

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 24 August 2018

Primary Dates to Diary

Dental Recalls	Monday 10 September to 21 September
Room 20 to EGGs Drama Dept	Thursday 13 September
Y6 Interzone Gymnastics Comp	Thursday 13 September
Year 2 Rm 12 & 13 Motat Trip	Wednesday 19 September
Year 2 Rm 11 & 14 Zoo Trip	Wednesday 19 September
Farmers Market	Friday 21 September 3pm
PTA High Rollers Casino Night	Saturday 22 September
Arts Festival Exhibition	Tuesday 25 September – 5pm
PTA Nosy Neighbours	Saturday 3 November

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

This week our whole school participated in our annual Art Festival. Art week always gives our pupils time to step outside the routine and celebrate the importance of The Arts.

During our week children will have had the opportunity to study a range of artists, styles, and genres. Teachers would have been encouraging our pupils to build on their prior learning, what they already know and further develop their visual literacy.

Our teachers would have encouraged pupils to think critically about images by asking questions, and giving them opportunities to talk about art. For example, "I like the way the artist has ... " or "In this artwork I can see ... ". The highly valued goal of being able to think critically, which involves being able to understand complex ideas, evaluate evidence, weigh alternative perspectives and construct justifiable arguments can be achieved through art.

Celebrating The Arts also enables us to acknowledge and admire the cultural diversity of artists, their individuality and their interpretation of the world around them.

We also recognise that a child's picture is their own. It has worth in its own right (I would say priceless), without having to be measured or judged by others as right or wrong.

We hope that you all will join us for our Art Opening Evening on Tuesday 25th September to celebrate the Art

We also hope in the future that our pupils come to recognise that art is made by all sorts of people, in a variety of ways, and understand that art represents these artists interpretations.

Kia pai to mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend)

Naku noa

Malcolm Milner

Principal (Te Tumuaki)

Building Update

Relocatables by Room 30: We have been told by the builder that they expect to have the stairs and paths finished by the end of this term ready for occupation next term. The builder noted that they have experienced incredibly wet ground conditions and this has caused a number of delays.

Playground: This week Liz and I met with the project manager to identify a proposed playground layout to replace the Year 3,4,5,6 playground outside Room 29, 30. We hope this will be installed by the end of the year.

New School Buildings: We are currently in discussion with the project team about the remodel of Block 11 (Rooms 20,21,22) and whether it is possible for the school to add additional area to the remodel.

Landscaping: We have also had a discussion with a landscape architect and the design team to ensure that we have an outdoor environment that can be used as another classroom. We want to maximise the indoor outdoor flow and ensure that there are spaces for learning and presenting work near the classrooms.

Gymnasium: The BoT are waiting for Frank Cleary from Babbage Architects to complete an independent review of the Gymnasium. Frank is looking at all aspects of the design to ensure it is fit for purpose and cost effective.

Contract Signing: The BoT have applied for permission from the MoE to be allowed to contribute school funds to the gymnasium.

The BoT have also obtained independent legal advice to ensure that the Board and the school have sufficient contractual protection during the build. We hope to sign this agreement in the next week

Designs: The project team are furiously preparing detailed drawings for the tender process. We believe the team at RTA have been involved in some long days completing these. Tender documents are expected to be ready by the due date.

We do acknowledge that the build process has been incredibly long and laborious, but we are sure that once we finish the build we will have facilities for our pupils and staff that are second to none.

