

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



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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 7 September 2018

Intermediate Dates to Diary

PTA Nosy Neighbours

Kids4Kids (Bruce Mason Centre)

Waterwise – Rm10

Waterwise – Rm4

Waterwise – S8

Waterwise – Rm 5

Waterwise – Rm6

Waterwise – Rm9

Lewis Eady Concert (lunchtime)

Waterwise – Rm 28

Orientation Day

Intermediate Prizegiving

Intermediate Picnic Y7

Intermediate Picnic Y8

Canteen Closes for the year

School closes for the year

Saturday 3 November

Monday 5 November Reherasal 8.15-1pm

Performance 7pm

Monday 5 & Thursday 29 November

Tuesday 6 & Thursday 22 November

Wednesday 7 & Friday 23 November

Thursday 8 & Friday 16 November

Friday 9 & 15 Thursday November

Wednesday 14 November

Monday 26 November – Red Music Room

Wednesday 28 November

Wednesday 28 November 9.15 – 12.30pm

Monday 3 December

Wednesday 5 December – Parnell Baths

Wednesday 12 December – Parnell Baths

Friday 7 December – last day

Friday 14 December 1pm

Intermediate Whanau Blogs

Turanga

<http://whanauturanga.blogspot.co.nz/>

Aparangi

<https://aparangibalmoral.blogspot.co.nz/>

[Click here to find Year 8 camp information](#)

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 I have been reading the [OECD Learning Framework for 2030](#). This document summarises the expected outcomes for children entering school in 2018. The OECD believe that by 2030 citizens will need to abandon the notion that resources are limitless and are there to be exploited; they will need to value common prosperity, sustainability and well-being.

To do this the framework identifies that these students will need to apply their knowledge in unknown and evolving circumstances. For this, they will need a broad range of skills, including cognitive and meta-cognitive skills (e.g. critical thinking, creative thinking, learning to learn and self-regulation); social and emotional skills (e.g. empathy, self-efficacy and collaboration); and practical and physical skills (e.g. using new information and communication technology devices).

The use of this broader range of knowledge and skills will be mediated by attitudes and values (e.g. motivation, trust, respect for diversity and virtue). While human life is enriched by the diversity of values and attitudes arising from different cultural perspectives and personality traits, there are some human values (e.g. respect for life and human dignity, and respect for the environment, to name two) that cannot be compromised.

To prepare for 2030, people should be able to think creatively, develop new products and services, new jobs, new processes and methods, new ways of thinking and living, new enterprises, new sectors, new business models and new social models.

Increasingly, innovation springs not from individuals thinking and working alone, but through cooperation and collaboration with others to draw on existing knowledge to create new knowledge. The constructs that underpin the competency include adaptability, creativity, curiosity and open-mindedness.

Literacy and numeracy are still seen as essential, but this document clearly identifies the importance of attitudes, values and competencies.

While reading this I was continually reflecting on our school curriculum and how we can achieve these outcomes. I do not believe that we can do this as a school alone and it is important that our whole school community buys into these ideals.

I would encourage you to ask not only how your child's school can deliver these attitudes, values and competencies but also how you can enable them.

Kia pai to mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend)

Naku noa

Malcolm Milner

Principal (Te Tumuaki)

Strike Day

School Closed Monday 12 November

The Board of Trustees have decided that due to Health and Safety concerns the school will be closed on Monday 12 November as a result of the teacher strike.

Parents will need to make alternative arrangements for their children on this day.

Education Review Office (ERO)

This week we had the Education Review Office (ERO) visit. The Senior Leadership Team received an informal verbal report last night and the BoT will receive a verbal report on Monday. As soon as the written report is available, we will email it out.

Athletics Days

This week we had both the primary and intermediate athletic days. My thanks to the staff who organised these events and encouraged the pupils to participate, sometimes in somewhat difficult weather conditions.

Thanks also to those parents who helped our students along the way, by showing the competitive response appropriate for young people through their encouragement and compassion. By working together in this way, we can encourage our pupils to continue to participate in sport throughout their life.

Nosy Neighbours

This weekend is our Nosy Neighbours. To organise such an event is always a huge task for the PTA. Special thankyou to the families who have generously opened their beautiful homes for you to enjoy.

Building Project

It is only one week until we receive the tender submissions for our rebuild and new gymnasium. It is hard to believe that this project began in 2011. I am sure the facilities will provide our community with an amazing resource for our pupils to help them learn.

