

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 + INTERMEDIATE

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

Intermediate Prizegiving

Intermediate Picnic Y7

Intermediate Picnic Y8

Canteen Closes for the year

School closes for the year

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](#)

Canteen Days Wednesday, Thursday, Friday only (closes 7 December and reopens Wednesday 13 February)

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

At this time of the year there are a variety of events happening at school ranging from prize-giving through to school discos. You can keep up to date with events through accessing our school website

Kia pai tō rā whakatā (Have a good weekend)

Naku noa

Malcolm Milner

Principal (Te Tumuaki)

Staff Changes

This week the BoT received a resignation from Lesley Payne. Lesley has won a position in Nelson and will be moving down to the South Island in the New Year. The Board wishes Lesley all the best for the move south.

We are now recruiting a teacher to fill this vacancy from the start of 2019.

New Build

Next Friday we need to be out of the Intermediate classrooms so that Rooms 1-10 can be demolished before Christmas. This will enable our builders to begin construction of the new 12 classroom intermediate block and the gymnasium early in the new year.

We will begin moving all classrooms into their spaces for 2019. This is a complex process as we have to relocate approximately 1000 people. Let's hope we have the weather on our side.

The current plan does have most of the intermediate rooms in the Shires. The New Entrants will stay where they are but all other year groups move. We hope to have everyone moved by 3pm on Friday.

News from the Intermediate School

Tēnā koutou Intermediate Whānau,

This morning we had our Great Balmoral Bake Off competition, which was organised and managed by the Council. There were several items that both looked great and tasted delicious, making it a very difficult decision for our judges. Congratulations to Siena Pound, Guy Pinfold and Vinnie Shaw who came first, second and third respectively. The Bake Off happened on a morning where we also celebrated all our Athletics competitors, and two more class bands. It is great that we can celebrate so many diverse talents.



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

News from Room 8

Hi!, our names are Charli, Maya and Ben, we are students of the Yr 8 class Room 8.

Lately we have been inquiring into light.

This all started in term 3 when we went on camp at Finlay park. One evening they took us through the lake and to a narrow gorge where we saw the most amazing sight: glow worms! They distracted us from our tiredness and amazed every single person. This inspired us to inquire into how glow worms glow.

We started by writing poems and short descriptive stories, to making our own glow worms out of wire and LED lights, to then filming our own documentaries in little groups.

One of the many things we discovered about these creatures is the way they glow.

In a summary, their amazing blue lights are caused by a chemical reaction called bioluminescence, basically bioluminescence is light not caused by heat, and actually occurs in other life such as fireflies, beetles, luminescent cockroaches, snails, millipedes and even some species of mushroom!

After we learnt so much about these majestic creatures, Janelle showed us some photos of some festivals of light from different parts of the world and different cultures, such as St. Lucia's day in Sweden, the Jewish festival Hanukkah and Diwali in India.

We found out about light reflection, refraction and how light moves. We investigated the cultural significance of light and created our own light installations inspired by something around us. Even though at times there were challenges, we overcame them to create something beautiful.

We are students from room 8 and that was our journey.





Oh! Oh! Oh!

It's time to get ready for the Christmas Disco!

Tuesday 4th December 5-7pm



Remember to get yourself sorted for an incredible end of year send off with Balmoral School's **Christmas Disco on Tuesday 4th December, 5-7 pm.**

There are three things for you to do this weekend:

1. Sign up to help out at the event by responding to Friends of the PTA' roster request or emailing claudegalpin@gmail.com directly.
2. Purchase your Toys for Joy presents to help a family celebrate Christmas this year.
The more, the merrier!
3. Set the kitchen on fire by baking wonders for the baked goods' stall on Christmas Disco night.

For more details, check the flyer that went home with the kids earlier this week or read the email sent out by your Class Reps on Wednesday.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON TUESDAY NIGHT!



Christmas Tree

Order Form

It's that time of year again!

Get one up on the silly season by ordering your Christmas tree in advance.

Support the school this season & buy your Christmas Tree at a discounted rate!

