

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 Primary

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Vision

To value diversity and to develop curious, confident and connected learners.

Friday 14th June, 2019

Primary Dates to Diary

Bookings for Conferences Open	Monday 17 June 12.00pm
BoT Meeting	Tuesday 19 June 7.30pm
Cook Island Samoan Language Evening	Wednesday 19 June 6.30pm
Eden Albert X-Country Fowlds Park	Thursday 20 June
Rms 25 & 27 Auckland Art Gallery	Thursday 20 June
Chocolate Money Returned	Friday 21 June 9am
Reports Go Live	Monday 24 June 3.00pm
Student Led Conferences	Wednesday 26 June 3.15 - 6.00pm
Student Led Conferences	Thursday 27 June 1.00 - 7.00pm
Term 2 Ends	Friday 5 July
Term 3 Begins	Monday 22 July

Please check the calendar on our school website (www.balmoral.school.nz) for up-to-date events and times.

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

Tena koutou e te whanau, he mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers

Our school has been using 'play' in our Inquiry for a long time to enable teachers to develop a curriculum that engages children. Unfortunately, in today's world the word 'play' conjures up thoughts of being less important than the more structured activities that some individuals believe will support a child's education.

Through play children are developing their thinking in a way that naturally captures their attention and focus. Support for this type of learning is gaining momentum with Universities like Cambridge establishing a research unit entirely dedicated to this.

Marcus Veerman, (CEO and Founder at Playground Ideas) argues that this recent devaluation of play is something to be extremely wary of, believing, 'The removal of play in children's lives is something that we should all be very concerned about, as I think it's one of the key drivers of the rising levels of depression and anxiety that we see in childhood.'

I believe that as our education systems have become more standardised and more and more results-based it has put additional pressure on learning. Measuring children's learning by short term goals has further compounded these pressures. For example we have schools and parents asking the question "Has my child met a reading level over the last 5 or even 10 weeks?". Sometimes if we only focus on these short term goals we can often lose sight of the end goal of 'curious, confident and connected learners.'

Most educational studies use standardised test scores to measure effectiveness. Importantly we need to realise there are also alternative outcomes that matter, such as personal qualities, mental health and an individual's motivation.

I recently read an [article](#) by Yong Zhao who wrote about the risks of interventions in education. He compared research in education to medicine research where in medicine if you intervene you have to outline the risks. However in education we never tell parents or children of these risks or unintended consequences. For example if we implement a new programme to raise reading achievement at age 7 we might raise all the intervention groups' reading age quickly, but by their late teens, eight out of ten of those students are no longer reading for enjoyment.

According to Manu Kapur (Educational Psychologist) "unproductive success" is intervention that "may maximize performance in the shorter term without maximizing learning in the longer term."

We are told that direct instruction is the best way to teach and some countries have built their entire education system around this method. However, we know that direct instruction is very efficient and effective in teaching targeted knowledge, but inhibits curiosity and creativity. It is also possible for students to show high performance on memory tasks (multi choice questions) without a real understanding of what it is that they are doing.

These debates around education are things which preoccupy our thoughts as educators as we go about our daily routines. Education, teaching and learning is a complex process and the more we know, the more questions we have.

Maybe in the future if researchers disclosed the risks of implementing an intervention or programme, politicians would be better able to understand the policy implications and the public the programme interventions.

Kia pai to mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend)

Naku noa

Malcolm Milner

Principal (Te Tumuaki)

Student Conferences

Wednesday 26 June, 3pm – 6pm Thursday 27 June, 1pm – 7pm

NOTE: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12:30PM ON Thursday 27 June

On Wednesday 26 June conferences will start at 3.15pm and continue through until the final interview at 5.45pm. Please bring your child with you and their report.

On Thursday 27 June, **school will close at 12.30pm**. Please arrange to collect your child from school at this time. Conferences with teachers will begin at 1.00pm and the final interview for the day will be scheduled for 6.45pm.

The sKids after school programme will be operating from 12.30pm on Thursday 27th June for parents who would like to book their children in. Please phone the sKids team on 021 975 632 or email balmoral@skids.co.nz to book your child's place for the first part of the afternoon.

Further information about how you can book these conferences will come out on Monday and bookings will be available from 12pm on Monday 17 June.

From time to time you may want to talk to your child's teacher without them being present. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Booking your interviews from 12:01pm Monday 17th June:

Go to parentinterviews.co.nz, enter the event code **UJSGJZKP** and click Go.

1. Enter your name, email address and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
2. Select the teachers you'd like to book by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the Book Interviews button at the bottom of the page.
3. Using the timetable, click the Book button beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
4. Continue until you've booked all teachers.

