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BALMORAL
PRIMARY + INTERMEDIATE

Balmoral Primary

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Vision

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

Friday 8 March 2019

Primary Dates to Diary

PTA Meeting AGM	Tuesday 12 March 7.30pm (Library)
Ice Block i Day for Oxfam	Tuesday 12 March \$2 per ice block, gold coin
Quickhit Cricket	Tuesday 12 March – Cornwall Park
BoT Meeting	Tuesday 19 March 7.30pm (Admin Block)
Eden/Albert Cricket	Tuesday 19 March – Cornwall Park
Paid Union Meeting	Friday 22 March 12.30pm
Dental Screening	Mon 25 March – Fri 5 April
PTA Triathlon	Sunday 7 April
End of Term 1	Friday 12 April
Term 2 begins	Monday 29 April
Y 5/6 Camp	Tuesday 7 May – 10 May
Readers/Writers	Monday 13 May

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

Primary 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/

Canteen Days: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday only

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

Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers

Emerging neuroscientific evidence is giving us some important understandings about the working of the brain. This research is so significant it should bring about a shift in the ways we teach, talk to children, parent our children, and run schools.

In the past we used to dismiss people as exceptions who were unsuccessful early learners at school yet went on to become significant entrepreneurs, mathematicians and scientists in our society – including Albert Einstein and Maryam Mirzakhani. What these people demonstrated was that they were successful ongoing learners, they just may have been late starters and had a growth mindset.

Over the last several decades brain research has demonstrated that our brains have enormous capacity to grow and change throughout life. The initial studies of black cab drivers found that the spatial training to memorise streets and landmarks caused areas of the hippocampus to significantly increase. What they also noticed was that when these drivers stopped driving in London this part of the brain shrunk.

Later the scientists discovered that the optimum times for brain growth and change are when people are working on challenging content, making mistakes, correcting them, moving on, making more mistakes, and continually being challenged.

Currently some teachers and parents feel that their children should be correct all of the time and get the right answer. Sometimes when adults see children struggle they quickly jump in and save them. This results in a reduction or removal of the cognitive challenge. Not only do we do this in cognitively challenging situations but we also do this in emotionally challenging situations.

If we are wanting children to effectively manage self maybe we should stand back when there is sibling disagreement, only interfering if there is serious harm. As Celia Lashlie once said 'Stand back, stop the hovering, the overprotective nurturing; let them walk on that bridge themselves.'

In classes we establish good ground rules and model behaviour. We also identify that it isn't always fair what happens and that sometimes someone else's needs matter more than another. We want the children to practice negotiating, to share and to talk to each other. We want to try to encourage those important lifelong skills and in doing so develop empathy and care for others as well as to practise forgiveness. Being able to successfully resolve and navigate these situations is a huge step in a child's emotional growth and maturity.

There may be times that these strategies won't work and it is then we should look for further professional help.

So the next time your child comes home and complains about something that happened to them, take the time at the end to ask them 'What did you do?' Then decide if they can take some responsibility for what happened, can help to fix it themselves and if necessary you could provide some suggestions to enable this fix.

When we are able to create environments in which children feel safe being wrong, make mistakes, have the opportunity to fix mistakes, are valued for sharing incorrect ideas, try new things, then children will start to embrace struggle, which will unlock their incredible learning pathways.

Kia pai to mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend)

Naku noa

Malcolm Milner

Principal (Te Tumuaki)

**PAID UNION MEETING (PUM)
Friday 22 March from 12.30pm
School Canteen Closed also**

On the afternoon Friday 22 March our teachers are attending a Paid Union Meeting. We do request that parents pick their children up from school at 12.30pm as there will be a very small number of support staff at school.

While this meeting is disruptive for both parents and our school, staff are legally entitled to attend.

It is extremely difficult to staff our school with qualified teachers. We currently have a teaching position advertised from the beginning of December that we have not yet filled.

Something has to be done immediately to incentivise teaching as a profession to ensure that our school and our pupils have access to a high quality workforce.

Further information about the PUM will come home on Monday 11 March.

Visitors to School

All visitors to the school are required to sign in at school office and wear a visitors tag while on school grounds.

**Tomorrow Schools Review
Community Meeting**

There has been much debate around the future of schooling in New Zealand in response to the Tomorrow's Schools Review prepared by an independent taskforce.

The proposals develop from the belief that as a nation we can provide a higher quality education system for all.

The members of [Our Schooling Futures: Stronger Together | Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātinini](#) are very keen to receive feedback from as many people as possible to help them complete their final recommendations and report to the Minister of Education in late April 2019.