Simply complete the form below and drop in to the PTA box in the office or e-mail:

* catherinehmevans@hotmail.co.nz

Orders must be received by
Wednesday 5th December

Pick up tree from school on
Saturday 8th December
11am-1pm

First in first served - pick your tree up early to ensure you get the size you want

Parent Name: Child's Name & Room Number

Mobile Number: E-mail:

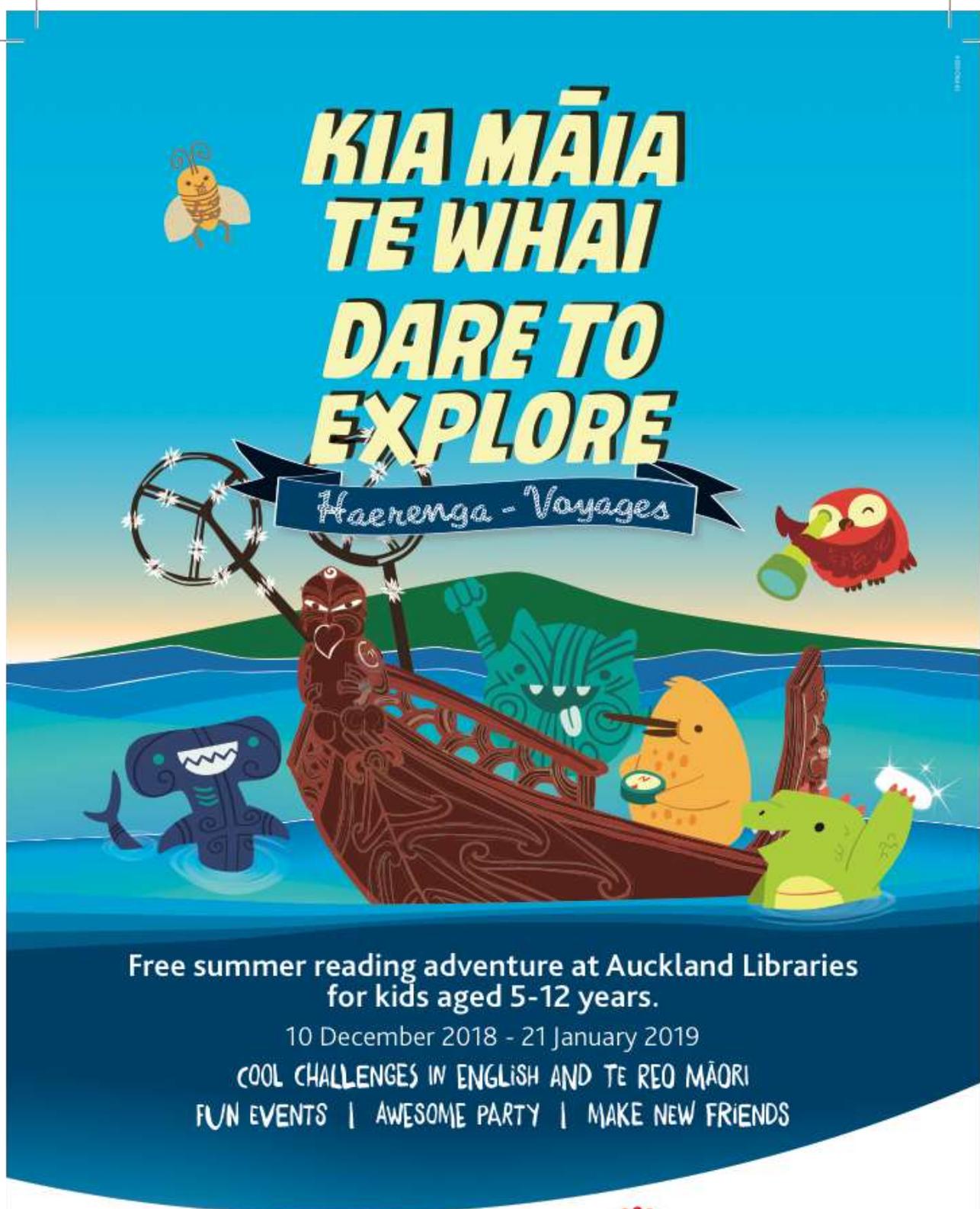
Christmas Tree: \$50.00/tree (1.6m – 2.2m): x \$50.00 = \$.....

Stand: \$30.00/stand: x \$30.00 = \$.....

Payment: Cash Cheque Internet Banking (06-0145-0226748-00)
(circle one)

(If paying by internet banking please list child's name and room number in the reference)

PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS IS PAID IN TO THE PTA BANK ACCOUNT ABOVE AND NOT THE SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT.



Free summer reading adventure at Auckland Libraries
for kids aged 5-12 years.

10 December 2018 - 21 January 2019

COOL CHALLENGES IN ENGLISH AND TE REO MĀORI
FUN EVENTS | AWESOME PARTY | MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Find out more: 09 377 0209
or visit daretoexplore.nz

The Auckland Libraries summer reading programme runs during the school holidays.

It's an adventure. Get ready for awesome challenges!

Start your summer voyage with Pukunui and his friends. Complete the fun-filled challenges to earn your stickers and a party invite.

- Collect stamps and stickers as you go and track your reading.
- Complete at least six challenges to get your invitation to the party.
- Do activities at home, on holiday, at the library, on the internet and with friends.
- You can visit other libraries around Auckland.