Education Outside the Classroom

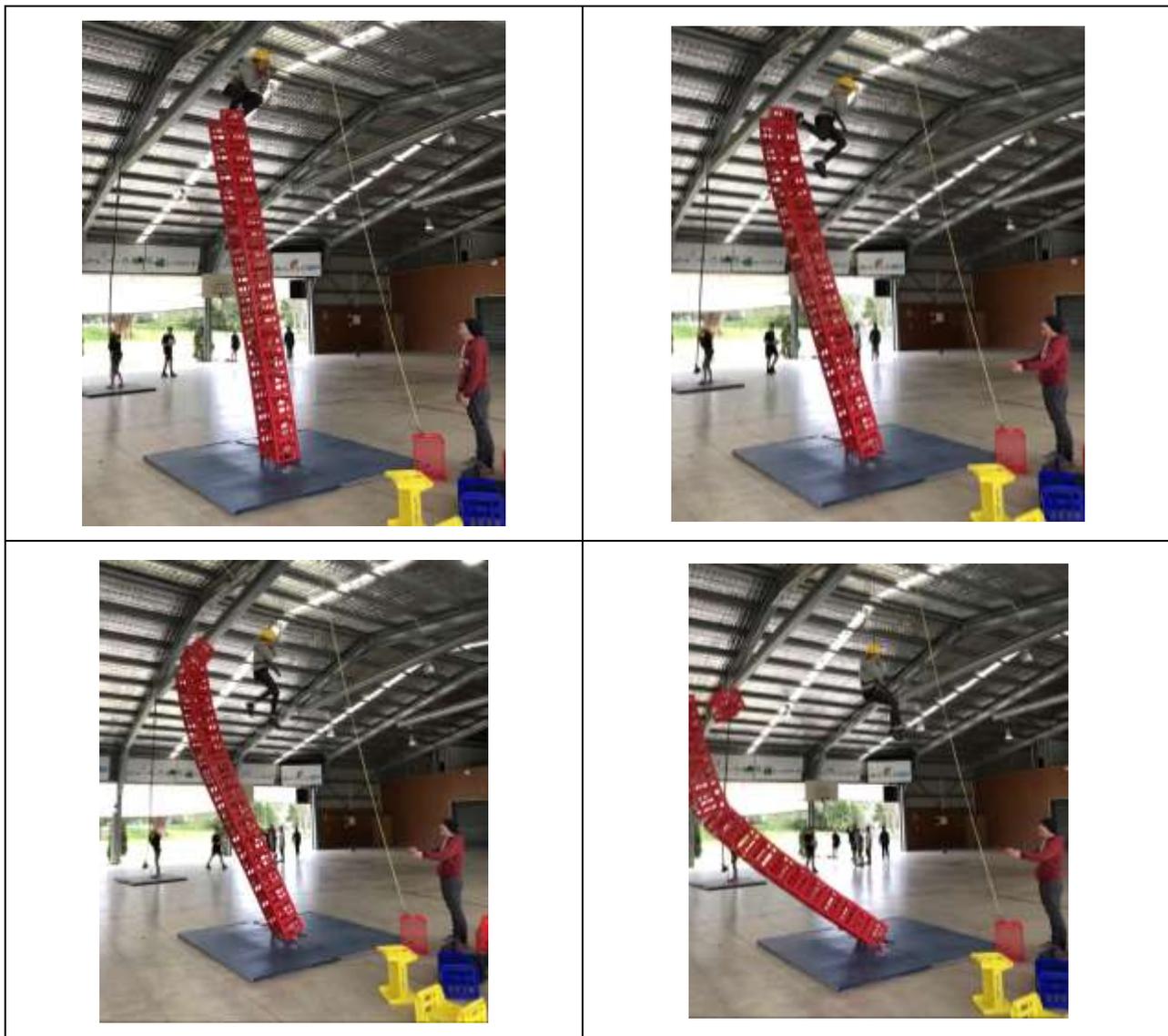
Outdoor education is an important part of the curriculum at Balmoral School. "Experiences outside the classroom reinforce learning by enabling students to make connections between what they have learnt in the classroom and the world beyond the classroom. EOTC experiences also give students opportunities to demonstrate the key competencies identified in *The New Zealand Curriculum*; particularly managing self, relating to others, and participating and contributing." ERO

Camps

Last week I had the pleasure of visiting the Year 8 Camp at Finlay Park at Lake Karapiro. These types of events are very important for our pupils as it is where they often learn those life skills of relating to others and being outside of their comfort zone that are so very important for later life.

We couldn't offer these school events without the enormous support from the parents who attended. Many of them used up their annual leave to support other children in our community.

I would also like to acknowledge the enormous work done by teachers to enable children to go to camp. Many lists are written, budgets set and reviewed, staff visits to the venue in their holidays, hours spent on producing health and safety forms and the one eye open sleeping at camp. They do not do this for the \$25 per night allowance but for the sheer joy of seeing the success and sense of achievement in our pupils.



AIMS Games

Next week we have 40 children from the intermediate and a number of staff away at the AIMS Games in Tauranga. We wish them all the best for the week and look forward to hearing their stories on their return.