School Reports

The teachers have spent the last few weeks writing individual reports on the pupils in their classes. These reports will help form the basis of the conferences to be held on Wednesday and Thursday so please bring them with you.

Reports will be available through the school portal (<https://parent.musac.school.nz>) from Monday 24 June at 12.00pm. To log on you must use the same email address the school holds for you.

Board of Trustees Elections

Congratulations to our new Board of Trustees who begin their 3 year tenure today.

Sonya Singh
Scott Elwarth
Hayley Kirk-Smith
Sarah Jack
Kyle MacDonald
Daniel Allen (Staff Representative)



Thanks also to the other candidates who were unsuccessful but also willing to put their name forward for election.

The first meeting of the new Board will be on Tuesday night where they will vote for office holders.

The Build

Southbase is making progress on the build and we have been informed that they are slightly behind schedule due to additional asbestos having to be removed. The Ministry and our school are working with the construction team to ensure that deadlines are met.

The gymnasium changing sheds have had the block walls completed. Concrete footings for the gymnasium have been poured and next week we hope to have the concrete floor poured. As you can see in the photos of the cut out for the new intermediate block the construction crew have moved a large amount of soil and the retaining piles are now exposed.



Samoa and Cook Island Celebration Night Wednesday 19 June 6.30pm



Measles

Measles are spreading throughout Auckland and Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) is asking schools to prepare for possible measles cases. They are asking us to do everything we can to lessen the impact of measles in our community.

The most effective way is to ensure as many students as possible are up to date with their MMR vaccinations.

Evidence of immunity may help avoid disruption in the event of a confirmed measles case. If there is a case, children without proof of immunity may need to stay away from school for several days while Health Authorities track down their immunisation records or get a blood serology test.

Yesterday we wrote to all parents of children where we have incomplete records. If you receive this letter please contact the school office immediately and inform us if your child's immunisation status.



Measles in Auckland schools

Please vaccinate your child or young person if they have not had one measles (MMR) vaccine. It is free at your GP.

Students in a class with someone who has measles may be asked to stay home for one to two weeks, if they have had no MMR vaccinations.

Students with one or more MMR vaccinations can still attend school.

Check your child's immunisation records in their Well Child/Tamariki Ora book or ring your GP clinic.

Tell your GP or after hours clinic if you suspect measles before you arrive, so you don't infect others.

Symptoms: cough, runny nose, fever, sore red eyes, then a rash.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

Auckland Regional Public Health Service
Whangapūa and Tamariki Ora
ARPHS

The flyer features a photograph of a young girl with long dark hair, wearing a grey t-shirt and a purple backpack, smiling. The text is arranged in two columns on the left side of the flyer, with a blue header at the top.

Matariki

When Matariki disappeared in May, it was recognised as a time to store and preserve crops for the coming winter. When the whetū (stars) reappeared our ancestors used their understanding of Matariki to predict the success of the season ahead. Clear bright stars were seen as a good omen.

This morning we held our annual Matariki Celebration. We shared waiata, karakia and kōrero from our school Kapa Haka. After a little star gazing, we shared some lovely warm kai.

Thanks to everyone for playing their part in this morning's celebration.



School Communication

BEEP IS HERE

Our school is always wanting to improve communication to parents. We are also continually looking to reduce costs. We can reduce unnecessary costs for texts (SMS) if our community moves to more efficient technology.

Beep's mobile app delivers our schools communications via data and email, ensuring that all your important messages get through.

- Receive alerts for emergencies, closures and cancellations
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 - b. App Store (iPhone) <https://itunes.apple.com/nz/app/beep/id1201078200>
2. Enable push notifications in your settings:
Settings > Notifications > Select Beep > Allow Notifications



Room 25

Room 25 had an awesome time on our cave trip. Who knew that there is a 100m cave in our neighbourhood? It had been created by a lava flow from the volcano at Three Kings many thousands of years ago. The children were all extremely brave, they ventured deep into the cave. Some children crawled all the way through "the squeeze", (a particularly narrow section) to reach the end of the cave. We are very grateful to Sean and Annie Jacobs for letting us explore the cave in his backyard.



