

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 School Newsletter

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Vision

To value diversity and to develop curious, confident and connected learners.

Friday 5 June 2020

Dates to Diary

Conferences Bookings Live

Wednesday 17 June 12.15pm

School Conferences

Wednesday 24 June 3.15pm – 6 pm

School Conferences

Thursday 25 June 1.00pm – 7 pm

Thursday 25th June

School Closes Early at 12.30pm

The Big Move

Monday 29 June – Friday 3rd July

Reports Live

Monday 29 June @ 3pm

School Holidays Begin

Friday 3 July 3pm

Term 3 Starts

Monday 20 July 3pm

Y7 Boostrix Immunisation

Tuesday 22 July

Intermediate Open Morning

Wednesday 29 July 9.15am – 11am

Intermediate Open Evening

Wednesday 29 July 6pm -7.30pm

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

Whanau Blogs

Koru

<http://korusharingspace.blogspot.co.nz/>

Mahira

<http://mahirasyndicate.blogspot.co.nz/>

Whetu

<http://fabulouswhetu.blogspot.co.nz/>

Hiringa

<https://hiringabalmoral.blogspot.co.nz/>

Turanga

<http://whanauturanga.blogspot.co.nz/>

Aparangi

<https://aparangibalmoral.blogspot.co.nz/>

Tena koutou e te whānau, he mihi nui kia koutou katoa**Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers**

At school, as in the wider community, things are beginning to return to a more even and normal routine. When we get to Level 1 some of our extra curricular activities may begin to return. Please ensure you keep up to date with all school events by checking the school calendar and reading these newsletters.

Naku noa**Malcolm Milner****Principal (Te Tumuaki)****Level 1****Key Changes for School****Unite
against
COVID-19**

We believe the following are the key changes for schools at Alert Level 1:

- there are no specific public health requirements.
- there are no restrictions on personal movement so all students, and staff continue to be safe to go to school / early learning, and all students must attend school.
- we will continue with the usual practice of having a visitor and an attendance register as well as displaying the Covid Tracing App
- physical distancing is not a requirement but is encouraged when you are around people you don't know.
- there are no restrictions on numbers at gatherings or on physical activities including cultural and sporting activities, practices and events.

Key Public Health Message

The [Golden Rules](#) for everyone in New Zealand to follow. For schools and early learning services this means:

- If people are sick, they should stay home (phone Healthline or their GP and get tested if they have cold or flu symptoms).
- Continue to regularly wash and dry hands, sneeze and cough into elbows.
- Soap, water and the ability to dry hands will be provided in bathrooms.
- Regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
- Support contact tracing efforts by displaying QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App and expecting our parents to use this on entry before and after school.
- Stringent self-isolation of those who display relevant symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, or have been overseas in the last 14 days – [Ministry of Health information for self-isolation](#).

The Build: Intermediate Block and the Gymnasium & Its Impact on School Reports and Conferences

We have been informed by the property team that the school will gain possession of the Gym and the Intermediate Block on Monday June 29.

As you can imagine the logistical exercise of moving over 880 people and keeping the school running effectively without additional staff or days without children, is a mammoth and complicated task. We are now undertaking a logistical planning exercise for this date. We have completed this type of move and reorganisation before in December 2018. Once rooms are confirmed we will inform children and parents.

We are also aware that shifting classrooms can not only be unsettling for the children, but also parents and our staff. It also significantly increases workload for all school staff at a very busy time of the year.

This impending move and school reorganisation has impacted on a variety of school events such as School Reports, Conferences and the Intermediate Open Days.

We will continue to meet the deadline of 29 June for the reports as these have been underway and do have a big lead in time.

We will need to move the conferences to Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25th June. Unfortunately, this does mean that parents will not have access to the school report beforehand, but the teacher will have all the information needed to discuss your child's learning with you.

We are sure that you will understand these complexities in a year which has already had a number of challenges for us all.

Intermediate Enrolment Process for Year 7 and Year 8 2021

We have just received information from the Ministry of Education regarding the dates for the enrolment in our intermediate school. These dates will apply.

Out of Zone Dates

Application closing date	Wednesday 2 September 2020
Ballot date	Wednesday 9 September 2020

Further information will follow regarding the enrolment process at Balmoral Intermediate for our current Year 6 at Balmoral Primary. We are currently working on an online process for new Year 7 enrolments in 2021. We would ask that all parents complete their confirmed enrolment by Wednesday 2 September as it is important schools have a clear indication of numbers for staffing for 2021.

Parents of our current Year 8 students will also need to complete the enrolment process at our local secondary schools by these dates too. This enables our secondary schools to adequately plan for your child's arrival in 2021.

Open Days Intermediate:

We will be holding an Open day and an Open Evening for all Year 7 students intending to enrol at Balmoral Intermediate School at the beginning of Term 3.

Intermediate Open Morning

Wednesday 29 July 9.15am – 11pm

Intermediate Open Evening

Wednesday 29 July 6pm -7.30pm

'Keep it real online' campaign

Cyber Safety and online bullying is something that we deal with on a regular basis at school.

