

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

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Vision

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

Friday 13 April 2018

Intermediate Dates to Diary

Pasifika Fono	Monday 21 May 6pm
CZ Rugby U55	Tuesday 22 May
CZ Football Y7 Girls	Wednesday 23 May Seddon Fields, Pt Chevalier
Orienteering Champs	Wednesday 23 May -Woodhill Forest
Scholastic Book Fair	Wednesday 23 – Friday 25 May
CZ Football Y8 Girls	Thursday 24 May Seddon Fields, Pt Chevalier
Intermediate Maths Family Night	Thursday 24 May – School Hall 5.30-6.30pm
CZ Football Y7 Boys	Tuesday 29 May
Book Quiz	Wednesday 30 May 1.15 – 3pm Hall
CZ Football Y8 Boys	Thursday 31 May
Paid Union Meeting	Wednesday 20 June 12.30pm
Whittaker's Chocolate Fundraiser	All payments must be made by Friday 29 June
Tough Guy/Tough Gal	Monday 27 August – Helensville

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

A common topic in educational discussions is the use of the word STEM. It refers to providing opportunities in schools to teach Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. STEM is often touted as the curriculum that provides tomorrow's citizens with 21st century learning. This curriculum is often supported by the saying 'If you can't measure it – it's not there, we must be able to measure things.'

However these beliefs may be challenged by the idea that you can't measure the future, you can only make predictions based on current information. Measuring with prediction can create the danger of pushing ideology and resources into directions that may eventually prove wrong. What would have happened to the idea that the horizon is the end of the world with this methodology?

Recently STEM has been replaced by STEAM which now includes the Arts. They say that if you use STEM to create a chair you have the Arts. You could equally say that without the Arts you would not have had the ability to have the concept of the design.

I see the Arts as an important component of a modern education system. I see Arts including Music as an intuitive approach. This view is supported by Albert Einstein who said "The theory of relativity occurred to me by intuition, and music is the driving force behind this intuition. My parents had me study the violin from the time I was six. My new discovery is the result of musical perception" (Shinichi Suzuki, 1969: *Nurtured by Love. A New Approach to Education*, p90).

Education and STEAM must have learning that includes intuition. The value of curiosity over 'coming up with the right answer' is essential.

We attempt to achieve this at Balmoral School by teaching a broad curriculum that includes the Arts for the aesthetic beauty. Part of this aesthetic is the nuances of language and literature. We also realise that there are questions without answers and that there are a variety of right answers to a single question.

Kia pai to mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend)

Naku noa

Malcolm Milner

Principal (Te Tumuaki)

Assessment at Balmoral

With the end of National Standards assessment will continue as normal, the only positive is that we will not have to report to parents on artificial standards.

We will also not have to tell children that they are 'well below' from age five and report on spurious grades to the Ministry of Education.

What we will continue to do is assess children using our same old assessment techniques. These will include norm reference data such as gained from PAT's and e-AsTTLe. For reading teachers will also continue to use Running Records and Probe Test and in mathematics the Gloss Test. Teachers will also continue to use a variety of other ways to assess children that they have always used. We will draw all this information together and make valid assessment about how your child is progressing.

Review of Education Survey

Chris Hipkins, the Minister of Education, has announced a review of Tomorrow Schools. As part of this review he is seeking feedback from a wide variety of people.

I would encourage you all to go to this link to have your say on how you see education in New Zealand developing over the next thirty years. The survey consists of four questions which you can answer in as little as 5 minutes.

[Complete the survey here.](#)

Music at Balmoral

The music department would like to find out what other paid music lessons families are wanting. Please complete this two minute survey.

[Complete the school survey here.](#)

Staffing

Recently we advertised a position for an intermediate classroom teacher. We received only two applications. One was from a person overseas who had no teaching qualification, the other an experienced teacher. Unfortunately, by the time we contacted the experienced teacher they had accepted a role at another school. We have had to re-advertise this position.

The shortage of suitable applicants for teaching positions is at a crisis point and has got worse since last year. The pressures of staffing our school are becoming more complex.

