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# 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.**

Wednesday 5 February 2020

### Dates to Diary

**Waitangi Day**

Thursday 6 February (School Closed)

**Teacher Only Day (T.O.D)**

Friday 7 February (School Closed)

**Years 7 & 8 Meet the teachers**

Monday 10 February 5.30pm

**Year 5 & 6 Meet the teachers**

Tuesday 11 February 5.30pm

**Year 8 Rm 28 & 31 Mangere Mt**

Tuesday 11 February

**Years 3 & 4 Meet the teachers**

Wednesday 12 February 5.30pm

**Year 8 Rm AR & 31 Mangere Mt**

Wednesday 12 February

**Years 1, 2 Meet the teachers**

Thursday 13 February 5.30pm

**Green and Gold Day**

Friday 14 February

**BoT Meeting**

Tuesday 18 February 7.30pm (Admin Block)

**Community Treaty of Waitangi Course**

Saturday 22 Feb 8-2:30pm

**Class Photos**

Thursday 27 & Friday 28 February

**Year 7 Camp**

Tuesday 3 March – Friday 6 March

**BoT Meeting**

Tuesday 17 March 7.30pm (Admin Block)

**Teacher Only Day (T.O.D)**

Monday 9 March (School Closed)

### Canteen Days 2019 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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

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

### **Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers**

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our families returning to our school this year and a special greeting to those of you who have newly joined our school community. We have had a great start to our year, and I thank you for preparing your children so well.

Some of you may have attended the Primary School or the Intermediate Whakataua this week. It was lovely to be able to welcome you all in this manner and I would like to acknowledge the whānau for their support of this welcome to our school's community. Thanks also to our staff whānau committee of Rose, Carol-Anne and Katy for coordinating these very important events.

As a school we welcome parental involvement and look forward to your continued participation in our school community over the coming year. Educating our students to be successful citizens requires a joint effort and one which we all highly value.

Thanks to all our staff (both teachers and support staff) who have worked hard over the last two weeks to ensure a great start for our pupils.

### **Kia pai to mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend)**

**Naku noa**

**Malcolm Milner**

**Principal (Te Tumuaki)**

## **Getting Ready for the New Year**

After a wonderful month of spending time with whānau I first got my feet back under the desk on Friday 24 January.

Tuesday 28 was spent getting my head around the year ahead. Liz (Our Executive Officer) and I visited the building site to check on progress and then I began to draft our response to the corona virus.

On Wednesday our Senior Leadership Team (Katy, Trish, Mary) met to plan the year ahead and to identify any important things we need to be aware of for Day 1, the first week and Term 1. On Wednesday afternoon I met with the lead property group to discuss the building programme for 2020.

Thursday morning saw the SLT meet with the new staff and in the afternoon the SLT met with the whānau leaders.

Friday was a catch up day preparing for our Teacher Only Day. All our whānau teams were in school meeting and preparing classes for Tuesday. Over the course of the week I also got the chance to catch up with most staff to find out about their holidays.

On Monday 3 February the full staff met and discussed our school vision and the implications for our curriculum.

The school is in great heart for 2020 and I am looking forward to working with you all again.

## **Meet the Teacher Evenings**

Next week we will be holding our information evenings for parents. The purpose of these evenings is for you to be informed about the learning programme in your child's class and team.

If you wish to talk about your own child's learning, I would recommend that you make an alternative time to speak in depth to your child's teacher, as you will not have the opportunity to do so at these meetings.

**Year 7 Hall**

**Monday 10 February**

**5.30pm – 6:15pm**

Please meet your child's teacher in the hall where the Year 7 Team will provide information about the upcoming camp. Parents will then have the opportunity to talk to their child's teacher in their classroom.

**Year 8 Staffroom** **Monday 10 February** **5.30pm – 6:15pm**

Year 8 teachers will provide information about the learning for 2019. After this meeting parents will have the opportunity to visit their child's class and talk to their teacher.

**Years 5 & 6 Hall** **Tuesday 11 February** **5.30pm – 6:15pm**

Please meet in the staffroom. There will be a short introduction of the staff and a broad outline of the year's work. Afterwards there will be a period for parents to ask questions.

