

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 6 March 2020

### Intermediate Dates to Diary

<b>Dental Screening</b>	23 March – 3 April
<b>PTA Duathlon - Cancelled</b>	Sunday 29 March 9am – 1pm
<b>Year 8 Camp - Cancelled</b>	Tuesday 5 May to Friday 8 May

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

### 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**

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

### Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers

In the face of the current COVID-19 situation and the unusual times we all find ourselves in, we would like to reassure our community that we are continuously monitoring the situation. Where necessary we will make decisions to continue to protect our community. This may mean we will postpone or cancel some school and community events.

I would also like to acknowledge those parents who have actively supported us through this time by providing classrooms with hand sanitisers, soap, disinfectant, paper towels and

reinforcing good hygiene messages at home. We are finding that suppliers are running short of supplies.

Some parents who have returned from overseas have also elected to keep their children at home in self-isolation for 14 days. This is greatly appreciated by us all, as it is important that we care for people in our community who could be affected badly by contracting this virus. **He waka eke noa.** We are all in this together.

Some parents have also asked about how to respond to the questions about Covid-19 from their child. Our advice is to avoid discussing the latest numbers of people diagnosed, the shortage of medical equipment or disinfecting products in front of children. If a child asks questions, answer just the question honestly but keep it brief and reassure them. Please don't offer statistics or share your fears. The [video](#) from Nano Girl explains it in simple language to children.

For older children you could share this graphic from The Washington Post on the effects of limiting social interaction on Covid-19

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/world/corona-simulator/>

Use these opportunities to further develop your relationship with your children. Try to focus on their interests and enjoy the additional time you may get with your family. Also please gauge the anxiety levels in your child and try and reassure them. [A useful resource for parents, caregivers, whānau and teachers talking about the virus with children and young people can be found here](#)

Medical Officers of Health have the authority to close a school. We have seen two temporary closures following direction from a Medical Officer of Health. This was following confirmation a student had been tested positive of COVID-19. At the first school the student is self-isolating and all their close contact (150 students and staff) have been tested for the virus and all of those tests have come back negative.

If our school does need to close temporarily, we have a plan in place to support student's learning.

At our school we are also continuously reviewing our staffing and assessing the risk to our staff.

Good hygiene is a priority at our school, and we are reinforcing this regularly with all students and staff. We know that practicing good hygiene is still the best thing we can all do to prevent illness.

We are getting the most up to date advice and guidance so that we can confidently make informed decisions about the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Rest assured, we have robust communications and processes in place to keep ahead of the situation pro-actively.

In the meantime, we wish our whānau safety and health.

### **Conferences Cancelled**

Unfortunately we had to cancel the student teacher conferences for next week. The staff are available by email to discuss your child's learning if you wish. Please contact them individually by email to take up this offer.

## School Library

Our school librarians will be available everyday next week from 8.00am - 8.30am and 3.00pm - 3.30pm each day next while school is open if parents come in with their children.

We have also extended the number of books that are issued to children. We would ask that parents ensure these books are well cared for and are eventually returned to us.

## Ski Training and Competing Opportunity (Parent Led, School Endorsed)

Please provide expressions of interest for an Intermediate Balmoral Ski team. (not open to snow boarders) & potentially a development programme for older primary kids. Years 5 & 6.

This will entail :

- Weekly ski race training sessions at Snow Planet (1.5hrs on the snow) during school hours after lunch.
- One week ski race at the North Island Intermediate ski race champs (Whakapapa) end of August. Accommodation at a Club Lodge on the mountain for the week.

The children must be able to ski well, Blue to Red run ability or over as this is not a learn to ski programme. Parents must also be able to ski with the children for the event, and be available to assist up the mountain for the whole week of the Nationals. Furthermore you will need to be able to help with getting the kids to Snow Planet each week or share between those attending.

This is not a school run event, but it supported by the school, so all those interested will work with each other, cover the usual costs associated with skiing and the gear required, which includes the Ski event costs and accommodation up the mountain.