There was a meeting last night at the Holy Trinity Cathedral with the taskforce to discuss these reforms. Other meeting dates can be found [here](#).

Furthermore, you have an opportunity to make a submission on your views to tomorrows.schools@education.govt.nz.

The Build

A lot of work has been going on preparing for the rebuild of the intermediate block and the establishment of our new gymnasium. Unfortunately we had to cut down the trees above the school pool in preparation for this development. We have also had scaffolding placed over the school pool to protect it during the build.

Southbase have cut holes in the building site security fence and covered these with perspex so that the pupils can view what is happening behind those walls. The contractors site offices have also been placed on the school field



Dental Screening

The Dental Clinic will begin screening children, starting with Year 8, during the week that begins Monday 25th March. If you DO NOT want your child to be seen at this time, please contact the Dental Clinic on 623 4537.

Extended Library Hours Choose a good book to read together as a family

Liz is our new school librarian and an avid reader. Liz will be working in our school library on a Monday, Thursday and Friday.

On a Monday the school library is open until 3.30pm for parents and children to choose a good book to read together. We know that when parents read good literature with children that they become better readers, writers and listeners. Liz will be present to help with your selection.

Parents and Children Book Happy ½ Hour
Library Open until 3.30pm Mondays

Netball News

We received some welcome news from Auckland Netball this week about one of our parent supporters. At the end of the Balmoral Blazes' recent game, a Balmoral Dad had delighted one of the opposition players by telling her that they were the nicest team his daughter's team had ever played. The email we received from Auckland Netball commented that 'This is what sport for our children should be all about in contrast to being so score focused. We as adults need to look for these opportunities to bring out the so many positives that sport has to offer our young players. This dad is an example of what we desire on our sidelines.'

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to coach, manage or be a supportive presence on the sidelines for all of our sports teams.

News from the Primary School

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Kia ora e te Whānau o Te Roto a Rangī,

Thank you to Bradley and Travelwise for organising 'Bike day' for some of the older children. The bike racks were packed last Friday which was great to see!



Yesterday morning, Vanya Kovach, gave an interview to RNZ about Philosophy for Children (P4C.) The school has worked with Vanya and P4CNZ for a number of years as we developed our approach to P4C across the school. All of our teachers complete a two-day course on how to facilitate sessions in their classrooms as it an important part of our curriculum. If you're interested in finding out more about P4C and what your children will be participating in, then please click on the link below to listen the interview.

<https://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetoon/audio/2018685503/playground-plato-the-benefits-of-teaching-kids-philosophy>

Ngā mihi
Katy and the Primary Team

Beyblades

Beyblades have started to cause a number of issues at school. Could you please support us by ensuring that beyblades stay at home.
Many thanks.

News from Whānau Whetu

Pumpkins!

Room 16 have been exploring pumpkins as our classroom inquiry. We have been investigating this pathway by observing, questioning, theorizing and testing. The students also have lots of wonderings: What is inside the good pumpkin? What are the bees doing near the pumpkins? Where do pumpkins come from? I wonder how water helps pumpkins grow? Which one is the heavy one? I wonder how they make pumpkin skin?



We found that some flowers have bumps under them and we think they are baby pumpkins! We also noticed that not all flowers have little bumps below them.



We cut the pumpkin to find out what it looks like inside.



The students drew what they observed and what they guessed it looks like from the inside. We also came up with questions about pumpkins and pumpkin plants.

Bees, Bees, Bees

Did you know there are beehives collecting honey in Balmoral??? We didn't! Over the last two weeks students in Rm11 have been exploring, wondering and learning about honeycomb and bees. The honeycomb we have in Rm 11 have come from 'drone' bees. This has really interested us as drone bees sound like they might be little robots.

We have been practicing writing letters so that we can invite some experts in to answer some of our burning questions about bees, honey, honeycomb and flowers. We've already come up with some really interesting wonderings like; why does honeycomb come in different colours? Are bumblebees and honeybees different? If they are what makes them different? Why is honey sweet?

We are excited to learn more about bees and their impact on our environment.



Mice in the Kitchen (A Retell) - By George Kirk-Smith

One day a mouse family snuck into the kitchen. It was 3 baby mice, a mum and a dad. They scampered all over the table, floor and chairs. After a while, the mice played with the bowls and spoons to make slides. Despite the joy they were having, they were being watched. Suddenly, a monster family stomped in and shouted at the mice. But something phenomenal happened, the mice squeaked back so the monsters fled.