**Years 3, & 4 Hall** **Wednesday 12 February** **5.30pm – 6:15pm**

Please meet in the hall. There will be a short introduction of the staff and a broad outline of the year's work. Afterwards there will be a period for parents to ask questions.

**Year 1 and 2 Staffroom** **Thursday 13 February** **5.30pm – 6:15pm**

There will be a short introduction of the staff and a broad outline of the year's work and changes to the curriculum approach. Afterwards there will be a period for parents to ask questions.

Later this term you will have the opportunity to attend a student led conference to discuss your child's learning. There will be another conference in Term 3.

If you wish to discuss confidential matters without your child present, please arrange an alternative time to meet your child's teacher.

## School Hours

### Intermediate

- Classes begin at **8.40am**: children should be at school by **8:25am**
  - **Intermediate children are allowed into school grounds from 8.10am**

### Primary

- Classes begin at **9am**: children should be at school by **8:45am**
  - **Primary children are allowed into school grounds from 8.30am**

No children are allowed in our grounds without parent supervision before these times. Staff often have meetings before school and are not available outside 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](mailto:Balmoral@skids.co.nz) or on 021 975632.

## Credit Card Charges

The School Management allows payments on the Portal which now charges the credit card fee to the person using the credit card. This is a very normal practice in many business situations (Air New Zealand). This is not the school charging the credit card fee, this is the banks charging directly. The school does not benefit from having to pay the bank fees

In the past this charge was paid directly by our school to the bank and this has amounted to be between \$11,000 and \$15,000 per year. Like many of you we felt this was an excessive amount of money for the school to pay to the banks and we felt we could use that money better if we spent it on our pupils' learning environment.

Parents can avoid paying this fee if they come into school and pay at the office by card or cash.

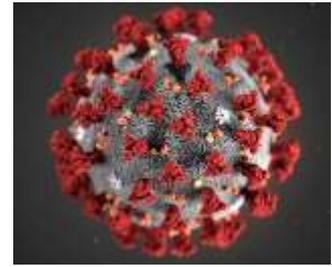
## Corona Virus IMPORTANT UPDATE

### Sickness and Absenteeism

The health of our community is very important to us. Last week I wrote to you regarding the Corona Virus and the implications for our school.

On Sunday February 1 the government changed the requirements.

1. Any foreign travellers who leave or transit through mainland China after 2 February 2020 (NZ time) will be refused entry to New Zealand.
2. All New Zealand citizens and permanent residents returning to New Zealand from China are required to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival back in the country.



**We would expect any person who has been in China over the school holidays or who has come into contact with someone who has been in China, to self-isolate for 14 days on or after arrival back in the country. This means do not come to school.**

### Sickness and Absenteeism

Anyone who is unwell should not be at school.

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](mailto:absences@balmoral.school.nz), website <http://www.balmoral.school.nz/absence/> or phone 09 6387960.

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.

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.

### Communication through Email

Email has allowed us to communicate more efficiently and effectively within our Balmoral School environment and as a community. Please make sure that your contact details are kept up to date with the school office.

To ensure all parties (staff, students, parents and the wider community) find that email continues to be effective we have developed school guidelines around its use. Please find below the guidelines that are relevant to parents. Thank you in advance for following these guidelines.

Teachers will reply to an email within three working days, as during the day they are expected to be working with children. Please do not expect an immediate response from them or email them in an afternoon about change of plans for after school.

#### Email Etiquette

1. Try to decide if you are sending this email for the purposes of information giving, or some other reason: organisation of events, meetings and information giving are the best use of email as a form of communication.
2. Keep the email brief and include a clear subject line as a header so people can identify swiftly if it is relevant to them.
3. Make sure that it is clear in your email what the purpose of the email is - do you require specific action, or is the email for information only?

4. Do not use email for complaining or venting.  
This is not an appropriate use of the medium.
5. Do not use email as an excuse to avoid personal contact.  
A simple 'rule of thumb' is to ask yourself if you would say what you have written to the person's face.

