



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.

Friday 22 May 2020

Dates to Diary

BoT Meeting

Tuesday 26 May 7:30pm

Canteen re-opens

Wednesday 27 May

Queen's Birthday Weekend

Monday 1 June

Y7 Boostrix Immunisation

Tuesday 22 July

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel some activities due to the impact of Covid-19 and School and Suppliers being shut. Queens Birthday weekend will go ahead.

Canteen Days 2020 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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

Tēnā koutou e te whānau, he mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Early this month the President of the New Zealand Assessment Institute, Associate Professor Jenny Poskitt published an [article](#). In it, she addresses concerns that schools and parents may feel that they have to be involved in heavy testing of students on their return to school post lockdown. She writes that now is not the time for the testing and other formal assessments (e.g. Running Records, Gloss) normally done at this time of the year in preparation for reporting to parents and whānau, because this time things have changed. Teachers are still continuing to assess students using valid formative assessment practises such as observing what they do.

In 2018 the OECD ([The Future We Want](#)), identified that essential learning is based on three societal challenges: environmental, economic and social. It is important to think about these education drivers and what essential learning our children have been involved with while at home.

Environmental.

At home during Level 4 and 3 our pupils and their whānau were given the chance to experience nature in their backyard and neighbourhood. While you were out walking did they talk to you about the amazing birdlife, the changing colours of autumn, the beautiful clear nights and wonderful blue skies. Did they talk about the village in [India](#) that was able to see the Himalayas for the first time in 30 years?

I know that some of the children at school grew vegetables from seeds and cooked and baked with others, all these are perfectly valid learning opportunities.

Economic.

The economic effects of Covid-19 – have been experienced by our children

They have seen basic economic theory of supply and demand in operation. They may have seen the long queues at the supermarkets or no one at a petrol station. They would have experienced the unavailability of some products and services, and maybe even some rationing of types of food such as flour at home.

They would have seen technological innovation in contactless purchasing, working from home, virtual communications (Zoom), Google Meet and Google Classroom.

Did they notice uncertainties, anxieties and hardships related to reduced hours, redundancies or collapsed businesses amongst close or extended whānau?

Social.

He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.

They would have seen some amazing kindness from others as well as experienced togetherness as a whānau. They may also have experienced some sadness about not being able to see grandparents or wider whānau and the older pupils would have missed catching up with their friends. Were they able to share these feelings with you in Level 4? Did they also get a chance to look at acts of kindness such as the new work by British street artist [Banksy](#) depicting a nurse as a superhero displayed in a hospital?

Unfortunately some children may have also experienced some selfishness, frustration and inappropriate actions and seen people not displaying that kindness.

So during Level 3 and 4 your children would have learnt a lot of things that the OECD says is essential learning. As a school community it is important that we recognise this too.

Naku noa

Malcolm Milner

Principal (Te Tumuaki)

(Adapted from **Associate Professor Jenny Poskitt, New Zealand Assessment Institute NZAI**)

Week 1 at School Children have Settled Well Covid 19 Information

This week the pupils have settled back into school life very well. The younger children in particular have come into school and settled into their classroom each morning very quickly with their whānau dropping them at the gate. This has made for a very calm and quiet start to our school day.

We do thank you all for the obvious preparation and support that you have given them to enable this independence. Thanks also for complying with our rules around entry to our school grounds which has been a very different scenario for us all.

The limit of ten people who are not staff members or pupils of our school will apply again next week. Please continue to enter through Gate 2 on Brixton Road between 8.30am and 9am if you wish to walk your child to their classroom. You will still need to scan the QR Code and enter your contact details. All other times please use the office administration entrance.

We have had strong attendance this week which has been running at a height of 93%. This is a fantastic turnout and much higher than many other schools. Obviously our pupils wanted to be back in this learning environment.

We have noticed that most children have either walked, ridden their scooter or biked to school this week. This has resulted in a lot less cars outside our school making our streets so much safer for the children. Here's hoping we can continue to keep these green activities going into the future.

I would like to thank those parents who have kept their children home from school this week if their child has been sick or a member of their household has been sent for a Covid test. Please continue this practise of keeping your children home if someone in your household is tested until you receive the results from the Covid test.