Thanks also to the school community who supported their fundraising efforts by purchasing things such a pizza lunches and vegetable bags.

Pinnacles Tramp

Each year we try to offer our Year 7 students an additional opportunity to tramp to Pinnacles Hut in the Coromandel. This tramp is optional and only happens because our staff are prepared to walk the children into this hut. It is a wonderful opportunity and we are privileged to be able to offer it to our pupils.

Email Communication

Email has allowed us to communicate more efficiently and effectively within our Balmoral School environment and as a community.

To ensure all parties (staff, students, parents and the wider community) find that email continues to be effective we have developed school guidelines around its use. Please find below the guidelines that are relevant to parents.

Thank you for joining staff in following these guidelines.

Teachers will reply to an email within two working days, as during the day they are expected to be working with children. Please do not expect an immediate response from them or email them in an afternoon about change of plans for after school.

Email Etiquette

1. Try to decide if you are sending this email for the purposes of information giving, or some other reason: organisation of events, meetings and information giving are the best use of email as a form of communication.
2. Keep the email brief, and include a clear subject line as a header so people can identify swiftly if it is relevant to them.
3. Make sure that it is clear in your email what the purpose of the email is do you require specific action, or is the email for information only?
4. Avoid using email for complaining or venting this is not an appropriate use of the medium.
5. Do not use email as an excuse to avoid personal contact. A simple 'rule of thumb' is to ask yourself if you would say what you have written to the person's face.

Parents to Staff email (Contact your child's teacher if you wish to talk about their learning)

1. If you have any concerns about your child you need to contact your child's classroom teacher to make a time to meet to discuss your concerns. This can be done via email.
2. Please inform your child's teacher of your concerns before the meeting so they can prepare.
3. If your concerns can be addressed via a conversation on the phone please inform your child's teacher and this will be arranged.
4. Please do not expect a reply from a teacher immediately as our expectation is that they will be working with children during the school day.
5. Teachers will reply to emails within two working days.

Balmoral Drum Lessons

We are very excited to have Alistair Deverick starting this term as our new drum teacher. Alistair has had a glowing musical career so far and also a ton of teaching experience too.

Some highlights are:

- Drummer for Tim Finn, Neil Finn, Anika Moa and Lawrence Arabia (amongst many more)
- Producer and Songwriter for electro-pop group Boycrush
- Itinerant Drum Teacher at Avondale College, Green Bay High School, Sacred Heart College, Pakuranga College, James Cook High School, Epsom Girls Grammar School and Aorere College
- Graduated from Auckland University with a BMus (Jazz)

Here's a video of Alistair playing with one of NZ's favourite son's, Neil Finn, joined by Pearl Jam's frontman, Eddie Vedder!! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_hX5jNzd_Y

If interested in lessons for your child please contact Alistair directly on alistairdeverick@gmail.com

Staffing at Balmoral

With the current crisis of staffing in our schools we are seeing a teacher workforce that is very mobile. Teachers are leaving their place of employment to work closer to home so as not to spend time in traffic. Recently we have lost some staff for this very reason.

The Teachers Union the NZEI are still in mediation with the Ministry of Education. The Teachers' Collective Agreement expired on 8 June some 12 weeks ago and the Principals' Collective expired on 16 May which is over 15 weeks ago. There is some frustration amongst our staff that this issue is taking so long to resolve.

On Wednesday, the NZEI released a survey from 700 principals who shared the staffing situation in their schools.

Findings include:

- 30% of principals had no suitable applicants for a vacancy this term
- 90% struggle to find relievers
- 52% do not have all the teaching staff they need this term, and the problem is much worse for low decile schools (62.5% in deciles 1-3, compared to 39% in deciles 8-10).

We hope that both parties can come to a solution soon without further disruption to our academic year.

News from the Primary School

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I thought I'd get the children to tell you how great arts week is and why it's so important...

Koru and Mahira

You get to do lots of art.

I love art! It's so creative.

We like painting.

You learn new things and if you want to be an artist when you grow up then it helps you.

I like that we get to dress up.

It's good to do lots of art, it's a time when we work together to make lots of art.

Whetu

It's hard and challenging and everyone likes a challenge.

No matter what it looks like, it doesn't matter because it's original and original artwork is great.

I like arts week because you explore more things in art and not just drawing and colouring.