### **Parents to Staff email (Contact your child's teacher if you wish to talk about their learning)**

1. If you have any concerns about your child you need to contact your child's classroom teacher to make a time to meet to discuss your concerns. This appointment can be made via email. Please inform your child's teacher of your concerns before the meeting so they can prepare.
2. If your concerns can be addressed via a conversation on the phone please inform your child's teacher and this will be arranged.
3. Please do not expect a reply from a teacher immediately as our expectation is that they will be working with children during the school day. Teachers will reply to emails within three working days.

### **Term Dates 2020**

<b>Term One:</b>	Tuesday 4 February - Thursday 9 April
<b>Term Two:</b>	Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July
<b>Term Three:</b>	Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
<b>Term Four:</b>	Monday 12 October - Friday 18 December

### **Public Holidays**

<b>Waitangi Day</b>	Thursday 6 February
<b>Good Friday</b>	Friday 10 April
<b>Easter Monday</b>	Monday 13 April
<b>Anzac Day</b>	Saturday 25 April (Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>Queen's Birthday</b>	Monday 1 June
<b>Labour Day</b>	Monday 26 October

### **Teacher Only Days**

All New Zealand schools are required by regulation to be open a certain number of days each year. Sometimes we close the school for pupils and add an extra day somewhere else in the school year to meet this requirement.

This term we have two Teacher Only Days where our school will be closed

<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>T.O.D School Closed</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>T.O.D School Closed</b>

### **Sun Hats**

Thanks to those parents who have sent their children to school with a school sun hat. Sun hats are compulsory at Balmoral School. Any child who does not have a hat is required to sit in the shade during morning tea and lunch.

Hats can be purchased from the school office for \$18.50

## Staff Changes

I would like to welcome Cynthia Tian, Aamina Muneer, Nicolas Garelja, Kylie Hogg, who are new teachers in our primary school.

In our intermediate campus, I would like to welcome Dale Malagwai and Aimee Campbell. I am sure they will enjoy working in our school community.

Bradley Smith and Adrianna Yang both resigned during December. We have advertised these positions and hope to appoint someone to these roles in the next month. I would like to thank both Gillian Appleby and Brenda Christian, who have both taught at our school, for agreeing to return to full time teaching this term until we find a replacement teacher for these classes.

Despite the current teacher shortage, we are hopeful that we can appoint for these positions.

## Chinese New Year 新年快乐 Xīn nián kuài lè

Some of our families celebrated Chinese New Year recently. We do wish you all great happiness and prosperity for the year ahead.

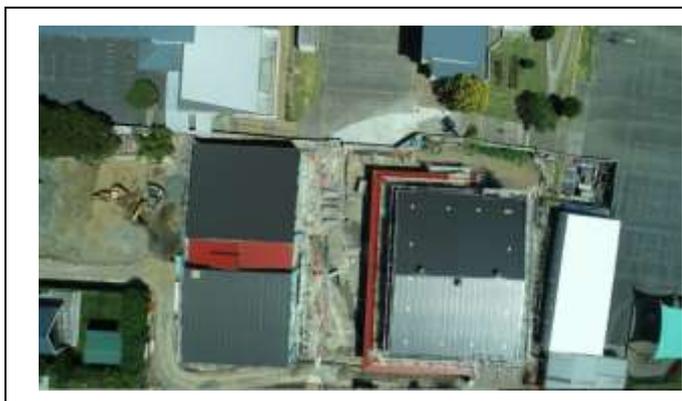
The Lunar New Year is not only celebrated in China but all over the world and many countries have holidays to recognise this important event. One thing all these countries do in common at this time is to reunite with family and honour their ancestors.

The zodiac animal for 2020 is the rat. People born in this year are believed to be optimistic and energetic. They are sensitive to other's emotions with a kind personality and like saving.



## Building Progress

This is the second year of our school rebuild and a very exciting one it will be. We are going to see the fruits of our labours over the last ten years. Later this term the gymnasium will be



finished. This is an incredible resource for our pupils and community and we are extremely fortunate and privileged to have this facility, a legacy left by others for us to enjoy and learn in. It is important to recognise those people who no longer have children at our school who have fundraised, made donations and made space to support this development. The next building to be completed will be Block I (Intermediate) in April. The last block will be CASS (Central Auckland Special School) in July.