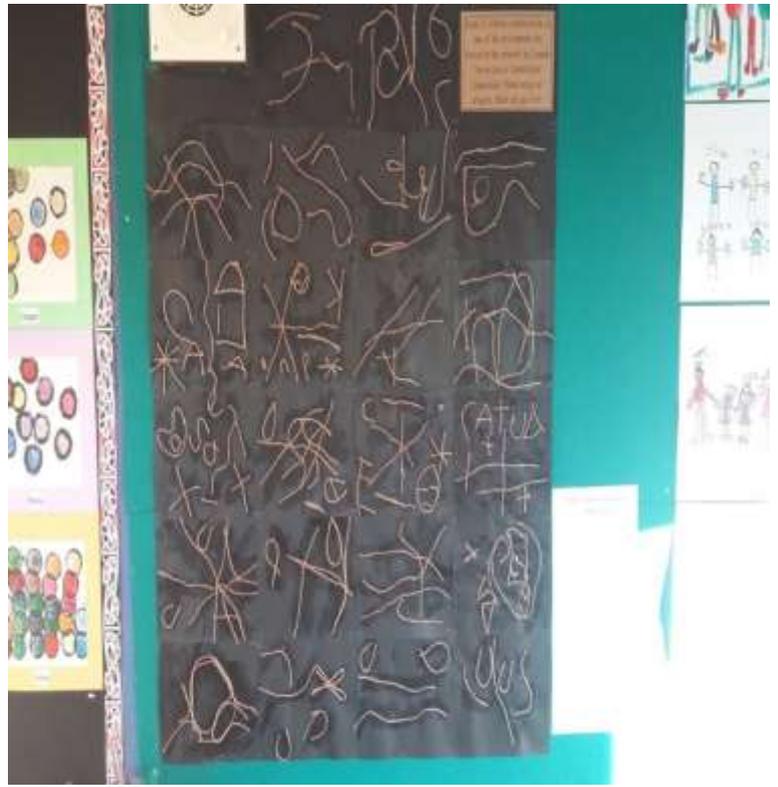
Room 26

This week we harvested some leeks from the garden and made leek and potato soup. Everyone loved it and learned more about winter vegetables. The baby snails on the leeks were also fascinating. The leeks were thoroughly washed before chopping.

Room 27

Room 27 have been exploring art in their Inquiry. We have been learning about the art elements - line and colour. There has been much discussion about colour - how to make new colours using the primary colours. We explored hot and cold colours and how they made us feel. One day we had an artist visit who told us about the colour wheel. We have been looking closely at art works and reading about some famous artists. Later in the term we are visiting the Art Gallery.

Our Collaborative Artwork using line
- what can you see?



Working with colour.

Room 28

Room 28 is researching further into boats. We talked about purpose and evolution of boats linking it to boat race around the world, for example China, India, Vietnam, etc. We invited a guest speaker from Auckland Council Library. During her talk we learnt about [Wanaka annual cardboard race](#) . We are learning to research and find information from different resources. A trip to New Zealand Maritime Museum is being scheduled to see 'Waka' and further explore the history of boats.

Our boat creations are more complex and purposeful now.



We learnt Samoan dance 'Sasa' to celebrate Samoan Culture during Samoan Language week this term. Room 28 has been very courageous to present it in the Intermediate assembly and Primary assembly.

Primary School Cross Country

On Tuesday, all of the Primary School participated in our annual cross country event! The weather held out for us and it was a great day of sportsmanship, perseverance and hard work! Congratulations to the children in Years 4-6 who have qualified to represent the school at the Eden-Albert cross country event later on this term.

Thank you to Andrew and all of the teachers for making this event happen as there is a great deal of organisation that goes into events like these. And thank you to our whanau for turning up to support the runners!





Chocolate Fundraiser Bars 4 Books

Money or Chocolates Returned by Friday 21st June

Thanks to all the pupils and families who have sold chocolates and those who have chosen not to have chocolates but have made a donation. We are hoping to return a profit of at least \$15,000.

Could parents and pupils ensure that all money or chocolates are returned by next Friday 21st June. This will help our volunteers enormously.



Thanks to our wonderful school community for supporting our fundraising efforts. We are really looking forward to handing over the money raised to help buy new books for our school library.

There are just three more opportunities to collect extra fundraising boxes:

- * Friday 14th June at 3pm
- * Tuesday 18th June at 3pm
- * Wednesday 19th June from 8:15am -9am.

We will be at the back door to the school office as usual, or email Genevieve at balmoralschoolchocolates@gmail.com to arrange collection.

Don't forget that all money must be returned by Friday, 21st June to be eligible for the prize draw.

Payment can be made via bank transfer Balmoral PTA - Account number: 06-0145-0226748-00. Particulars: Chocolate. Code: (Student Name). Ref: (Student Room Number). Or place your cash in the envelope provided and return to the PTA Box at the school office.

PRIZES!!

