

*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 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.*

Thursday 29 March 2018

### Intermediate Dates to Diary

<b>Easter Holidays</b>	Friday 30 March – Tuesday 3 April
<b>PTA Balmoral School Triathlon</b>	Sunday 8 April School Field 8am
<b>Term 1 ends</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
<b>CZ Futsal Boys</b>	Tuesday 8 May
<b>Y 7 &amp; 8 Netball Season begins</b>	Tuesday 8 May
<b>Intermediate Maths Family Night</b>	Thursday 10 May

### Intermediate Whanau Blogs

<b>Turanga</b>	<a href="http://whanauturanga.blogspot.co.nz/">http://whanauturanga.blogspot.co.nz/</a>
<b>Aparangi</b>	<a href="https://aparangibalmoral.blogspot.co.nz/">https://aparangibalmoral.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

Many thanks to the 611 parents who attended 905 conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. These conferences are designed to ensure that our pupils can share their learning with you and our staff in a supportive environment. We also want our students to understand that learning is a big part of everyone's life, no matter what age and to develop an awareness of the extent to which they are owners of their learning,

Recently I came across this quote from Papert (1998): *'the model that says learn while you're at school, while you're young, the skills that you will apply during your lifetime is no longer tenable. The skills that you can learn when you're at school will not be applicable. They will be obsolete by the time you get into the workplace and need them, except for one skill. The one really competitive skill is the skill of being able to learn. It is the skill of being able not to give the right answer to questions about what you were taught in school, but to make the right response to situations that are outside the scope of what you were taught in school. We need to produce people who know how to act when they're faced with situations for which they were not specifically prepared.'*

Learning how to learn and being able to communicate this learning is an important part of being a self-directed learner at our school. These conferences are one way we can help reinforce this ideal.

**Kia pai to mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend)**

**Naku noa**

**Malcolm Milner**

**Principal (Te Tumuaki)**

### 2019 Term Dates

**Term One:** Monday 4 February -  
Friday 12 April

**Term Two:** Monday 29 April -  
Friday 5 July

**Term Three:** Monday 22 July -  
Friday 27 September

**Term Four:** Monday 14 October -  
Thursday 19 December

## 2019 Public Holidays:

<b>Waitangi Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 6 February</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Friday 19 April</b>
<b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>Monday 22 April</b>
<b>Easter Tuesday</b>	<b>Tuesday 23 April</b>
<b>Anzac Day</b>	<b>Thursday 25 April</b>
<b>Queen's Birthday</b>	<b>Monday 3 June</b>
<b>Labour Day</b>	<b>Monday 28 October</b>

## Intermediate News

### **Tēnā koutou Intermediate Whānau,**

We have been watching the Australian cricket team closely this week, not in order to be awed by their cricket skills, but as an interesting conversation opener for 'what makes a good sportsperson?'.

Here at school we also talk about the responsibilities that come with being part of a team, or having the opportunity to trial for a team. These responsibilities include behaving appropriately in all areas of school life, and making good choices at times when you can be tempted not to. Sometimes we may choose to limit our students' opportunities until they fix up the problem.

These lessons about responsibility also apply to how we act on social media. We talk at school about how if you wouldn't say it in person to someone, or if you wouldn't want it said about you, then don't type it, and don't post it. Netsafe has some helpful hints for parents on dealing with social media issues <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/social-media-parents/>

**Kia pai, kia marutau ou rā whakata mō Te Aranga**

**Trish and the Intermediate Team**

## Polyfest

Our experience at Polyfest was a great and lovely one. We saw so many traditional performances that blew our minds. Our favourite was the Niuean MAGS group because their performance was very unique to our eyes. After watching all those performances we got a little hungry and the food there was AMAZING. Just being at Polyfest felt like being in the Islands, also looking at all the costumes made you feel even more at the Islands.

By Setai and Esther

On Friday the 16th of March, some lucky year 8 students got to go to Polyfest. All of us travelled by bus and got to spend the whole day experiencing lots of different cultures, dances and food. I think it was a very good way to encounter and see distinct cultures and

unique ways of living. Personally my favourite performance was the MAGS Niuean group, their singing and dancing was so in time and I could tell a lot of work and time had been put in.  
Lucca

I really enjoyed the different foods especially the panikeke from the Samoan stage. Isabella

I really enjoyed the seeing the different cultures at Polyfest and that every stall was different in its own way, I also enjoyed seeing all the different schools perform.  
Stella



### News From Room 4.75

Over the past few weeks Rm 4.75 have been doing Identity art. We all brainstormed what identity was to us, then wrote down a few ideas of what we were going to incorporate in our own art. We spent a few weeks sketching and painting and writing our definition of identity. Everybody's art was all special and unique to them.

By Lucca



## Cricket News

This term has been yet another busy cricket season, with the New Zealand Post Competition and the Central Zone Competition. We have had 32 boys involved in cricket this season, it is great seeing so many keen sportsmen.

**Central Zone 6 a-side tournament** was on the 9th of March, with beautiful sunshine. The year 7 social team placing 3rd in the competition, congratulations to Felix McElwee, Ethan Green, Miller Aitken, Muzamil Sidique, Charlie Evans, Callum Francis and Henri Le Cren. The Year 8 teams represented the school well, displaying superb sportsmanship and game spirit, just missing out on a placing. Year 8 competitive team Cole Rodgers, Matt Hargrave, Rudra Brahmabath, Eli Bridge, Jay McElwee, Declan Paxton and Raaga Ranju. Year 7/8 social team Chris Patel, Hugo Vlok, Krissyn Chiluvuri, Nico Perisis, James Robertshaw and Hiral Ajmeri.

Thanks to Bennet McElwee, Adriaan Vlok and Jo Green for all your help on the day, supporting the boys and making the day so successful.