The Department of Internal Affairs with Netsafe and the Office of Film and Literature Classification is about to launch a 'Keep it real online' campaign. The campaign will support parents and caregivers to reduce the risks of online harm such as cyber-bullying, inappropriate content, pornography and grooming.

Parents and caregivers can find information including tips on how to have conversations with their kids at www.KeepItRealOnline.govt.nz.

Road Safety at the School Gate

When our school first returned after Level 3 we all noticed how safe and calm our roads were for children, cyclists and pedestrians. Most of our school children were walking, biking or riding their scooter to school.

Unfortunately, the roads and driver's behaviour are returning to unacceptable pre-covid levels. Yesterday outside our school, parents and caregivers were completing U-Turns, driving across foot paths and up neighbours' driveways, travelling faster than 30 kmph and parking on yellow lines.

Could I remind you that these are real people coming into and out of our school every day and these humans have families that want to see them get home safely each day. By trying to save 1 minute in your day you are putting others' at risk.



2021 Term Dates

Term One:	Thursday 4 February - Friday 16 April
Term Two:	Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July
Term Three:	Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October
Term Four:	Monday 18 October - Thursday 16 December

2021 Public Holidays:

Waitangi Day	Monday 8 February
Good Friday	Friday 2 April
Easter Monday	Monday 5 April
Easter Tuesday	Tuesday 6 April
Anzac Day	Monday 26 April
Queen's Birthday	Monday 7 June
Labour Day	Monday 25 October

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Hayley from Shire 1 has made an amazing bear as her Rich Challenge project this term. She worked hard on all parts of the bear, from cutting the pieces, hand sewing them together, and stuffing the bear just enough to get the right amount of squishiness! Well done Hayley.

Sophia from Shire 3 has been imagining herself as a person floating in space looking back at the Earth. Here is her beautiful piece of writing about this.

Dear Earth,

I look out my window everyday now to see the same blackness, occasionally the darkness might be lit up by spots of colour, the brown meteorites, the white stars splattered in the night or the yellow glow of light from a planet somewhere in the distance. But it's always the same. Space is just a speck compared to the amount of ever changing activity on earth. But do I miss earth? That I do not know, cause even though space might be just a boring blank canvas sometimes it can be quite calming. The soft smell of something burning somewhere (that reminds me of when I left the toast in the toaster for too long) relaxes me. Or the infiniteness of black that stretches out in front of me, seeming like it will never end, soothes my eyes. Every now and then I wish I could just go back to earth right away, while other times I feel like I could stay here forever, floating gently above earth. Space gives me time to think about things. I often think about what might be happening on earth right that very second, I try to imagine the people running errands for a business, having long conversations with their friends about the latest t-shirt brand or maybe someone blowing out the candles on their birthday cake. And then I think do I really want to be part of that, always being busy and having millions of worries all the time, no I don't and that is why space will always be my home, not earth.

Whānau Mahira came together this morning to share some sings together to celebrate Samoan Language week.



Room 20 are starting to inquire into sound. Having watched a clip of the group "Stomp" who all sorts of household objects to create sound, the children wanted to have a go themselves!



The Primary Kapa Haka group met again this morning. There were almost 60 children collaborating this morning as they learnt new Waiata and the older children taught the younger children the actions - it was wonderful to watch.



And some of the older students learning how to use our new Poi!



Making Koko Laisa – a traditional chocolate rice pudding





We're back!

Your PTA continues to work on ways to build community and connections for our school - fundraising for areas where funding may fall short to provide excellent facilities and environments for our children.

With the cancellation of the Duathlon and the Comedy Night our fundraising looks a bit different this year, but we are working through what initiatives we can still bring you. We hope to be able to run the Great Whittakers Library Fundraiser, fun movie nights and discos, the Arts Festival and Nosy Neighbours.

So watch this space!

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.

Or come and say hi to one of us, we're always about and happy to chat.

PTA Meeting


Come and get the low-down on what's going on in the school and PTA.

DATE: Tuesday 9 June

AT: We can't meet at the school so we're meeting at Anna Morton's house.

Please **RSVP** for the address and so we can register you for contact tracing.

RSVP: pta@balmoral.school.nz



To show our support for teachers and staff returning to school at Level 2 we bought in a coffee cart so they could have a well deserved coffee break.

Thank's to the very generous parents who donated coffees, and especially to Tracey Warner from Loan Market for covering the balance. This gesture of support was very well received, very much appreciated, and helped relieve anxieties of moving into this new normal.

Community Notices



Kia ora,

During COVID-19 Alert Level 2, the Children's Community Dental Service has reopened some of its clinics for children with urgent dental care needs.

We will be in contact with you if your child requires an urgent appointment.

Alternatively, if your child is in pain, or you have immediate concerns about their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH to speak with one of our therapists.

We are not able to offer routine appointments just yet, but we will let you know as soon as this changes.

This means that your child's routine appointment may be delayed.

For more information, search for 'ARDS' on the Waitematā DHB website.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.





Come & Play Football

U5 - U8 Three Kings United

U9 - U17 Auckland United

Register at www.threekings.co.nz



In-House Competition

At Keith Hay Park, starts Sat 20 June.