

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 5th April 2019

Intermediate Dates to Diary

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| PTA Duathlon | Sunday 7 April |
| PTA Meeting | Tuesday 9 April, 7.30pm School Library |
| Mangere Mountain (Rms RL & S4) | Thursday 11 April |
| End of Term 1 | Friday 12 April, 3pm |
| Term 2 begins | Monday 29 April, 8:30am |
| Year 8 Camp | Tuesday 30 April, 7am - Friday 3 May, 2:40pm |
| PTA Comedy Night | Friday 10 May |
| Readers/Writers Festival | Monday 13 May |

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

Intermediate Whanau Blogs

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| Turanga | http://whanauturanga.blogspot.co.nz/ |
| Aparangi | https://aparangibalmoral.blogspot.co.nz/ |
| | - Check our blog to find Year 8 camp information |

Canteen Days: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday only

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

Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers

In 1981 a typical school age child in the United States had 40% of her time for open play. By 1997 the time for play had shrunk to 25%. Recent information identifies that in the last two decades children have lost 8 hours of free play per week. Schools in the US have eliminated recess time to make time for more academic study.

In 2012 the American Academy of Paediatricians wrote a position paper that said “Play is essential to the social, emotional, cognitive, and physical well-being of children beginning in early childhood. It is a natural tool for children to develop resiliency as they learn to cooperate, overcome challenges, and negotiate with others. Play also allows children to be creative.”

When children engage in playful learning on well-designed (Diamond et al., 2011; Blair & Raver, 2015; Lillard et al., 2012) tasks their executive function (Paying attention, organizing, planning and prioritizing) and social regulation increases. Researchers (Bodrova & Leong, 2006, Diamond et al., 2011; Blair & Raver, 2015; Lillard et al., 2012) have also noted that they have seen an increase in some standardised test scores with children who have a playful approach.

With the holidays coming up, I would encourage you to get your children off their devices and TV and do some fun playful activities. Again, through playful experiences children are able to develop resiliency as they learn to cooperate, overcome challenges, and negotiate with others. A little bit of cooking together, building something in the back yard, retelling an old family story, reading a book together, riding a bike, doing a jigsaw or just throwing a ball around never goes amiss.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā (Have a good weekend)

Naku noa

Malcolm Milner

Principal (Te Tumuaki)

Child Parent Teacher Conferences

Many thanks to all the children and the parents who attended these conferences over the last two days. These face to face conversations are a very important way for our pupils to share their learning experiences with you. We will be holding our next conferences in late June.

If you would like to meet with your child's teacher before this time please email them to arrange a separate time to meet.

Build

Currently the contractors are doing earthworks which involves drilling for piles and removing soil to make a level platform. We had suffered some delays over recent weeks with rain and some soil contamination. Hopefully the rain will hold off for the next two weeks while they complete earthworks.

Gumboot Day

Today we were involved in Gumboot Day. Gumboot Friday is a new initiative by New Zealander of the Year, Mike King, and *I Am Hope*, and aims at promoting wellbeing and mental health. The definition of mental health and wellbeing used in NZ is 'the capacity to feel, think and act in ways that enhance our ability to enjoy life and deal with the challenges we face. It is a positive sense of emotional and spiritual wellbeing that respects the importance of culture, equity, social justice and personal dignity.'

Through Gumboot Day they were aiming to raise \$2million for kids who need some mental health support.

Thanks to those who wore gumboots to school in support of this cause. All funds raised today will help provide free counselling to kids who need it.

You can find out more about Gumboot Friday at www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootfriday



Paid Union Meeting

The primary teachers are voting this week on the latest offer from the MoE. We have been informed that no matter whether the teachers vote to accept or reject this offer there will be a Paid Union Meeting early in Term 2. We believe this meeting will be early in May. Further information will follow once the actual date is confirmed.

Staff Changes

Today we said farewell to Kelby (Year 7) who is returning to the United States. Next Friday David (Year 8) is leaving to return to Ireland.

Sadly Gretchen from our office has also resigned and will be leaving our school on Friday 3rd May. Gretchen has got a new role at Auckland University.

I would like to thank these staff for their contribution to our school community and wish them all the best in their respective new positions.