We have also worked closely with a couple of our school support agencies who were finding it extremely difficult to viably establish their businesses again. These services have always been an asset to our school, and we would not want to lose them as their service is valuable to our community. Because of this invaluable service, loyalty and strong relationship that has built up over many years we wanted to show our support to these businesses by providing a rent break to ensure that their business survives and the service to our community can continue.

Support from the community to both the School Canteen and Skids would be much appreciated.

School Library

In the week prior to lockdown for Level 4 we were very generous with our book allowance and encouraged children to take home a larger number of books. Our school collection is now very depleted.

Could you please search your houses and return the excess library books that are in your homes? As from next week we will be following up with our borrowers.



A Great Video and Song o for Children on Social Distancing

[This video is too good not to share](#) – ‘Moist Breath Zone: NZ guidelines for children going back to school after Covid-19 quarantine’ by Lake Brunner School Principal, Shirley Serban. Shirley wrote it to help children understand the expectations on them when they are back in school in Level 2

Extra Curricular Classes

We have been in contact with Mari and Miss April. Japanese and Korean language classes are ready to go during the week starting 25 May.

Our external providers have resumed their music tuition at school. Our choir and kapa haka has also restarted with appropriate distancing being applied.

School Sports

Staff have been involved in a variety of discussions with sports organisations such as Auckland Intermediate Sports Group, Eden Albert School Sports and Auckland Netball. All these organisations are working through their systems and processes. As information comes through about these re-starting we will let the pupils know.

Balmoral School Gardens Growing

This week some children harvested the fruits of our gardens and I believe some whānau may have had them come home. We hope you enjoyed this food.

‘This is a colossal carrot. It is from Balmoral School Garden.’

Charlie and Caleb



Charlie Evans, Caleb Hoggard and Isaac Hoggard with their carrot.

More News From Lockdown

Stetson and Sophia made beautiful Mothers' Day cards with help from Jennie and Joanna over Zoom. Well done to both of them, I'm sure their mothers were very pleased to get such gorgeous gifts.



Sophia also has been doing some fabulous dancing. Here she is grooving in her living room.



Scarlett from Shire 6 spent part of the lockdown making an incredible papier mache horse. What amazing creativity and persistence Scarlett!



The Build

We still have not received any final dates for the completion of the gymnasium or the intermediate block. Liz and I have been in the gym this week and have begun to look at defects and items that we believe could be a maintenance issue for the school going forward. These included such things as

- Sprinkler protection cages inside the gym
- Gym heaters- we heard a little noise as they started up and the mechanical contractor is running the heaters over the next few days to see if the issue persists. He has contacted the supplier who believes it could be expansion/contraction of the filaments. This can be an issue on initial operation.
- Height of lights and protection from activities in the gym. Our electrical contractor will sort this out in the next week or two.



BALMORAL SCHOOL

MENU 2020

Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

LUNCH MENU

Egg Roll	\$2.50
Hotdog with sauce	\$3.00
Noodles Chicken Halal Certified	\$3.00
Toastie Wrap Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
Brunos Macaroni Cheese (VG)	\$4.50
Hash Browns	\$1.50
Mouse Trap toasted bun with spaghetti & cheese	\$2.00
Mini Sausage Roll	\$1.00

SNACKS

Cookie 60g	\$2.50
VG Chips / Corn Chips	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$1.50
Fresh Fruit	\$1.00
Homemade Cookie / Fruit Sticks	\$2.00

DRINKS

Bottled Water	\$2.00
100% Juice 250ml	\$3.00
Flavoured Water	\$2.00
Juicia (Heart Tick)	\$1.00
Moesie (Heart Tick)	\$2.00

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL

Pana e Vino Porsonby	
Home made Pizza	
Ham & Mozzarella Cheese or Cheese & Tomato	\$7.90

THURSDAY SPECIAL

SUSHI - Teriyaki Chicken, Tuna & Vg 8 Pack	\$7.80
Crispy Chicken on Rice	\$7.80
Teriyaki Chicken Salad (rice,vg,)	\$7.80

All food can now be ordered online before 9am

AT www.lunchonline.co.nz



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BEFORE SCHOOL CARE



Did you know that sKids is onsite at Balmoral from 7:30am?