We are wanting to be competitive and active participation is expected. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience ski racing, and hone their skills with weekly race training.

The Primary School programme will be for the race training only. We will consider the option of attending the ski race on the mountain if the circumstances permit.

Register your interest with Richard Furze [richard@furze.co.nz/021811339](mailto:richard@furze.co.nz/021811339) & Julie O'Toole [jotoole@coca-cola.com/021567106](mailto:jotoole@coca-cola.com/021567106). Both have attended the races in previous years, are very keen skiers and have the logistics underway.

Regards Richard and Julie

## News from the Intermediate School

### *To value diversity and to develop curious, confident and connected learners*

Kia ora e te Whānau o Te Roto a Rangī,

We hope you are all keeping well. While all of the activities that take place outside school, such as the Writers Festival, sport and Year 8 camp have been postponed, or cancelled, our in-school days continue to be filled with interesting questions, wonderful learning, and a myriad of challenges and experiences.

In Room AR, the class Inquiry has led them to asking many questions about the role of feasts in our communities, and where food that we all love originally came from. This week, a group of boys from AR made 'Otai, a delicious drink made from watermelon and coconut.



In Shire 4 the writing they have been doing arose from questions that came up after their visit to Māngere Mountain. Meshach's piece of writing is about a moa hunt, written from an interesting perspective:

*Every single day I've lived my life getting thrown around. Every time a hunter silently spirals me through the breeze of the wind. I'm so fast, I'm faster than a dart hitting the bullseye on the dart board. I can see far away and when I see something I never miss. I also have a partner to pull the trigger for me to make sure I don't miss. I remember this one time I saw a moa. I'm always getting stuck in some nasty blood fighting battles. The Māori hunters say that I'm the best whistler in town. If I didn't hit my target it's because my partner was a bit sleepy. The Māori hunters say that I'm the skinniest object in town and I'm also very aerodynamic. I'm also a murderer back in the old days. I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Spear. I help Māori hunters kill animals for a living. But now I'm probably on top of a shelf in a whareniui.*

The Intermediate Kapa Haka group meet together on Monday and Thursday mornings. At the moment they are working on the mahi a ringa to accompany our school waiata 'Whiria te Tangata'. We are looking forward to them sharing what they have been developing with the rest of the school.



Ngā mihi  
Trish and the Intermediate Team

Working through these extraordinary times, our key objective is to keep our community safe. With this in mind we've chosen to cancel a number of up and coming fundraising events. We will still be keeping you in the loop with school news and celebrating the fun stuff on our Facebook page. If you haven't joined it yet then you'll find us under PTA Friends of Balmoral School. Look after yourselves and each other  
Anna, PTA Chair

#### CANCELLATIONS

Duathlon - 29 March

Parent Info Evening - 22 April

Comedy Night

## Thanks

At our recent AGM we farewell our Chairperson of the past 3 years, Kristen DeMonchy, along with Leadership Team members Debbie Campbell and Catherine Evans, and our joint Treasurer Sarah Gaskell.

Kristen has been an amazing Chairperson, with a focus on bringing our community together. Deb has been integral to the PTA and will continue as a PTA member being involved across a number of activities and events.

We wish to thank them all for their huge contribution.



What a great evening we had at Whānau on the Field. Great to see so many families come together to enjoy the last of the summer sun. Thanks to Steven and the Skids team for all the great games and prizes.

## New Team

Following the AGM we are very pleased to announce your new PTA team:

Chairperson: Anna Morton

Leadership Team: Emma McDowall, Josie Sutherland

Treasurer: Tracy Peirce

Secretary: Leanne Corkill

## Smiths Sports Shoes Fundraiser Sale - 25 March

Grab up to 50% off a new pair of sports shoes for you or the kids. 10% of all sales comes back to our School PTA to be used towards extra resources for our school.