Board of Trustees Election 2019

Canterbury Education Services (CES) are running our BoT Election Process and key dates in this process are;

Friday 12th April 2019: Copy of the Parent roll sent to CES by noon

Wednesday 22nd May 2019: Last day supplementary roll updated

Friday 10th May: Nomination forms for prospective Board Members distributed. These will be mailed to all eligible voters. A copy of these forms will be available at the school office

Friday 24th May: Nominations Close **Noon**

Wednesday 29th May 2019: Voting Papers will be distributed. If there are more nominations than vacancies for parent representatives, eligible voters will be posted a voting form and candidates' statements (where provided).

7 June: Voting Closes Noon

14 June: BoT takes Office

Reminder: School Hours

Intermediate classes begin at 8.30am: children should be at school by 8:15am

- **Intermediate children are allowed into school grounds from 8.00am**

No children are allowed in our grounds without parent supervision before these times. Staff often have meetings before school and are not available before these times to supervise children. This is a Health and Safety issue.

School finishes when the bell rings at 3pm. All children are expected to have left the grounds by 3.10pm.

If you require your children to be looked after outside of these hours we do offer before and after school care on site through an independent contractor. You can contact Stephen and his team through Balmoral@skids.co.nz or on 021 975632.

Reminder: Absenteeism

Please let the office know before 9:15am if your child is going to be late or away from school due to sickness or travel: email absences@balmoral.school.nz, website <http://www.balmoral.school.nz/absence/> or phone 09 6387960.

If your child is late to school they must come through the office so they can be marked present.

Unexplained absences automatically change to a 'truant' mark with the Ministry, so it is important that you let the office know as early as possible if your child is going to be late or absent – the office can then put the correct code on the electronic roll.

All un-notified absences result in a text message being sent to query the student's whereabouts. Caregivers can reply to these texts, but it reduces unnecessary work if the office doesn't have to send them in the first place.

Walking School Bus



What a month...our Walking School Buses had a fulfilled month in March of themed school walks. Our very own Kereru Bus were winners of Week 1's 'Funky Feet'. Thanks to everyone who participated and had laughs along the way and thank you to Auckland Transport for organising these events!

News From Shire 3

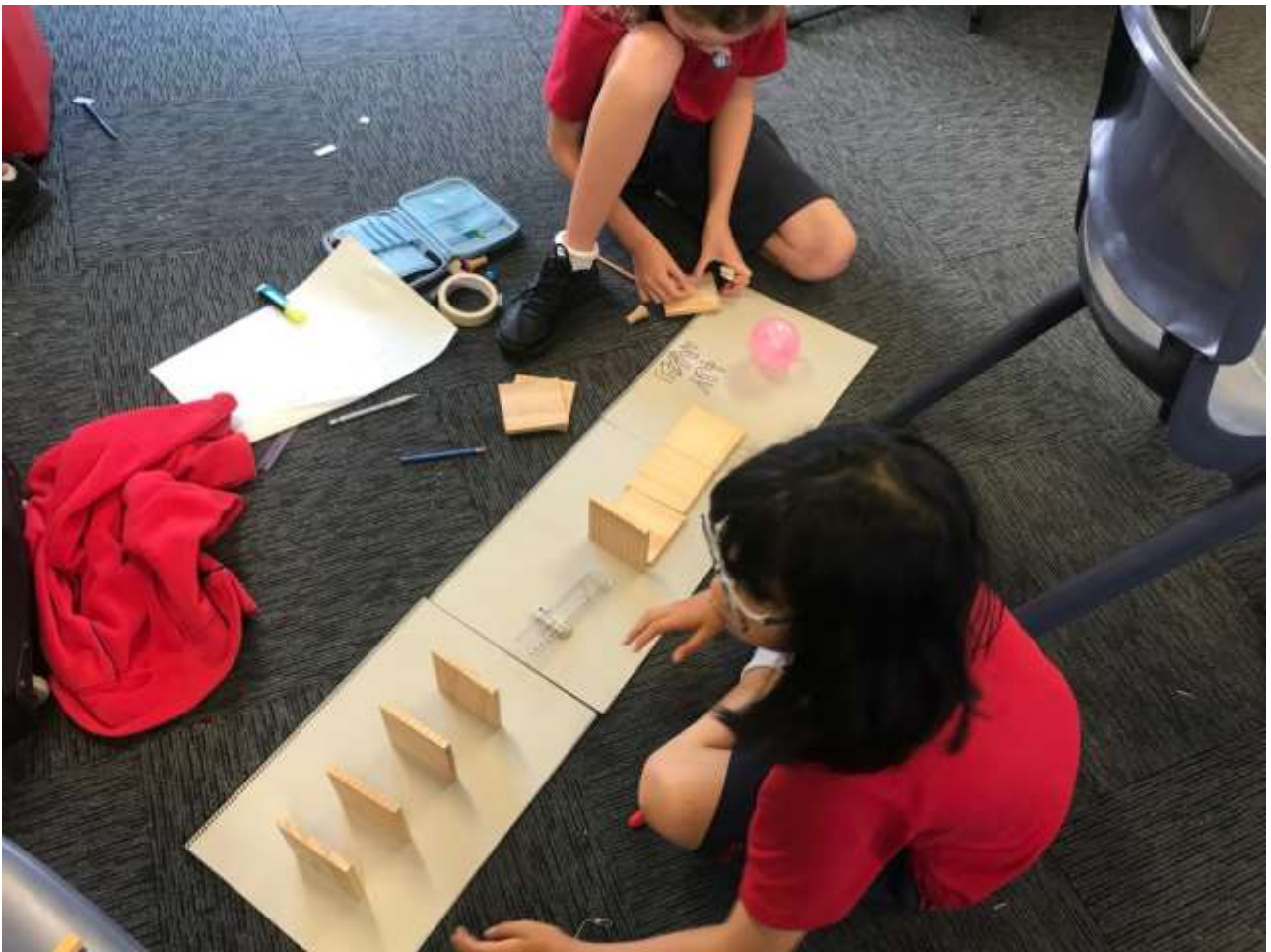
For our inquiry, we have been looking into Rube Goldberg. Rube Goldberg was a cartoonist who made simple tasks more complex which results in humans not having to use so much energy. Many of the new inventions today are created to make our lives easier or for enjoyment. For example a kettle was invented to make the process of boiling water easier and faster for us as humans.