Not a member of Auckland Libraries? Don't worry - it's easy to join! Go online or talk to a friendly librarian to sign up.



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



Want to make sure your cars ship shape for the holidays. Book early and beat the Christmas rush

For all your warrant of fitness, vehicle servicing & maintenance. All makes & models. See your team at the friendly local workshop.

PH: 6387866

385 Dominion Rd, Mt Eden

(Behind g.a.s. petrol station. Entrance on Paice Ave)

www.balmoralautorepairs.co.nz

School's out
for Summer!

ACCREDITED HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
BOYS & GIRLS | AGES 5 - 13 YEARS

DECEMBER
Monday 17 - Thursday 20 December 2018

JANUARY
Monday 7 - Friday 25 January 2019

Register online now!
www.aucklandnetball.co.nz


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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Dec 17th 2018 - 1st Feb 2019

Our Programmes:

Robotics Using Edison • Minecraft Modding
Android Apps • Graphic Design • 3D Printing •
Python • HTML/CSS • Robotics Using MBot •
Roblox Programming • Let Us Code

After School, Weekend, Virtual and
Parent-child Sessions also available



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THE **IMPROV**

DEC 2018 & JAN 2019

School Holiday Programme is Back!

Mt Eden War Memorial, 489 Dominion Rd, Mt Eden

Gretchen says: "Callum came home every day telling me he wished it would never end! FIVE STARS"

Carina says: "Ollie was really nervous at the start but was buzzing at the end of each day. He especially liked Nik the head teacher."

Miles says: "Our two girls loved the programme."



8 - 12 year olds

DECEMBER:

Mon 17th - Thurs 20th

JANUARY:

Mon 21st - Thurs 24th

**9am - 3pm with a
6pm - 7pm performance
on Thursday**

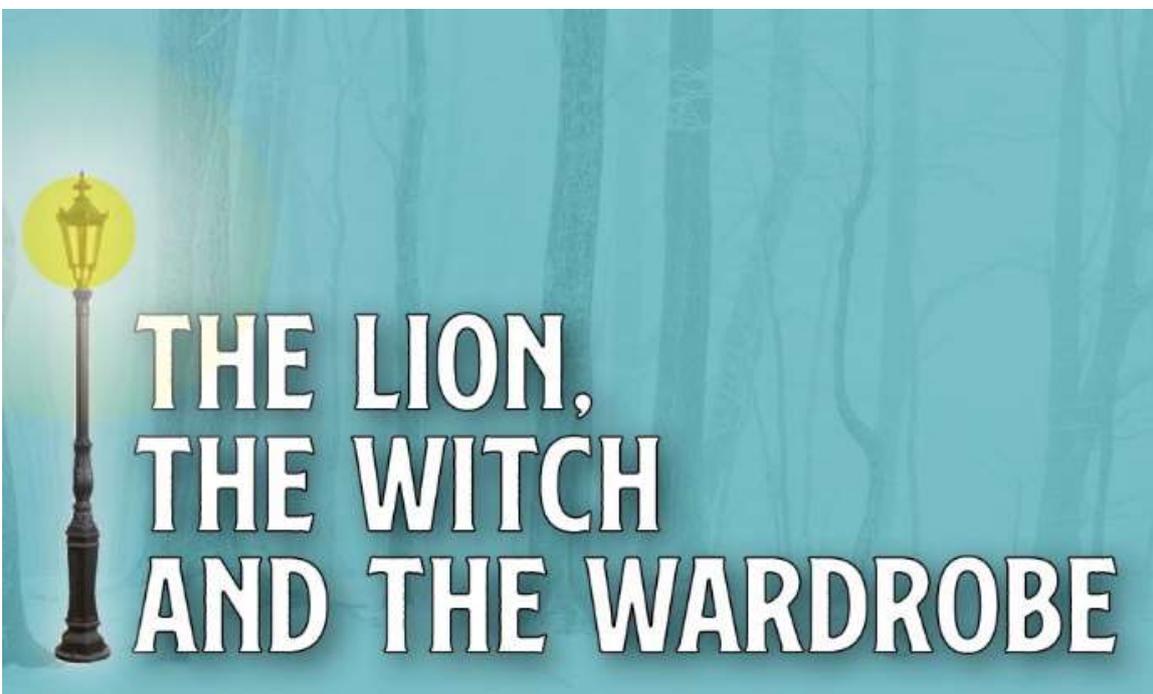
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**Artz on Show School Holiday
Performing Arts Workshop**

This is a fun yet educational week for students
aged 5 – 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts
classes, concluding the week with a performance!

14 - 18 January 2019, 9 am – 4 pm daily

Held at Raye Freedman Arts Centre,
Epsom Girls Grammar School

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