I like that there are lots of different creative ways to do art.

Hiringa

You get to do nothing but art which is great because you can express your feelings. It lets you be creative.

You have a brief but then you can do whatever you want.

You learn lots of art skills.

You get to look at everyone's art, be creative and there's no such thing as a mistake.

You have lots of fun exploring and no-one's judging you.

Thanks to: Craig for organising the week for us; the teachers for coming up with new ideas again; the parents who came in to help out; the performers in Balmoral's Got Talent and everyone who was brave enough to audition; Molly, Sarah and Alex for organising our afternoon events and our students for giving new things a go!

We look forward to seeing you all at the exhibition in Week 10.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ngā mihi

Katy and the Primary Team

PTA Sports Thanks

Thanks to the generosity of our PTA, and ultimately the parents of our school, we have recently bought sports gear to stock our lunchtime sports trollies.

The sports equipment has been purpose bought so that they are specific for the two related age groups, with a range of balls, cones and frisbees for Whānau Whetu and Whānau Hiringa to use. Smaller balls, hoppers, hula hoops, skipping ropes and throwers have been made available for Whānau Koru and Whānau Mahira.





Last chance to get your tickets!

Everything is ready and set to go! Lights, Music, Game time.

A lot of work goes into a fundraiser like this to raise money for our school and to bring our school community together for a night out.

WE HAVE A FEW MORE TICKETS LEFT AND WOULD LOVE YOUR SUPPORT!

Even if gambling isn't your thing this will still be a super fun night out and we'd love to see more of you there.

Tickets can be purchased from Eventfinda:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/balmorals-high-rollers-casino-night/auckland/sandringham>

There is a prize for best dressed team.
Nibbles and Pizza will be served throughout the evening.

Proudly sponsored by Anna Copeland and Leonie Stabler of (Barfoot & Thompson Mt Eden logo)



Mt Eden



Come along to a PTA meeting!

The PTA meets the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is **Tuesday 11 September** at **7.30pm** in the school library. Pop along and see what's happening within the school community, no commitment required.

Everyone welcome!



Can you help out?

The PTA is looking for a couple of people to fill the roles below. Sing out if you are interested!

pta@balmoral.school.nz

Friends of the PTA: We need someone to take over from the lovely Becs with managing the Friends of the PTA database. Basically keeping the database up to date, from time to time sending out emails as well as reviewing all material in the school's communications that go out to new families coming to the school.

New Parents Contact Point: for new families moving in to the area. Someone to touch base with new families that move in to the school zone - i.e. not necessarily new entrant parents or new year 7 parents but rather people that have moved to the country or city or suburb after living somewhere else. Someone with local knowledge to catch up for a coffee and offer advice on local supermarkets, doctors, things to do with the kids etc.



If you are shopping at Bakers Delight Eden Quarter, mention you are from Balmoral School every time you shop and a percentage of your order will be donated to our school

Community Notices

Auckland Orienteering Club

Coming Events

Night street events – Spring series and Sunday events

NIGHT STREET EVENTS - WEDNESDAY 5th, 12, 19th and 26th September

Wednesday 5th September 45 Maskell St, St Heliers

Wednesday 12th September 20 Camwell Close, Bucklands Beach

Wednesday 19th September 6 Judge St, Parnell

Wednesday 26th September 47 Harlston Rd, Mt Albert

Maps out at 6.55pm. Mass start to 7pm. Black and white street map has 20 controls. Visit any 6, 10, 14 or 18 controls to take about 1 hour. 6 controls can be achieved walking, 10 at a jog, 14 running and 18 at a very fast run! Return to a cup of soup. Costs: Non member: adult \$6, Student \$3; member: adult \$4, student \$2.

SUNDAY EVENTS

Sunday 9th September Telephone Track, Woodhill Forest. Access from Restall Rd off SH16

Sunday 23rd September Whites Line, Woodhill Forest. Access from Restall Rd off SH16

Sunday 30th September Massey University – Rescheduled from July

Sunday 14th October Duder Regional Park

SummerNav

SummerNav starts on October the 24th. Watch out for further details on the whole SummerNav programme

Pukekohe Raceway

KIDS OBSTACLE DUATHLON

Tuesday 25th September 2018

- **Duathlon - Run, Bike & Obstacle Course Run**
 - **Compete individually or in 2-person team**
 - **Year 3 – 8 students**

Enter online: www.bsgevents



TAPAC's popular performing arts holiday programmes are taking enrolments for October now!