Some of the simple machines we saw when we were researching included PULLEYS like when you open a blind and pull on the cords, LEVERS like a seesaw, Wheel and Axles like a bike wheel or fan to make something turn, INCLINED PLANES, like a ramp to pull something up or push something down with force, SCREWS to hold things together or a WEDGE to put between two objects or to cut something in half.

As a provocation in class, we were put to a task of creating a Rube Goldberg for the simple task of POPPING A BALLOON. We all know that we could use our hands and a pin to pop a balloon, but we had to use: a safety pin, a thumbnail and two paper-clips in our overall Rube Goldberg. Not all of these worked the first time and sometimes they are also using too much human energy!

Our next task is to create a humane mouse trap. Our non-negotiable materials are a cup, a paperclip, 2m of string and a pencil sharpener. We also need to ensure we are using at least 3 of the 6 simple machines within our overall inventions.





Joseph, Phoebe, James and Sophie on behalf of Shire 3



BALMORAL SCHOOL DUATHLON

AND FAMILY FUN DAY



CATEGORIES TO SUIT ALL AGES!

▶ RUN ▶ BIKE ▶ RUN

RUN THE CONCOURSE, BIKE THE TUNNEL!
RACE YOUR WAY THROUGH NEW ZEALAND'S NATIONAL STADIUM!

SUNDAY 7th APRIL • EDEN PARK • 9am-1pm

LAST CHANCE - ENTRIES CLOSE 5pm TODAY!

ENTER ONLINE: www.tinyurl.com/balmoralduathlon

EVERY ENTRY GOES IN THE DRAW TO
▶▶▶▶▶ **WIN A BIKE** ◀◀◀◀◀
KINDLY DONATED BY MT EDEN CYCLES!

- FOOD TRUCKS
- KIDS LEARN 2 RIDE ^{with} AT
- SMOOTHIE BIKES
- AUCKLAND NETBALL - TAKE ON THE PROS
- AWESOME SPOT PRIZES
- GIANT BACKYARD GAMES
- HUNGERBALL
- AND MORE!

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LATEST UPDATES & REGISTRATION FORMS: www.facebook.com/balmoralschoolpta

**THE PTA WOULD LIKE TO THANK
THE AMAZING SPONSORS OF OUR DUATHLON.**

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 - SKIDS Balmoral
 - Active Physio
 - Mt Eden Cycles
- and Hayden Marsall of The Finance Marshall.

We literally could not do it without you!

**There are LIMITED tickets still for sale for this year's BALMORAL
COMEDY CLUB.**

This is the funniest event of the Balmoral School PTA year, so make sure you don't miss it. Tickets are \$55 each and we're selling tables of 10. (But can be flexible if required).

