

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

Pasifika Fono	Monday 21 May 6pm
Whetu Maths Family Night	Wednesday 23 May 5:30pm - Hall
Scholastic Book Fair	Wednesday 23 – Friday 25 May
Koru New Parents Morning Tea	Thursday 24 May 9am staffroom
Primary Assembly	Friday 25 May 9.15am Hall
Hiringa Sport	Friday 25 May – afternoon
Milk and Cookies evening Koru	Thursday 31 May 5.30 – 6.30pm
Paid Union Meeting	Wednesday 20 June 12.30pm
Whittaker's Chocolate Fundraiser	All payments must be made by Friday 29 June

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

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Recently STEM has been replaced by STEAM which now includes the Arts.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.

News from the Primary School

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Kia ora e te Whānau o Te Roto a Rangi,

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend Hiringa's Family Maths night this week. It was a great opportunity for us to share ideas of the many different ways you can help your child at home. We were also able to share the current research surrounding how to teach and learn Maths and to therefore explain our approach to Maths at school. We know that the world is changing and that jobs of the future will require our students to be complex problem solvers, critical thinkers and creative and so our approach to learning needs to reflect this. It is important to develop our students' learning capacity so that they are able to deal with the challenges of their world. We need to *"strengthen children's ability to be good choosers, skilful problem solvers and powerful learners... You can get good results in the arcane world of 'educational standards', and still lack resilience, resourcefulness, and the ability to organise and evaluate your own learning."* Guy Claxton

We appreciate your continued support in helping our students to develop the learning dispositions, not just knowledge, that are essential for their future.

Ngā mihi

Katy and the Primary Team

Shared learning from Hiringa

What an amazing learning experiences our Year 5 and 6 Hiringa students have had over the last few weeks. Each student learnt something new about themselves, faced challenges and took part in tasks that cannot be replicated in school.

All classes from Hiringa went out over 3 days to Snow Planet, Tree Adventures and Rangitoto Island.

Check out some of our learning and great memories!





Scholastic 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.

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



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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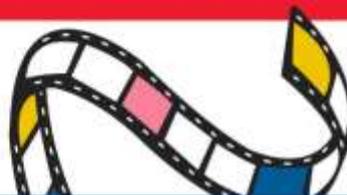
Napier | 19-21 April 2018

Century Theatre MTG, 1 Tennyson Street, Napier

Auckland | 17-20 May 2018

TAPAC, Motions Road, Western Springs

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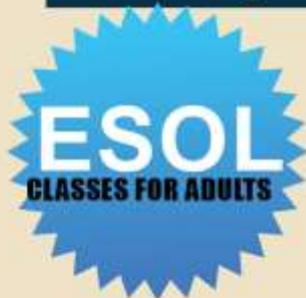


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NumberWorks'nWords can help bring out the best in your child with expert after-school English and Maths tuition.

From New Entrant to Year 11, no matter whether they're struggling to keep up, or bursting to race ahead, NumberWorks'nWords promises to give your child's education - and confidence - a real boost.

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Phone 625 8091

Kind regards,
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