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

Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers
The government is currently reviewing Tomorrows Schools which was a name given to the reform of our education system thirty years ago. There has been an Independent Taskforce appointed to oversee this process. The Taskforce is currently requesting feedback from communities and is examining:

- The strengths and weaknesses of our current parent-based Board of Trustees model
- The fairness of enrolment schemes
- The impact of competition between schools and kura
- How schools and kura in an area could better work together
- How well schools and kura are supported to meet the needs of all children and young people regardless of where they live
- How well schools and kura take account of the views of their children and young people
- Whether Te Tiriti o Waitangi is given active expression in our schools and kura
- Whether schools and kura are sufficiently supported and encouraged to be future focussed, innovative and adaptive
- The range and structure of the current schooling provision available for our increasingly diverse children and young people
- How we can best evaluate the quality of individual schools and kura, and the schooling system as a whole.

There is a quick survey for you to express your views and experiences of the governance, management and administration of our schooling system and whether it properly meets the needs and aspirations of 21st century young people.

The conclusions of this Taskforce and its recommendations to Government could have major implications for our school and your children in the future. Click here to have your say. The survey is only open until 31 August 2018

Kia pai to mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend)
Naku noa
Malcolm Milner
Principal (Te Tumuaki)
Balmoral Intermediate School is accepting enrolments for Year 7 in 2019. Application packs for In-Zone students can be downloaded here. Out of Zone students need to collect an enrolment pack from the school office.

The 2019 Out-of-Zone Ballot will close on Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 4pm.

The school would appreciate all applications for enrolment from both In-Zone and Out of Zone by Wednesday 5 September 2018 in order to confirm staffing.

**Eid al-Fitr**

“Eid Mubarak.” Some of our community celebrated Eid on Wednesday this week. Eid al-Fitr is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. We wish them all the best for this important event.

**Staffing Changes**

Today we said farewell to Carla Mardell who had been teaching in Room 19 this year. We welcome Steve Kurmann to our school from Monday. Steve will be teaching in Room 19 from Monday – Thursday and Olivia Papa will be in the class on a Friday. I am sure Steve will enjoy being part of our school community.

Madeleine Lifsey has also joined the staff and has opened up our New Entrant class.

**ERO Review**

We have been informed that the Education Review Office will be in our school during the week 29 October. We look forward to discussing the changes we have made to our curriculum since the last visit in 2013.

Sonya Singh (Board Chair) and our Senior Leadership Team have already had our first meeting with the team in preparation for the review.

**Building**

The relocatables on the field by Room 30 are nearing completion. The contractors hope to have this finished by 17 September. These rooms will then be ready for occupying.

Detail design drawing are currently underway in order to be issued for tender in September. The tender process should take about five weeks.
Tēnā koutou Intermediate Whānau,

We have spent this morning listening to 13 incredible speeches in the Intermediate speech final. The topics ranged from a comparison of marmite and vegemite to why we should limit our sugar intake. All the finalists spoke articulately and confidently, and the fluency of the speeches showed how much thought and time had gone in to creating them. After much debate between the judges, the winners are:

Year 8 Lizzie Lyon Self love and body image
Runner Up Esther Kei Leaving a legacy
Year 7 Ava Siakimotu Why you should read books
Runner Up Alexandrah Sufia-Tito Money can’t buy happiness

Ava will go on to represent the school at the Central Zone finals next week while the Year 8 students are at camp. We wish her lots of luck!

Nā mātou noa, nā
Trish and the Intermediate Team

Artz Festival 5th-7th September

A message from Craig:
It’s nearly time for three days of arty activities across the whole school, with crazy dress ups, clowns and competitions. The children will either be working with their teachers or choosing an activity run by another teacher or tutor. They will all be creating something to exhibit in our Grand Balmoral Artz Festival Exhibition in the last week of term. During the Festival we will have our “resident Artist” – Anna Leyland working in the school and engaging with the students. 

Don’t forget our Dress up Days:
Wednesday- “the student from the land of Bad” or “Bad hair day”
Thursday- Colour day/ super hero or groovy hat or shoes day
Friday- Letter Day- “A”/ “R” /“T”

**News From Room 7**

In Room 7, we are very excited for our upcoming camp at Finlay Park. For Inquiry, along with Elsie, we’ve been looking closer at Lake Karapiro (where our camp is!), we’ve found out some really interesting information, like did you know Karapiro translates to putrid smelling rock? We’ve also formed lots of wonderings, like why did no one protest a lake submerging people’s houses?? If you’re curious, come find one of us to hear all about it!

This week we looked closer at Gavin Bishop’s Aotearoa book and have been inspired to create our own timeline of New Zealand using his artistic style.
Have you got your tickets yet?

BE QUICK OR YOU WILL MISS OUT AND NO ONE LIKES FOMO!

Tickets can be purchased from Eventfinda:
https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/balmorals-high-rollers-casino-night/auckland/sandringham

What to expect on this fabulously fun night!? 

Doors open 7pm - Complimentary drink on arrival
Your ticket will be exchanged for a Million Dollars in casino chips!

The first 30 people through the door will be given an
EXTRA Million Dollars in CASINO CHIPS!

Tables open 7.30pm ready for all you Balmoral High Rollers!

Minimum chip is $25,000.
There will be raffles going throughout the evening to win more chips
or if you have run low you purchase another Million Dollar cheque.

Go hard and at the end of the evening pull your chips together with your team mates and
cash them in for a casino cheque. The top 6 cheque holding teams get to have a Roulette
Play off for the Number one Gamblers spot!

Never fear if you don’t make it to the play off there is draw for remaining cheque holders!

Oh and don’t forget the prize for best dressed team!

Nibbles and Pizza will be served throughout the evening.
Lost Property will be displayed on the middle courts (weather depending) this Friday 24th August from 2.00pm to 3.15pm. We are hoping to reunite some of the clothing during the term and avoid the mass at the end of term! We hope that displaying it at this time will allow more parents to come and check.
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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

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Send replies to: j.l.williamson@xtra.co.nz
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FITNESS CLASSES

WHEN: Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings 6:30 – 7am
WHERE: Girlguiding Auckland Regional Centre, 132 Grange Road, Mt Eden
WHAT: 30 min H.I.I.T (open to all ages & fitness levels)

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Contact Natz to book your spot!
Call/Text: 0210763535
Email: natzkin@mac.com
Mt Roskill Grammar School
Enrolments are now open for 2019
Both In Zone and Out of Zone
Please access the link to do an online application:
kamarportal.mrgs.school.nz/index.php/enrolment
Paper copies are available from the school office.
Out of Zone applications close Wednesday 5th September.
Out of Zone ballot is conducted Wednesday 12th September.
Notification of results will be posted out the following week.

MT EDEN TENNIS CLUB
OPEN DAY
All welcome, come and join the fun

Saturday 25th August 12pm

Fun and games for the children
Fun Doubles Tournament for Senior and Juniors
BBQ and drinks
Prizes and raffle

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