Friday 10th May from 6.30pm - Mt Albert War Memorial Hall R18

For tickets please email steph.vercoe@gmail.com



HELPERS PLEASE

Are you able to help? We need 5 people to help set up the venue, between 11am-2pm on Friday 10th May. This is a "many hands make light work" situation. Setting up tables, chairs, decorations for the evening, super easy. We would then need 10 mins of help, after the comedians have finished, to clear a few tables for the dance floor, and then again at the end of the night for 10 mins. (We have students helping here, so not much required). Tables and chairs are very light, but there is moving and lifting required.

We can't do these amazing events, without a helping hand from our wonderful community, every little bit helps. Please contact Steph: steph.vercoe@gmail.com

RAFFLE or AUCTION ITEMS

Do you or any of your friends or family have something they could contribute to raffle or auction items for the Balmoral Comedy Club? We need some more goodies and hope you can help. Some ideas are... Bach for a weekend, event tickets, pampering or make up products, homewares, services, food & wine, vouchers for anything.

This is a great way to promote your business or services to the school community.

It doesn't need to be massive, as we often bundle products together into packs. But if you do have something big we will auction it off.

Please contact Steph: steph.vercoe@gmail.com

CRACKERS FOR COMEDY

Does anyone have a contact at a cracker or bread company, that could donate product for our platters?

Please contact Steph: steph.vercoe@gmail.com



YOU'RE INVITED TO A

pta wine &
cheese
open
evening

COME ALONG AND WATCH WHAT
HAPPENS AT THE PTA MEETINGS
THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN
TO THE DISCUSSIONS AROUND
CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS,
AND SEE HOW THEY COME TOGETHER

TUESDAY 9 APRIL • 7.30PM
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20% of every membership sold goes to our school. Support our fundraising by [ordering your membership here](#)

NEW ROLES TO SUPPORT PTA ACTIVITIES

We would love to have a few people who'd like to run some fun roles to support the PTA. You don't need any experience - or need to devote a whole lot of time to them. If any of these sound like something you could do (or do with a friend) please let us know!

These are:

- raffles and auction items for various events (we run 1-2 raffles / auctions a year including for Comedy Club and we need some help sourcing new products / services. Templates all set up).
- food co-ordinator for various events (sourcing sausages / sauces etc. for events)

Please email pta@balmoral.school.nz or call Anna on 021 917-410

Community Notices



sKIDS
Safe Kids in Daily Supervision

Balmoral
19 Brixton Road, Mt Eden

Holiday Programme

April 2019

SENIORS (8-13y)

Short Day (Onsite) 8 am - 3 pm \$45
 Full Day (Onsite) 8 am - 6 pm \$55
 Premium Day (Onsite) 8 am - 6 pm \$65
 Trip Day 8 am - 6 pm \$65
 Special Trip Day 8 am - 6 pm \$75

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| <p>Mon 15 April CLAYMATION</p>  <p>Design and create your own characters then learn how to bring them to life!</p> | <p>Tue 16 April WAVEPOOLS</p> <p>Splash your way through a day of Fun at Mt Albert Aquatic Centre!</p>  | <p>Wed 17 April GEOCACHING</p> <p>Join us on an epic treasure hunt as we go searching for caches around Auckland!</p>  | <p>Thurs 18 April EASTER TREATS</p> <p>Craft your own Easter eggs and other edible goodies!</p>  | <p>Fri 19 April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EASTER FRIDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO SKIDS</p> |
| <p>Mon 22 April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EASTER MONDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO SKIDS</p> | <p>Tue 23 April MOVIE: MISSING LINK</p>  <p>Mr. Link recruits explorer Sir Lionel Frost who helps him travel the world to find his long-lost relatives.</p> | <p>Wed 24 April ANZAC DAY ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Come and learn about our National Remembrance Day through crafts, baking and activities.</p>  | <p>Thurs 25 April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANZAC DAY Lest We Forget</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO SKIDS</p> | <p>Wed 26 April FRENCH DAY</p> <p>Don your beret and get ready for some fantastic French-style Fun!</p>  |

For more information, call 021 975 632
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'Learning Matters' Workshop

Why can't my child read like other children?

Why does my child have difficulty writing?

How can I support my child?

As a teacher, how can I support students with dyslexia?