Intermediate News

Tēnā koutou Intermediate Whānau,

Recently we received some feedback about our learning programmes and the way our students are developing into curious, confident and connected learners. A gentleman who lives in our community had received some home baking as part of a Rich Challenge task and rang to say that 'clearly what we were teaching and the way we were teaching it was just wonderful and not common these days'. Well done to all our students who are seeing a need and doing something about that, and particular congratulations to Abi Stewart, who did this fabulous work.

Our two Lit Quiz teams headed to St Cuthbert's on Monday to compete in the first of the Auckland heats for Kid's Lit Quiz. Both teams did incredibly well, coming 12th and 14th out of 61 teams and answering questions on a wide variety of books that stretched from *The Diary of A Wimpy Kid* to *Wuthering Heights*. Many thanks to Bronwyn, Jacqui and Leah for all their work training the teams.



**Nā mātou noa, nā
Trish and the Intermediate Team**

Writers Festival

On the 15th of May, 40 intermediate and primary students got the opportunity to go to the Auckland Writers Festival. We were part of the lucky group that got to go. We boarded a bus and made our way to the Aotea Centre. That day we saw 4 different writers all creative and unique in their style of writing. First we listened to Amy Sarig King who told us to express our feelings and to always tell the truth. Next came a hilarious illustrator called Chris Riddell. He drew his life and how he decided to become an artist. The next person was an amazing poet called Rewa Worley. He shared with us his wonderful poems about his life and taught us how to write out our feelings into a poem. Up next was a lady called Stacy Gregg. She told us all about her experiences when writing her books and the real life stories behind them. She even managed to tell us the title of her new book. All in all that day was awesome and we cannot wait for next year when we get to do it all again!
Ciara Anand and Ava Siakimotu



News From Room 27

Cinema 27

Room 27 is opening a new lunchtime cinema!

Cinema 27 is planned to open in week 5. We will be serving lots of different food and drinks including juice, soft drinks, popcorn, lollies and more.

To order these you will have to fill in an order form and hand it into the cinema.

Movies will be shown over a span of two lunchtimes as one is not typically long enough for a whole movie.

Ticket prices and ordering details will be released soon.

We hope to see you there.

By Sabine Edmonds on behalf of Room 27



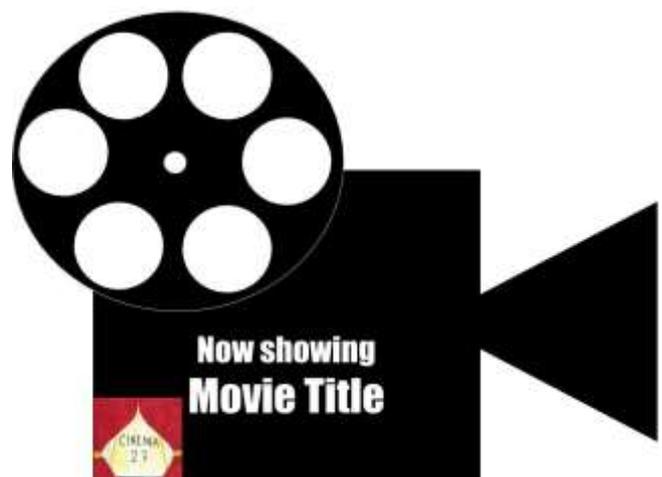
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Price for ticket:\$2

Price for drinks:\$1.50

Price for chips:\$1

Price for popcorn:\$1



Book Fair

Dear Balmoral Whānau,

You are invited to our annual Scholastic Book Fair, in the Library reading room, on Wed 23rd May - Fri 25th May. Classes will visit the Book Fair with their teachers and will have an opportunity to select books of their choice. Our Book Fair will be open for parents to purchase items at the following times:

Before school 8:05 - 8:55

Lunchtime 12:40 - 1:25

After school 3:05 - 4:00

Prior to the family maths events 5:00-5:25pm

Your purchases will contribute to a selection of books for our students. EFTPOS and cash sales will be available.

Thank you for supporting Balmoral School.