We are also building a gymnasium and our school is contributing \$3.5million to this. We could not be doing this if we did not receive such generous support from our current community and those who have gone before. Over the last ten years our

PTA has raised over \$1 million dollars for our school which is a fantastic effort. It never fails to amaze me how so many people in Balmoral contribute in so many ways for the greater good.

Advice Around Personal Safety in Public

We have recently seen some incidents where suspicious individuals have been reported approaching school students in public. Some of these reports have been found to not be suspicious, but others remain concerning.

With this in mind, it is timely to provide some advice to students who are walking to or from school, or in public areas at other times. With all of this considered though, we still live in one of the safest countries in the world, and we still want our young people to be able to walk freely to and from school without undue concern.

Advice for young people when walking in public places:

- 1) Walk in areas where other people are also present - avoid taking shortcuts through secluded areas.
- 2) If at all possible, walk with a buddy or in a group.
- 3) Avoid distractions such as listening to music or texting when walking - instead pay attention to your surroundings.
- 4) If you think you are being followed, walk quickly straight ahead. Consider crossing the road to see if the person also follows. If this happens, run to a shop or up to an adult and ask for help.
- 5) If you are approached by someone offering you treats, or asking you to come with them, ignore them and quickly move away.
- 6) If someone grabs you, yell out "Go away!!!" at the top of your voice so as to attract attention to the situation. Push the person away with all of your strength.
- 7) If someone starts talking to you and asking you questions that make you feel uncomfortable, ignore them and quickly move away.
- 8) Always remember to tell an adult you trust as soon as possible so that the Police can be notified - if you are able to yourself, call Police on 111. Remember that Police will need a description of the person, so as soon as possible write this down - if you can remember it, a vehicle number plate is very helpful - write this down as soon as possible. Don't worry if you can't get it all right, any part of it is very helpful for the Police.

Finally, we want our young people to remember that personal safety rules apply to all situations, be they with people they know or people they don't know. Don't teach them to fear strangers, as in all likelihood if they are in immediate danger it is a stranger who will be their closest support - one sad fact in New Zealand is that a child is more likely to be harmed by someone they know, rather than a stranger.

Therefore, let's focus on behaviour - if it is behaviour they don't like, or behaviour that frightens them, then teach them to get help as soon as possible.

Orientation Day

Balmoral Intermediate School Orientation Day

On **Wednesday, 28 November** we will be holding our **Orientation Day for Year 6 students** who are going to attend Balmoral Intermediate School in 2019. Students are invited to meet in the school hall at **9.15am** and will be ready to leave by **12.20pm**. They will need to **bring their morning tea** with them. Unless students did not attend Open Evening or Day with their parents earlier in the year, parents are not required to remain for the morning.

We very much look forward to seeing your child at our Orientation Day and to meeting and working with you in the future.

Netsafe parent evening 19th November 2018 6pm-7pm school staffroom

Our evening will cover:

- Who Netsafe is and how we can support parents/ young people
- The Harmful Digital Communications Act and how it gives guidance around appropriate use of online spaces
- Challenges young people face online (sharing, privacy, social media etc)
- Challenges for parents (screentime, social media etc)
- How parents can support young people online
- An open forum to end

Tongan Niuean Fijian Language Evening



Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu. On Wednesday the 24th of October Balmoral school celebrated the Tonga, Niuean and Fijian language evening. What a night to remember, full of great, inspiring speeches, amazing and outstanding performances, and beautifully cooked FOOD. We had a guest speaker come in called Sam Pilisi, an AUT graduate, he is the eldest of five boys, a lover of sports and really enjoys sharing and promoting the Niuean culture. He talked about "Honouring the sacrifice" and giving back

to those who gave up things for you and to always think about our parents and how they always sacrifice thing for us, even when we might not think of it, they do. We appreciated the support from the Pasifika parent community. I was proud of the girls and boys culture groups, they performed extremely well and danced their hearts out. Moce ni sa cdemoce, malo aupito, fakaauae lahi. Thank you.

Setai Setoga Room 8

K-Pop Workshop



Recently thirty or so students did a workshop about dancing K-POP. We learnt two different dances, one by Monsta X, Dramarama and one by AOA, Bingle Bangle. The teachers, Ria and Hydie were amazing dancers and were also great teachers. The two workshops were on two Friday afternoons. It was really fun to do but some of the dance moves were quite challenging especially the second dance, partly because it was pretty fast. Ria and Hydie taught choreography for famous K-POP idols so they didn't mess around. Overall everyone who participated in the amazing workshop had a great time and we would definitely recommend for younger students to consider if they come next year.