Over the holidays Southbase (Building Contractor) continued to make progress on our school rebuild. The gym has had most of the internal lining completed and the frames for the basketball hoops installed. Over the next few weeks the wooden floating floor will be completed. Block I (Intermediate) has had most of the internal walls framed as well as the stair framing. Interior lining will go on soon. Ground work has begun on the new CASS Satellite Classroom on Brixton Road.

**Green and Gold Coin Day**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**



Wear something green and bring a gold coin to school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. All money raised will be donated to Australian schools who have suffered as a result of the bush fires.



**Free Community Course**  
**Making sense of the Treaty of Waitangi - Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the school is hosting a course run by The Treaty Resource Centre – He Puna Mātauranga o Te Tiriti.

The course is intended to:

- increase understanding of the Treaty by providing basic information about why it was written and what it says
- address common misunderstandings

We were lucky enough to have speakers from the Centre join us for a Teacher Only Day, where they guided us through cultural responsiveness – it was a great course and we are very much looking forward to learning more about Te Tiriti o Waitangi from them.

This is a free course and is open to all of our whānau. The course will run on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb from 8am – 2:30pm.

Next week, we will send a link to a survey to gauge attendance so that we can let the course leaders know. We look forward to learning with you

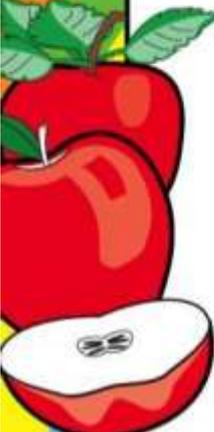


# BALMORAL SCHOOL

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
Hawaiian Pizza (Heart tick)	\$3.00
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 / Popcorn	\$2.00
Fresh Fruit	\$0.80
Homemade Cookie / Fruit Sticks	\$1.50

## DRINKS



Bottled Water	\$2.00
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## THURSDAY SPECIAL



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Crispy Chicken on Rice	\$7.80
Teriyaki Chicken Salad (rice, vg.)	\$7.80

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## MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS AT BALMORAL

Hi Everyone.

It's the start of a new year and all the possibilities a new year can bring. We in the music department would like to let you know that one of those new possibilities might be learning a musical instrument!

Below you can find the names and details of our providers. They all do lessons during school hours but are private entities so their costs, terms and conditions, etc. vary. If you are interested in any of them, please contact them using the below details.

### Lewis Eady Music School

Lewis Eady provides **guitar** lessons with Greg Dallison and **piano** lessons with Natsuki Nomichi on Monday and Wednesday respectively.

If you'd like to contact them call (09) 524 4119 or email [musicschool@lewiseady.co.nz](mailto:musicschool@lewiseady.co.nz)

### Modern School of Music

Modern School offers **piano** lessons with Melissa D'Souza and **guitar** lessons with Gareth Price. They are both teaching on Tuesday and Thursday with Melissa also doing Friday.

You can contact them directly by email:

Melissa [melissadsouza@xtra.co.nz](mailto:melissadsouza@xtra.co.nz) and Gareth [gareth@garethprice.co.nz](mailto:gareth@garethprice.co.nz)

### Balmoral School Itinerant Music Teachers

We also have two teachers that contract directly to the school. They are Jess Hix who teaches **drums** and Ianetta Solomon-Brown who teaches **singing**.

You can email them on:

Jess [jesshixdrums@gmail.com](mailto:jesshixdrums@gmail.com) and Ianetta [ianetta99@hotmail.com](mailto:ianetta99@hotmail.com)

This year we have the potential to bring in some other teachers on different instruments depending on demand. Please contact Alex [alex@balmoral.school.nz](mailto:alex@balmoral.school.nz) if you'd like your child to learn something else. We have been thinking about a strings teacher (violin, cello, etc.) or woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone, etc.)

Many thanks

Alex and Sarah (Music Specialists)

## Community Notices



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We'd love to work with you and see you shine onstage! Feel free to pop in for a trial - you will be warmly welcomed.

### **MAUNGAWHAU SCHOOL**

In the school library

Wednesday 4.00-4.50pm	DANCE   SING   ACT	4-6 years
Wednesday 5.00-6.00pm	DANCE   SING   ACT	7-9 years
Wednesday 6.00-7.00pm	DANCE   SING   ACT	10-14 years

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