Whether you regularly need your kids dropped off earlier than classrooms are open or it's just a one-off early meeting, you can have peace of mind that your children are safe, fed, and having fun until it's time for school!

Before School Menu

- A:** Plain Yoghurt with Honey and Berries
- B:** Scones with Honey
- C:** Scrambled Eggs or Banana on Toast
- D:** French Toast with Honey and Pear
- E:** Cereal with Peaches

Start your children's day right with a nutritious meal, as well as fun activities like lego, drawing & colouring, board games, card games, Born to Move, sports, and more!

Year 0-1 students are delivered to their classes by a sKids staff at 8:30am

www.sKids.co.nz

For more information, get in touch with us on
021 975 632. or email balmoral@skids.co.nz

Protect yourself and others from COVID-19



Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds). Then dry.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs.



Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.



Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.



Stay home if you feel unwell.

For updates and more information on keeping yourself safe, visit [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

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COVID-19

Welcome Back!

We are so excited to be back onsite with you again and have lots of exciting activities in store...

Week 6

What's the buzz about?! It's World Bee Day this week!
Come and show your appreciation for our little pollinators!



Week 7

Who is your favourite Kiwi musician or band? Get groovy and end the month celebrating NZ music!!



Week 8

Get ready for some pomp and circumstance, and join us for a royally good time!



Week 9

What's that?! There in the sky? Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No! It's Superman!



Week 10

Wrap up warm, and welcome in the winter solstice with sKids!



Week 11

Turn that trash into treasure! Learn about upcycling our waste into something useful or beautiful!



Week 12

World UFO day has us thinking of flying saucers and little green men! Who's your favourite sci fi alien?



WELCOME BACK

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



Balmoral

19 Brixton Road, Balmoral

Term 2 Menu

Before School Menu

- A:** Plain Yoghurt with Honey and Berries
- B:** Scones with Honey
- C:** Scrambled Eggs or Banana on Toast
- D:** French Toast with Honey and Pear
- E:** Cereal with Fruit

After School Menu

- A:** Tuna or Vegetarian Sushi, Fruit, Popcorn
- B:** Chunky Pasta, Fruit/Veges, Popcorn
- C:** Nachos, Fruit/Veges, Pretzels
- D:** Vermicelli Stir Fry, Vege Sticks, Popcorn
- E:** Fresh Salad Wraps, Fruit, Pineapple Rings

How does it work?

Each day of the week, we have a different menu. We rotate the order of the menus week-by-week to ensure everyone receives variety!

Everything on our menu is baked fresh onsite. We reduce the added sugar in all our recipes and provide variety for a delicious breakfast or afternoon snack that your kids will love!

**Please make sure that your children's allergy information is up to date on AIMY.

Fee Structure 2020 sKids Balmoral – Term 2



After School Care

Full Time (5 days, min. 3 consecutive weeks)

- Early Pick-Up (3:00 – 4:00 pm) - \$75.00 / week
- Full Session (3:00 – 6:00 pm) - \$100.00 / week

Part Time (1 – 4 days, min. 3 consecutive weeks)

- Early Pick-Up (3:00 – 4:00 pm) - \$16.00 / session
- Full Session (3:00 – 6:00 pm) - \$21.00 / session

Casual Attendance (one-off sessions)

- Early Pick-Up (3:00 – 4:00 pm) - \$18.00 / session
- Full Session (3:00 – 6:00 pm) - \$26.00 / session

Before School Care

Full Time (5 days, min. 3 consecutive weeks) \$75.00 / week

Part Time (1 – 4 days, min. 3 consecutive weeks) \$16.00 / session

Casual Attendance (One-off sessions) \$18.00 / session

Holiday Programme

Short Day (8:00 am – 3:00 pm) - \$50.00

Full Day (8:00 am – 6:00 pm) - \$60.00

Premium Day (8:00 am – 6:00 pm) - \$65.00

Trip Day (8:00 am – 6:00 pm) - \$70.00

Special Trip Day (8:00 am – 6:00 pm) - \$80.00