Walking School Bus

Balmoral School currently have 5 Walking School buses running throughout our school community. The number of children on our buses continue to grow throughout the year. They are a great social, fun and safe way for our children to get to school, and we love that they help build a community! If you are keen to know more please see the link on our school website: <http://www.balmoral.school.nz/walking-school-bus/> or if are interested in joining one of our amazing buses then please get in touch or pop into the school office and complete one of our WSB Application forms.

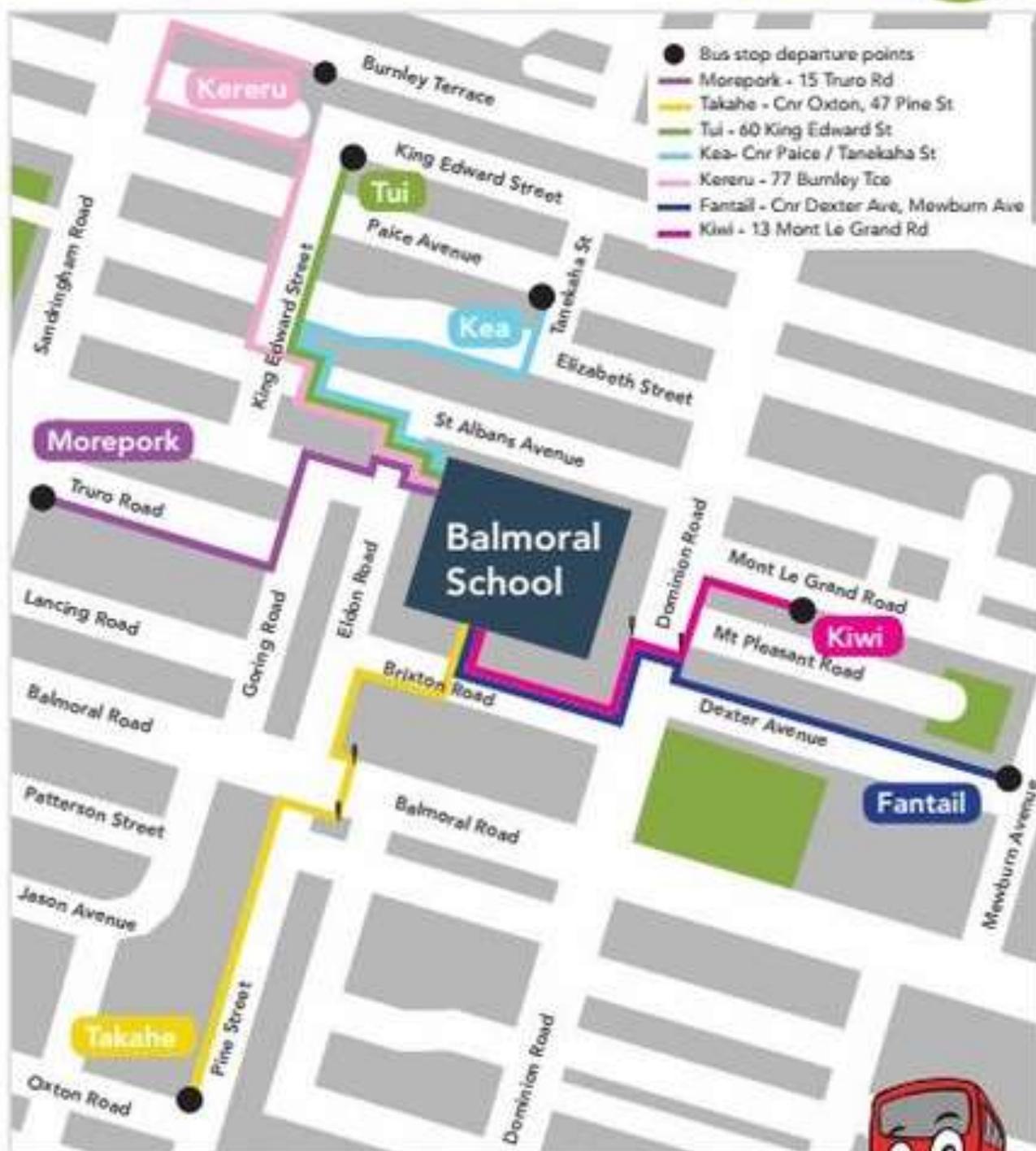
Contact: Merrin Rosnell

Email: karmar@xtra.co.nz

Below is an image of the WSB Routes we have at Balmoral School and there meeting points.