Don't forget we have some awesome prizes we have up for grabs!

- \$100 Westfield voucher for the top Primary and Intermediate sellers.
- Spot prizes available for ANYONE who has sold a box of chocolates during the Term. Spot prizes include UE Wonderboom Speakers, Drone and Smart Health Tracker, plus a bonus Auckland Zoo Family Pass for the Primary school.

The prize draw will take place at assembly on Friday, 5th July.

Community Notices



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Holiday Programme

July 2019

SENIORS (8-13y)

Short Day (Onsite) 8 am - 3 pm \$50
 Full Day (Onsite) 8 am - 6 pm \$60
 Premium Day (Onsite) 8 am - 6 pm \$65
 Trip Day 8 am - 6 pm \$70
 Special Trip Day 8 am - 6 pm \$80

<p>Mon 8 July</p> <p>MOVIE: SPIDERMAN Spider-Man must step up to take on new threats in a world that has changed Forever.</p> 	<p>Tue 9 July</p> <p>XTREME ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>10 pin bowling, laser tag and arcade games! Don't miss out on this epic day of Fun!</p> <p><i>Some arcade tokens provided</i></p>	<p>Wed 10 July</p> <p>NERF & SPHERO Combat-style NERF Wars and racing robotic balls through a maze! IF you haven't already played with a Sphero, you're going to be hooked.</p> 	<p>Thurs 11 July</p> <p>BLITZ</p> <p>Verse your friends in games across PC, console & Virtual Reality and Blitz Gaming Lounge</p>	<p>Fri 12 July</p> <p>TOP TOWN These challenges will test many of your skills...can you work as a team to come out victorious over your rivals?</p> 
<p>Mon 15 July</p> <p>MOVIE: TOY STORY 4</p>  <p>When Forky joins Woody and the gang, a road trip with old & new Friends shows how big the world can be for a toy!</p>	<p>Tue 16 July</p> <p>BAKE SALE We're raising money for Big Buddy! Find out how they support the community while getting your bake on!</p>  <p>Big Buddy</p>	<p>Wed 17 July</p> <p>MOSAICS & SOAP-MAKING Create awesome mosaics and craft unique soaps to keep or give as a gift!</p> 	<p>Thurs 18 July</p> <p>ESCAPE MASTERS REAL-LIFE ESCAPE GAME</p> <p>We need your help to escape! Which team will get out the Fastest?!</p>	<p>Fri 19 July</p> <p>Skateland WHEEL SKATING & SPORTS HALL</p> <p>Strap on your skates and get ready to roll! Who will be Fastest around the rink?</p> 

For more information, call 021 975 632
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 Premium Day (Onsite) 8 am - 6 pm \$65
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 Special Trip Day 8 am - 6 pm \$80

<p>Mon 8 July</p> <p>MASKS & CRAFTS You could be off to a masquerade or saving Gotham city... let your mask-making creativity run wild!</p> 	<p>Tue 9 July</p> <p>MATARIKI GLOW SHOW</p>  <p>This giant scale glow-in-the-dark puppet show will have you amazed and enlightened with the legend of Matariki!</p>	<p>Wed 10 July</p> <p>CARNIVAL They've filled the ASB Showgrounds with inflatables, rides and side show games! Join us for an spectacular day of Fun!</p> 	<p>Thurs 11 July</p> <p>JAPANESE DAY Come and learn about Japanese culture, cooking and children's games in this Japanese-inspired day</p> 	<p>Fri 12 July</p> <p>MATARIKI FOR TAMARIKI</p>  <p>Celebrate Matariki and whānau by dancing through the forests, mountains and beaches of Aotearoa...</p>
<p>Mon 15 July</p> <p>We're baking to raise money for guide dogs today! Don't miss out on a meeting our special guest...</p>  <p><i>Bring cash for bake sale</i></p>	<p>Tue 16 July</p> <p>SKY TOWER & MOVIE What can you spot from 328m up? And are you brave enough to stand on the glass floor?</p> 	<p>Wed 17 July</p> <p>ROOM ON THE BROOM (LIVE SHOW) A helpful dog, bird and frog find the witch's lost things, and they all hop on the broom for a ride. But the broomstick's not meant for five...</p> 	<p>Thurs 18 July</p> <p>Pirate & Princess Day</p>  <p>Come along dressed as a pirate or princess for exciting games and an epic treasure hunt!</p>	<p>Fri 19 July</p> <p>Skateland WHEEL SKATING & SPORTS HALL</p> <p>Get ready to roll! Strap on your skates to see who's Fastest around the rink!</p> 

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