- Acting programmes include: a Film & TV Audition workshop; a Comedy & Improvisation workshop; Spring into Action Creative Performance; and Hit the Stage! 5-day creative escape.
- Due to popular demand we are running two 5-day filmmaking programmes (for ages 11-13 & 13-16).
- Our ever-popular hip hop dance programmes return (for ages 5-7 and 8-11).
- Plus, students can bring out their inner Broadway stars with our Showtime Musical Theatre programme!

All of TAPAC's programmes are taught by practicing industry professionals. No experience is required and there's something to suit all abilities and ages from 5-16 years. Full week, two and three day programmes are available.

There are easy transport links to TAPAC's purpose-built facility in Western Springs; there's plenty of free parking for drop-off and pick-up; and we've even got a café so parents can grab a coffee on the way to work!

Enrol now at: www.tapac.org.nz or call us on 8450295



Education Conversations | Kōrero Mātauranga
for ethnic communities

Hon. Jenny Salesa, Minister of Ethnic Communities, and Associate Minister for Education, Health and Housing and Urban Development, invites you to participate in these national conversations about building not just a better education system, but the world's best.

We invite you to contribute your ideas and opinions about how we can build a better education system in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Saturday 8 September 2018, 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Wesley Community Centre, 740 Sandringham Road Extn
Mt Roskill, Auckland

For catering purposes please RSVP (acceptances only) by **5pm, Thursday 6 September** by email to AiLin.Chiong@education.govt.nz
Refreshments provided.

Please let us know when you RSVP if you require an **interpreter**.



The consultations have been organised with the support of the Ministry of Education and the Office of Ethnic Communities

NPH Latin American Market

Sunday 9th September, 3-7pm. Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, Balmoral.

Don't miss out on this popular annual market - Delicious food, vibrant crafts, dance, entertainment and music from Latin America! A fun activity for friends and families, while supporting a worthy cause - NPH, helping vulnerable children in Latin America. \$5 donation entry adults, kids free. www.nph-nz.org for more details

It is a great outing for parents and children and a great chance to savour a bit of Latin American food and culture.



OPEN DAY

WAITAKERE BMX

Saturday 29th September | 11am - 3pm

TRY BMX FOR FREE

EVENTS ON THE DAY
Avantiplus Westgate Bike Check - Learn BMX Basics - Demos
Fun Races - Prizes - Try the Gate - 2nd Hand Market Stall
Canteen - Free Sausage Sizzle

WHAT TO BRING
Bike: BMX, Balance, Mountain ... all welcome.
Protection: Long Pants, Long Top, Shoes, Gloves & Helmet.
Limited Hire Bikes & Full Face Helmets are available for \$5 each.

WAITAKERE BMX CLUB
Te Rangi Horia Park, 103 Glen Rd, Ranui, Auckland
www.waitakerebmx.com - waitakerebmx@gmail.com

Avantiplus
WESTGATE

SPORT
WAITAKERE



PLAY BASEBALL THIS SUMMER!

**Come and give baseball a go with Central City Baseball
at Mt Roskill War Memorial Park, 15 May Road, Mt
Roskill.**

**Saturday 15th September – Rain Day 22
September**

For more details: Facebook

www.centralcitybaseball.org.nz

Phone: 027 228 0232



PLAY BASEBALL THIS SUMMER!

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**Saturday 16th September – Rainday 22 September
12:30pm to 2pm**

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Phone: 027 228 0232



Kowhai Intermediate School presents...

“Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies”

A fresh musical take on the beloved Robin Hood. An all-singing, all-dancing, all-acting extravaganza you and your family will not want to miss!

Come and join in the fun for all ages.

Dates:

Wednesday 19th September, 2018

Thursday 20th September, 2018

Performance Time:

6.30pm

Location:

Kowhai Intermediate School Hall
26 Onslow Avenue, Kingsland

Ticket prices:

Adults (14+) = \$10
Children (5-13) = \$5
Under 5's are free!

If you would like to purchase tickets please email: admin@kowhai.school.nz – include the number of tickets required and age-group of ticket holders. Use “Robin Hood Tickets” as the email subject line.