Balmoral School

Walking School Bus routes



Walking School Buses are owned and operated by the parents of the school.
Please check with the school on the current status of the route.





BALMORAL SCHOOL DUATHLON

AND FAMILY FUN DAY

RUN BIKE RUN

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

CATEGORIES TO SUIT ALL AGES!

TSHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION IS BACK!

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Announcing the PTA Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 12th March 2019

On Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.30pm, the PTA will hold its AGM in the school library. This is great opportunity for all parents (particularly any new parents) to come along and hear what the PTA got up to last year, how much money was raised for the school, what the school spent the money on and of course meet some new people in a relaxed atmosphere (wine and nibbles are included!).

Formal elections of the PTA's executive committee for 2019 will also take place at the AGM – the Chairperson, Leadership Group, Treasurer, Secretary and Staff Representative.

Nominations for any of these roles must be received by the PTA Secretary, Sarah Jack at pta@balmoral.school.nz no less than 72 hours prior to the AGM (so, *no later than 7.30pm on Saturday 9th March 2019*). No late nominations will be accepted.

Any parent, caregiver, teacher or interested adult is eligible to vote on the appointment of the executive committee and each attendee at the AGM has one vote. Where there is more than one nomination for a role on the executive committee, proxy votes will be allowed provided that they are received by the PTA Secretary in writing (including email) by 5pm on the date of the AGM.

The PTA team always enjoys having new people joining us at any of our monthly meetings – it's certainly a case of 'the more the merrier'. Hope to see you there.

Community Notices

Twenty year old female Japanese student is seeking homestay accommodation with a family in the Sandringham/Mt Eden/Three Kings area beginning 5 April 2019. She will be studying English in a school in the city for five months. If you interested, and you would like to know more, please contact Owen Alexander 021313309.

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BALMORAL MUSIC TEACHERS



IANETTA SOLOMON-BROWN
VOCAL TEACHER

IANETTA IS A GRADUATE OF BARADENE COLLEGE WHERE SHE EXCELLED IN VOCALS AND SONGWRITING WHILE AT SCHOOL SHE ARRANGED SINGING GROUPS, DID VOCAL COACHING AND WAS A FINALIST IN THE STAND UP, STAND OUT COMPETITION IN 2015. IN ADDITION SHE IS A GREAT SONGWRITER AND WAS IN THE TOP 40 NATIONWIDE IN THE PLAY IT STRANGE COMPETITION, 3 YEARS IN A ROW!!

SHE HAS EXPERIENCE WITH CHILDREN WORKING IN THE PASIFIKA POWER UP PROGRAMME (A PROGRAMME THAT MENTORS PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN READING) AND DOING VOLUNTEER WORK AT BARNADOS SHE CURRENTLY STUDIES AT AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY WHERE SHE IS AIMING FOR A BMUS (PERFORMANCE)

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ALISTAIR DEVERICK
DRUM TEACHER

HI! MY NAME IS ALISTAIR DEVERICK I HAVE BEEN PLAYING SINCE I WAS 14 AT AVONDALE COLLEGE, I DIDN'T DO LESSONS BEFORE THAT, JUST A BIT OF PIANO. I STUDIED JAZZ AT AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY AND GRADUATED IN 2008.

I ESTIMATE THAT I'VE PLAYED WITH WELL OVER 100 BANDS IN MY LIFE! SOME LIFE HIGHLIGHTS HAVE BEEN PLAYING WITH NEIL FINN FOR HIS 'DIZZY HEIGHTS' WORLD TOUR THAT INCLUDED EDDIE VEDDER FROM PEARL JAM I AM ALSO PLAYING WITH TIM FINN THIS YEAR AND OFTEN PLAY WITH LAWRENCE ARABIA, ANIKA MOA AND MANY OTHERS.

I ALSO PRODUCE AND COMPOSE MUSIC SO HAVE A VERY HOLISTIC VIEW. I AM VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT MUSIC AND ITS ABILITY TO INSPIRE AND MY GOAL IS TO INSTILL THIS ENTHUSIASM IN MY STUDENTS! I HAVE A PATIENT AND FRIENDLY TEACHING STYLE.

HIGH SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN THE BULK OF MY TEACHING LIFE SO FAR BUT I TAUGHT FOR TWO YEARS RECENTLY AT ELIM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND STARTED MY TEACHING CAREER AT GREEN BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL SO I HAVE A GOOD WAY AND EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNGER KIDS TOO.

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U9/U11 Girls Ripa - U13 Girls Tackle
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