A note about Scholastic Book Club Orders

Thank you for supporting the Balmoral book club orders. Please register on the LOOP system to make orders online. The Office will not be taking any cash or cheque orders. Go to: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz



Auckland Girls' Grammar School Open Day

Thursday 31 May - 9.30am -12.30pm

We invite you to visit our school on Thursday 31 May anytime between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. Our senior students will lead school tours throughout the morning and our Principal will give short talks at 10.00 and 11.00 a.m. and 12 noon.

Information Evening – Thursday 31 May 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

If you are unable to visit us during the day we will also be holding an Information Evening from 6.30 – 8.30pm. All prospective students for 2019 and their parents are very welcome to attend this evening. Light refreshments will be provided.

The evening will be particularly useful for those students who are interested in enrolling into Nga Tumanako o Kahurangi, our Maori Whanau Unit.

Auckland Girls' Grammar School welcomes enrolments from throughout the Auckland region and we hope that you will take this opportunity to find out more about us.

Parking at Gate 2, 16 Howe Street, Newton

Phone 307 4180 or email enrol@aggs.school.nz to register for Information Evening or for more information



WHITTAKER'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER 2018



Want to sell extra boxes of chocolate?

Chocolates have now been handed out!! If you'd like to sell even more chocolate, additional boxes can be collected from the back door of the school office on a Wednesday morning between 8:50-9:05am OR Friday afternoon between 3-3:15pm.

Alternatively, you may email Genevieve at Balmoralschoolchocolates@gmail.com to arrange collection. 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.
- Intermediate children will need to check with their parents and sign the distribution sheet.

There are plenty of prizes up for grabs for those who sell chocolates during the Term!
Anyone who has sold over 3 boxes of chocolate and returned their money by Friday 8th June will go into the draw to win a \$50 cash prize.

Major prizes will be drawn at the last assembly of Term 2.

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.

To be eligible for the prize all money must be returned by Friday 29th June.



Want some inspiration for how to use your chocolate bars?
Try this yummy muffin recipe – perfect for lunch boxes!

BANANA AND CHOCOLATE CHUNK MUFFINS

Ingredients:

3 ripe bananas
100 g butter, melted
65ml milk
220g brown sugar
½ tsp cinnamon
¼ tsp mixed spice
190g plain flour
½ tsp baking soda
250g Whittaker's Creamy Milk chocolate –
broken into chunks



Method:

Preheat the oven to 190c (170c fan bake).

Grease a standard muffin tin or line with paper muffin/cupcake cases.

Mash the banana into a bowl and add the butter, milk, brown sugar and spices. Mix thoroughly.

Sift the flour and the baking soda into the mixture and combine. Add the chocolate chunks.

Pour the batter into the prepared muffin tins, filling to $\frac{3}{4}$ full.

Bake for approximately 15-20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean. The cooking time depends on the ripeness and size of your banana's.

These can be served warm or cool. Enjoy!

Community Notices

THE FLASH BANG SCIENCE CLUB – AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLASSES (7yrs-12yrs) BOOK NOW AND WIN!! Bringing science to life with fun filled, action packed science and technology sessions. PONSONBY Wednesdays 4.00-5.30pm starting 30th May and ELLERSLIE Thursdays 4.00-5.30pm starting 31st May. For more information and bookings please check out www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz or email: admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz.



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Faculty of Education and Social Work, The University of Auckland.

We welcome anyone who is curious about becoming a teacher to come and get answers to your questions at this information evening in Epsom, Auckland.

Make the move into Teaching

Tuesday 22 May | 6pm

Kohia Centre, The University of Auckland
www.education.auckland.ac.nz/future-teac



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OPEN DAY



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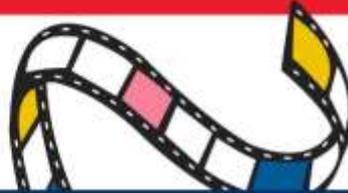
Screenies

CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL AOTEAROA

Napier | 19-21 April 2018
Century Theatre MTG, 1 Tennyson Street, Napier

Auckland | 17-20 May 2018
TAPAC, Motions Road, Western Springs

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Kind regards,
David Loots

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