**The NZ Post Competition** is a national 9 a-side tournament. The boys have had excellent results in our pool, winning all three games, here are the results. Mt Roskill Intermediate 68/8 after 18.4 overs, Balmoral 69/1 after 10.1 overs, Ponsonby 106/3 after 20 overs, Balmoral 109/3 after 15 overs, and St Peter's College 106/8 after 19.1 overs and Balmoral 108/1 after 13.2 overs.

Congratulations boys, get ready for the quarter finals and 'beyond' in term 4. Great attitude team; Kazik Swain, Carter Jowsey, Thomas Iles, Tom Jones, Avi Rajaran, Fred Allen, Josh Stewart, Vinnie Shaw, Max Paynter and Prabhas Bachu.

A big thank you to the wonderful coaches Andrew Swain and Mark Jones. Chris Iles for donating swish cricket shirts. Kate Stewart, Lynne Paynter, Angela Armstrong and Carmen Lawson for all your help shuttling the boys to and from games, and supporting them all the way.





**The great Balmoral School Triathlon  
Sunday 8 April 2018!**



**CALLING ALL LATE ENTRIES!**

We've reactivated the online booking form for registration only (no t-shirts). **Final cut off for all entries will be Wednesday 4th April at 10pm. There can be no on-the-day entries.**

**Register online now:** <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/balmoral-triathlon-2018/auckland/balmoral>.

**Join your mates for a fun morning of getting out there and giving it a go! There are race categories to suit all ages and abilities and the feel-good factor on the day is through the roof! Just ask last year's winners (pictured above).**

Spot prizes up for grabs, you've got to be entered to go **in the draw!** There will be food and coffee available for purchase and goodies for all participants as they cross the finish line. Come join the fun!

Entry is \$25. Any questions, please contact:  
[balmoralschooltriathlon@gmail.com](mailto:balmoralschooltriathlon@gmail.com)



**Back for a second hilarious year, The Balmoral School PTA present...**

## **THE BALMORAL COMEDY CLUB**

**Thanks to The Classic Comedy Club**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2018**

Featuring international and local comedians from the 2018 NZ International Comedy Festival

Including....Lloyd Langford (Wales), Marcel Lucont (France), Andrew Maxwell (Ireland), Rhys Mathewson (NZL) and more...

2 hour live show and DJ to follow

Fully seated and licensed comedy club style

**TICKETS \$55 pp**

**ON SALE at 8.30am - Monday 9th April**

Purchase at the school office or by emailing on the day [steph.vercoe@gmail.com](mailto:steph.vercoe@gmail.com)

**Get your table of 10 together and be ready to book, this event sold out last year!**

**THE BALMORAL COMEDY CLUB**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**6:30pm – 11.30pm**

**Mt Albert War Memorial Hall**

If you can help by donating anything for this incredible event, we'd love to hear from you. We're looking for helpers on the night and contributions for raffles and drinks etc. Please contact [steph.vercoe@gmail.com](mailto:steph.vercoe@gmail.com)

Sponsorship for this event has become available. If you / your company would like to be part of this excellent event, featuring world class comedians, please contact [Anna.morton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Anna.morton@xtra.co.nz)

## Community Notices

Grammar Windsor Hockey Club is lovely local hockey club. If you have a son or daughter keen to try hockey get in touch with them. Uniforms provided with subs and it is very well run. Register interest here. Season starts in term 2 and runs till the end of term 3. <https://www.grammarwindsor.org.nz/#junior>



**THREE KINGS UNITED FOOTBALL**

# OPEN DAY

**SATURDAY 14TH APRIL**

**FREE FUN FOOTBALL | FOOD | FUN**

5th & 6th Grade 8.45am - 9.45am  
7th & 8th Grade 10.15am - 11.15am  
9th Grade 11.30am - 12.30pm

Players will be mixed up into teams on the day, based on age & gender.

Proudly supported by:



Royal Oak, Church St,  
Dress-Smart, St Lukes,  
Sylvia Park, Stoddard Rd,  
Lunn Ave

# PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY

AT  
EDEN  
RUGBY CLUB



REGISTER ONLINE NOW!  
[edenrugby.co.nz](http://edenrugby.co.nz)

EDEN RUGBY



TACKLE PLAYERS MUST WEIGH IN  
Sat 3rd and Sat 10th March 1-4pm  
Eden Rugby Clubrooms - Gribblehirst Park

AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS  
WEEKEND SESSIONS  
VIRTUAL SESSIONS  
PARENT CHILD SESSIONS

MINECRAFT  
ANDROID  
GRAPHICS DESIGN  
3D PRINTING  
PYTHON  
HTML/CSS  
ROBOTICS  
ROBLOX

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

APRIL 16-27, 2018



**SCRATCHPAD**  
TECHNOLOGY LEARNING CENTRES

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INFO@SCRATCHPAD.CO.NZ  
WWW.SCRATCHPAD.CO.NZ

# MAGS NETBALL SKILLS WORKSHOP

**TERM 1 HOLIDAYS:**

**WEEK 2:** THURSDAY 26 & FRIDAY 27 APRIL

AIMED AT SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 9-12 YEARS OLD

PLAYERS CAN REGISTER FOR ONE OR BOTH OF THE CLINIC DATES

**COST:** \$40.00 per child, per day

**VENUE:** Mt Albert Grammar School – Gym 2

**TIME:** 10.00am TO 2.00pm

**SPECIAL GUESTS – ANZ Premiership Players**

(must come to find out who)

All participants will receive a certificate and have a photo opportunity with our special guests.

Registration to be emailed to [ltrainor@mags.school.nz](mailto:ltrainor@mags.school.nz) by 11/04/2018