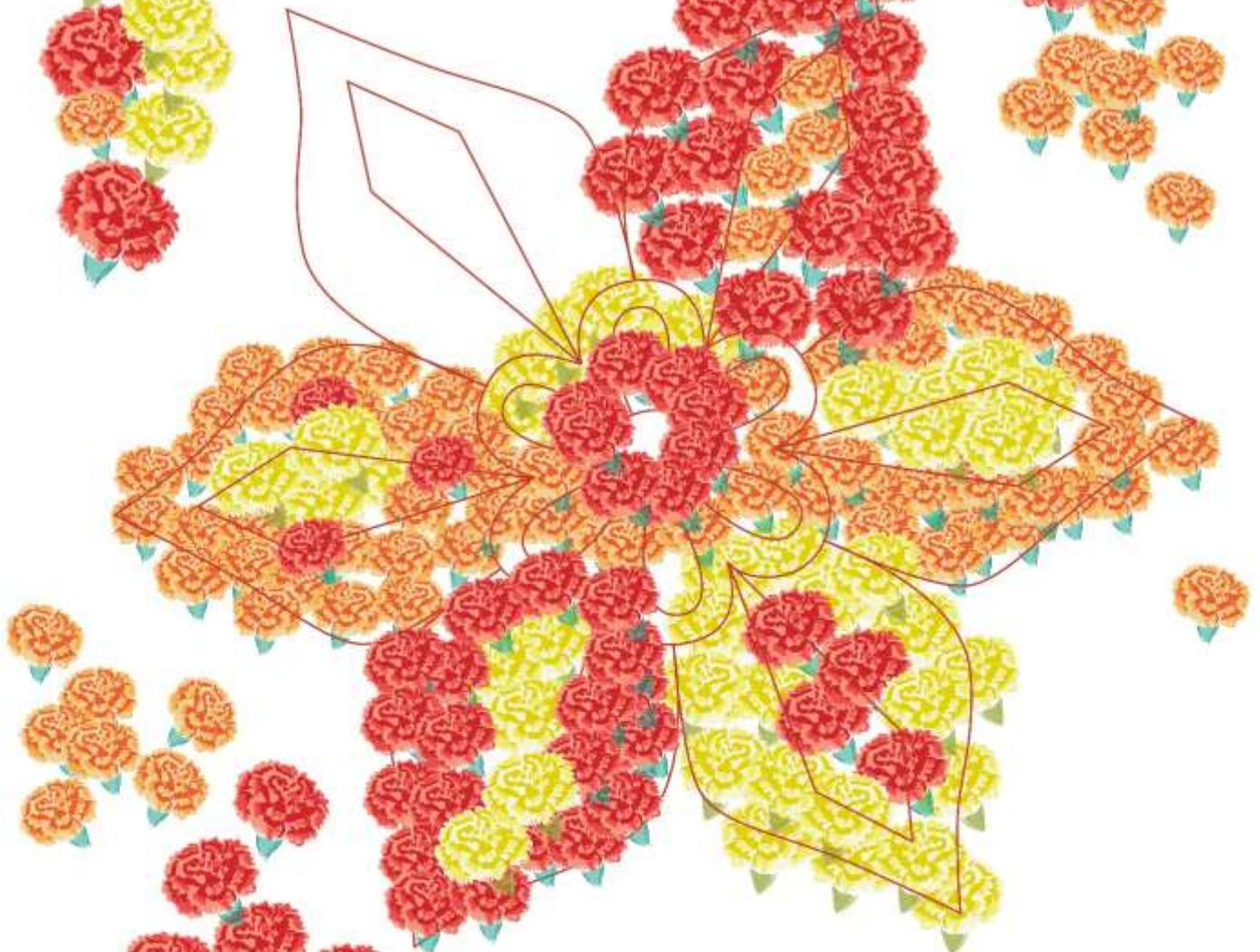
**9:00am to 3:00pm**

**FREE Extended Hours!!!! 8:00am to 5:30pm**





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SPiCE invites you to participate in creating  
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the Sandringham Reserve

Saturday March 17, 4.30pm\*  
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