**FUNDRAISER**  
**40% & 50% off 2,500 Pairs ( All Floor stock )**  
**plus 20% off all other stock - ONE DAY ONLY**

**FAMILY & FRIENDS FUNDRAISER - 10% Back To Balmoral School**



**ONE DAY ONLY - Wednesday March 25th 9am to 8pm**





**193 DOMINION RD - MT EDEN**  
**PH 630 3561 FREE PARKING OFF ONSLOW RD**



Sign up to the Friends of Balmoral  
Sign up to our database and we'll keep you up to date with event info and let you know what you can do to help. Simply let us know if you're free and what task you're happy to help with. Just email your name, and phone number to [pta@balmoral.school.nz](mailto:pta@balmoral.school.nz)

Can you help?  
We're looking for a new team member to help with our sponsorships management.  
Please email [anna.morton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:anna.morton@xtra.co.nz) if you'd like more details.

If you have anything you'd like to discuss with your PTA, thoughts, ideas or feedback please send us an email at [PTA@balmoral.school.nz](mailto:PTA@balmoral.school.nz)  
Or come and say hi to one of us, we're always about and happy to chat.



**sKids Balmoral**  
19 Brixton Road,  
Balmoral

# Term 1 Activities

4 FEB - 9 APR 2020

*From our parents:*

"sKids team are great with my child and she loves attending"

**Before School Care | 7:30am to 8:30am**

**After School Care | 3:00pm to 6:00pm**

**Week 1  
Waitangi**

We're kicking off the year celebrating our national day with heaps of Waitangi themed activities!



**Week 2  
Valentine's Day**

Share the love this week and get ready for warm fuzzies on Friday for Valentine's Day!



**Week 3  
Leap Year**

2020 has an extra day! Leap on in for a week of fun!



**Week 4**

**NZ Children's Day**  
Check out what the craze is about with our national Children's Day



**Week 5  
Weird Science**

Calling all mad scientists!!!  
Get along for some exciting experimental fun!



**Week 6  
Pasifika**

Sample some Pacific cultures with Pasifika-inspired activities this week!



**Week 7  
St Patrick's Day**

Rainbows, pots o'gold and leprechauns!



What's your favourite St Paddy's Day theme?

**Week 8  
Eco Festival**

Learn about living sustainably as part of EcoFest 2020!



**Week 9  
Autumn**

The leaves have started to change their colours...  
Pop in to see what we're up to this week...



**Week 10  
Easter**

Hop along for a special treat to celebrate Easter and the end of term!



**JUNIORS**

**Monday:**  
Born to Move  
Arts & Crafts  
**Tuesday:**  
FoodStorm  
**Wednesday:**  
Born to Move  
sKids Active  
**Thursday:**  
Drama & Music Games  
**Friday:**  
Challenge Board

**SENIORS**

**Monday:**  
Drama / Theatre Sports  
**Tuesday:**  
sKids Active  
**Wednesday:**  
FoodStorm  
**Thursday:**  
Sphero  
**Friday:**  
Challenge Board

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**\$70/child per day**

**Week 1 / 14th to 17th - Week 2 / 20th to 24th**

**9am - 4pm for children aged 5yrs - 12yrs**

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**Book now!**

Spaces are strictly limited.  
For more information visit our website or email [holidays@consciouskids.co.nz](mailto:holidays@consciouskids.co.nz)

[www.consciouskids.co.nz](http://www.consciouskids.co.nz)

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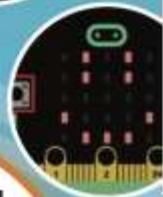
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- ⊕ Python
- ⊕ HTML/CSS
- ⊕ Makey Makey
- ⊕ Robotics using Mbot
- ⊕ Roblox Programming
- ⊕ Let us Code



## WIN

a HP CHROMEBOOK

Everybody that signs up to our April school holiday programme goes in the draw to win!

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COMMERCIAL DIVISION



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# ***WEIGH IN & REGISTRATION REMINDER***

Sat 14th March

- 1pm - 4pm

***Midweek Weigh-In  
-Registration***

Thursday 19th March

- 5.30 - 7pm

Tuesday 24th March

- 5.30 - 7pm



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