Carla McNeil of Learning Matters is coming to Auckland in July to deliver workshops about dyslexia. Carla is an ex-principal and a thought leader in the implementation of evidence-based teaching and learning, particularly around literacy. She is a powerful advocate for dyslexic learners.

Sessions will take place during July school holidays at Balmoral School, 9am – 3pm.

19 July: (Teachers, Aides and SENCOs) - Dynamic teaching for Dyslexic learners.

20 July: (Parents) - Enabling your child to be the best learner they can be.

Register now (places limited) at
<https://www.learningmatters.co.nz/workshops-2019/>
19 July – Teachers, Teacher Aides and SENCOs
20 July – Parents and Caregivers
www.learningmatters.co.nz



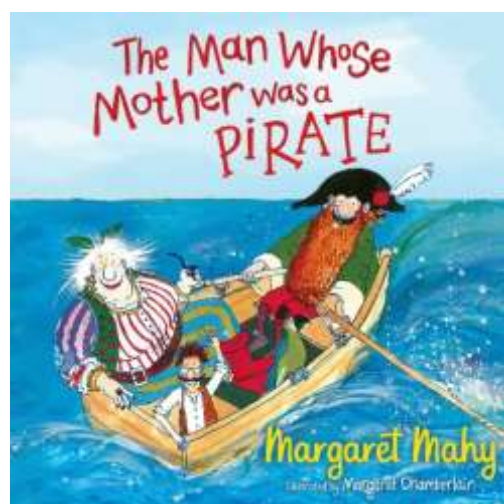
Ahoy me'hearties! Margaret Mahy's Pirate Adventure hits the stage this school holidays!

Margaret Mahy's rollicking and funny pirate adventure, which makes for a brilliant family outing, hits the stage for the April school holidays.

The Man Whose Mother was a Pirate tells the story of Sam, an ordinary man who wears an ordinary suit and who works in an ordinary office. But his mother is an extraordinary mother – she's a pirate and yearns to see the sea again. A wonderful and madcap adventure ensues as they travel to the sea, with much audience involvement.

Auckland's leading children's theatre company, Tim Bray Theatre Company presents ***The Man Whose Mother was a Pirate*** at the PumpHouse Theatre, Takapuna from Saturday 6th April to Sunday 28th April.

Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from the book and To book, phone (09) 489-8360 or online at www.timbray.org.nz



Calling all unwanted Mobile Phones!



It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and the environment also benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any phones you may have in the collection box in school reception.

A promotional poster for a 'Mind Over Matter Mums' event. The background shows a group of women in a gym setting, some with their arms raised. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, there is a circular logo with 'MO' over 'MM'. Below that, the event title 'MIND OVER MATTER MUMS' is written in large, bold, white letters. The date 'Saturday 4 May' is written in a slightly smaller font. Below the date, the time '8:30AM - 2:00PM' and the location 'MARIST COLLEGE, MOUNT ALBERT' are listed. A dark blue banner at the bottom contains the text 'A day dedicated to Mums self-care' in white. Below this banner, a list of activities is provided: 'Four amazing presenters: Post Natal specific Pilates, exercises, techniques & self care tips', 'Back to Basics HIIT workout', 'Post Natal Depletion & nutrition discussion', and 'Yoga with mindfulness focus'. At the very bottom, the website 'www.mindovermattermums.com' is displayed in white.

MIND OVER MATTER MUMS
Saturday 4 May
8:30AM - 2:00PM
MARIST COLLEGE, MOUNT ALBERT

A day dedicated to Mums self-care

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Post Natal specific Pilates, exercises,
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Back to Basics HIIT workout
Post Natal Depletion & nutrition discussion
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EPSOM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Term 1 Holiday Clay Program

bestpals.co.nz

Albert Eden Local Board and Epsom Community Centre are hosting a holiday clay program. Kids will use Air Dried clay to model and shape the products. No need to bake or paint. A great creative activity for kids to experience! Only **PARTIAL CHARGED**. Welcome to make a booking.

**Location: Epsom Community Crèche – 200 Gillies Avenue
15th of April to 24th of April**

Morning session 10:00-12:00 OR afternoon session 1:00-3:00

Fee: Shown as below

Age: 5+ , maximum 20 people for each session

Please make a booking via email bestpalsworkshop@gmail.com, including student's name age and preferred sessions



15th costume \$15



16th bunny box \$18



17th wreath \$18



18th cheetah pot \$15



23rd+24th clock \$30
morning only



23rd+24th board \$25
afternoon only



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