By Madi Hales, Blythe Perry and Hannah Clark Rm 3

Athletics Day

On Tuesday the 30th of October we went to Mount Smart Stadium for the annual Intermediate athletics day. When we got there we had to go and find our house seats. Each of the groups went to different track and field events. They were high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, longer running races and sprints.

Dan, the sports coordinator, was speaking over the loudspeaker and telling everyone when their race was happening, so we had to listen out for our events.

The things that I am really proud about are probably the long jump and the 100m run. I think that I did pretty well in both of them. In the 100m race I tried to go really fast but the other girls were in front of me and also trying to run fast to the finish line. The thing that I enjoyed the most was shouting for TE HAU when they were running to the finish line.

By Tilly Buckett Rm 3







Incident in the Memorial Car Park

If anyone saw an accident involving a blue mazda station wagon and orange Suzuki car on Thursday 1st November around 3.10pm in the Memorial car park Donna would appreciate if you could contact her on 021 740070 .



Nosy NEIGHBOURS

A HOME RENOVATION TOUR FOR
IDEAS, INFORMATION & INSPIRATION
Saturday November 3, 2018 ~ 12pm - 4 pm



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WE ARE ALL READY TO GO FOR SATURDAY'S NOSY NEIGHBOURS!

As informed, tickets need to be picked up today however if you haven't had a chance please phone Mary-Ellen on 021 868422 to arrange another time.

A huge thank you to our homeowners for opening up their beautiful homes so our school community can check out their renovation handiwork.

Eftpos will be available however please consider bringing cash to spend on coffee and snacks or the Hemmingbird Craft Pop up shop at one of the houses.

A huge thank you to all of our sponsors and advertisers for getting on board to support this event.

Please take note of who they are and consider supporting them if at all possible.

In particular thanks to our headline sponsor **André and Cheryl from Bayleys Mt Eden.**



Teachers Day 13th November HELP NEEDED!



We are organising a morning tea for our wonderful teachers and support staff at Balmoral School. The plan is to hold a morning tea for all of the teachers, grounds staff, teacher assistants, office ladies and student teachers to say thanks for all of their efforts with our kids.

Help needed:

Thank you everyone for responding to the call for help on Teachers Day. Our roster for playground duty is full however we still need:

- Some more baking on the day, things we can bag up and include in the goody bags would be wonderful
- Items for inclusion in the goody bags. Any offers considered to give our teachers an extra treat to let them know they are appreciated.
- any comments or messages that you would like us to pass on to the schools staff on your behalf.

Please contact Kristen or Merrin at kristendemonchy@gmail.com or karmer@xtra.co.nz

Thanks in advance!



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WEETBIX TRYATHLON



Are you planning on competing in next year's Weetbix Tryathlon? Have you thought about running it as part of a team? <https://tryathlon.co.nz/>

We will be having a team represent our school at the Weetbix Tryathlon on 10th Feb 2019. You are invited to run as part of the school team. Swim, Cycle and run manageable distances, all while supported by your teammates from school.

On the day we will have the Balmoral school tent at the event, with parental support available. It will be a lovely day out for the whole family.

Register on your own or with a friend here:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=31836&G=68515>

Any questions call Louise Garbett 021468800

Balmoral Weetbix Tryathlon Parent CoOrdinator

CENTRAL AUCKLAND FUTSAL ACADEMY

My name is Callum Christopher and I am looking at creating a futsal training academy for primary-age players attending schools in the Eden-Albert-Epsom area. This would be based at the Maungawhau Primary futsal courts. I would like to see how much demand there would be for this and ask that any players/parents interested in a comprehensive futsal development programme (to run alongside players' existing club football commitments) email me at callum.e.christopher@gmail.com or text **021 238 7431**. Please provide player name, year level, date of birth, and typical club football/other commitments during the year. I will then assess the level of demand and feasibility to start next year or perhaps this year with some ages. The idea is to offer trainings rather than competition leagues (more valuable for development + players already involved in leagues so can continue in these). The training curriculum would be the same one used by Brazil's top clubs.

ABOUT ME: *I have spent the last decade observing and learning in the futsal and football departments of Brazilian Serie A clubs such as Santos FC, Fluminense, and Atletico Paranaense. I have been running a futsal academy for boys from Mt Roskill for a number of years and have recently begun to incorporate some guest players into the programme. A number of my players have trained in Brazil and other countries in both futsal and football. My main interest and passion is using futsal as a tool to develop players for football long term.*

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