

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 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 17th May 2019

Intermediate Dates to Diary

BoT Meeting	Tuesday 20 August 7.30pm
Intermediate Movie Night PTA	Thursday 22 August 6.00pm
The Arts Performance Evening	Wednesday 28 August 7pm
Tongan Language Week	2-6 September
The Great Balmoral ARTZ Festival	Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 September
NZ AIMS Tournament Tauranga	Sunday 8 to Friday 13 September
Te wiki o te reo Māori	Rāhina 9 to Rāmere 13 Mahuru
Tongan/Niuean/Fijian night	18 September 6pm
BoT Meeting	Tuesday 17 September 7.30pm
Fijian Language Week	23- 27 September

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

Intermediate Whanau Blogs

Turanga	http://whanauturanga.blogspot.co.nz/
Aparangi	https://aparangibalmoral.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

Many researchers and business leaders are saying that creativity should not just be an add on or just one lesson a week in a school, but an important part of the curriculum. The New Zealand Curriculum document also identifies it as an essential for skill for a 21st Century citizen.

In order for a school to provide opportunities for children to be creative they need a safe environment in which to play, make decisions, and take risks. At our school we try to establish this kind of supportive classroom to develop and nurture our pupils' creativity by:

- **Creating a compassionate, accepting environment.** Being creative requires a person to take risks. Our pupils are told that it is OK to make a mistake in school.
- **Being present with students.** We listen to their ideas in class such as in P4C and Inquiry having conversations with them. Through listening we hear their questions and find their passion areas, and build these into our approach.
- **Encouraging autonomy.** We give feedback that encourages reflection and independence.
- **Using language to support creative thinking.** Teachers use words like “create,” “design,” “invent,” “imagine,” “suppose,” “agree”, “disagree”, in class. We also use instructions such as “Come up with as many solutions as possible”.
- **We value children’s work and their creativity.** Our Artz Festival where every child has a piece of work displayed and it is a great celebration.
- **We use creative instructional strategies, such as think a louds.** For example, you can hear teachers and students saying “I thought about 3 ways to solve this problem” and “I wonder how to solve this” or “That word doesn’t seem right, I wonder what I could use instead?”.
- **We promote and support pupils intrinsic motivation.** Intrinsic or self-motivation fuels creativity. Some research has shown that relying on rewards and incentives in the classroom can undermine intrinsic motivation to complete a task—an effect called “overjustification.” To avoid this, researchers have suggested that educators try to limit competitions and comparison with others, focusing instead on self-improvement.
- **We acknowledge that creativity requires effort.** The creative process is not a simple “aha” that strikes without warning. We acknowledge that creative people must imagine, and struggle, and re-imagine continuously.

Kia pai to mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend)

Naku noa

Malcolm Milner

Te Tumuaki

Intermediate Open Day and Evening

On Wednesday we held our annual open day at school for Balmoral Intermediate. Thanks to those of you who have completed and returned the enrolment pack. This enables our school to employ staff and plan for the arrival of your child.

If you did not collect an enrolment pack, please do so as soon as possible from the school office.

We require all in-zone and out of zone enrolments by Wednesday 4 September.

Keeping Healthy at School

As it is now the time when children often become sick it is important to be aware of protocols around sickness and medicines.

- If children are sick, please do not send them to school. We are having extreme difficulty in finding relief teachers and we also want to keep our pupils and staff healthy
- Children should not bring medicines to school and leave in their bags or classrooms. We have small children at school, and we would not like them to have access to these

Administering Medicines at School

School staff will not administer prescription medication (ie antibiotics) at school except in exceptional circumstances.

- Parents must complete the 'Administration of Medicines to Students' form, available at the school office.
- Before any medication is administered the completed form must be signed by the Principal or the Associate Principals.

Helpful Hand Washing Instructions

Washing hands is a valuable health prevention activity. We would appreciate your help in reinforcing this hand-washing and drying routine at home. It is very important for keeping ourselves healthy. Fifteen minutes talking about this could save days of illness.

How should I wash my hands?

- Wet your hands under clean running water. Use warm water if available.
- Put soap on your hands and wash for 20 seconds. Liquid soap is best.
- Rub hands together until the soap makes bubbles
- Rub on both sides of both hands...
- And in between fingers and thumbs...
- And round and round both hands for twenty seconds
- Rinse all the soap off under clean running water. Use warm water if available
- Dry your hands all over for 20 seconds. Using a paper towel is best (or, if at home, a clean dry towel)

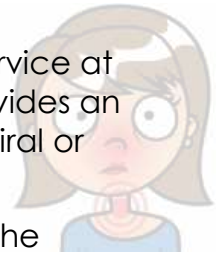


Throat Screening

From time to time your child may suffer from a sore throat.

For a limited time Green Cross Health has launched a free throat screening service at Unichem and Life Pharmacies across New Zealand this winter. The service provides an important first step in determining whether someone with a sore throat has a viral or bacterial infection.

If the infection is viral, pharmacists will be able to assist customers to alleviate the symptoms using a wide range of cold and immunity boosting products. If the test result shows that the infection is bacterial, the patient will be referred to a GP.



Dental Clinic is Closed until 26 August

The dental clinic next door is closed and will reopen again on the 26 August.

There will be a note on the door with instructions on the nearest dental clinic.



Safety at the School Gate

The inappropriate behaviour of some drivers on the roads around our school never fails to amaze me.

We have drivers completing u-turns on busy roads, double parking, calling out to children to run across the road, driving onto driveways as children are walking along and parking on yellow lines. This behaviour puts the safety and wellbeing of our children at serious risk.

This week I had a parent email the school who witnessed a young primary child run across Oxtan Street and being struck by the wing mirror of a car.

Please could you all take extra precaution and watch out for children.

I would encourage you all to walk with your children to and from school. This is not only a healthy activity but enables them to know their neighbourhood and is healthier for our environment. If you follow road safety rules it also helps to reinforce those safety behaviours which we teach at school.

When walking with your young child to and from school:

- When crossing streets, for young children hold their hand
- Use our monitored after school crossings
- Observe all traffic signals and traffic laws
- Remind children drivers may not always see them.
- For young children join one of our walking school buses

Older pupils walking, scooting or biking to school

- All bicycle riders / scooters should follow the basic rules of the road
- Use bike lanes when available.
- Stop and look both ways before entering the street.
- Stop at all intersections, whether marked or unmarked.
- Respect traffic lights and stop signs.
- Please go over these with your child

The Build

The big concrete pour happened this Tuesday and we now have the foundations for the gymnasium completed. You can now see how big the internal floor will be for this amazing school asset. Very few primary or intermediate schools have access to a gymnasium, auditorium and heated school pool.

Over the next few weeks we will see the steel frame erected and we will all be able to see the size of this building. I know that Jesse will be looking forward to training the basket ball boys in here.





News from Whānau

Congratulations Ryan

During the school holidays Ryan represented New Zealand in the GKR Karate World Cup in England.

Ryan won a gold medal for his Kata and a silver for team Kata. For this style of karate, that makes Ryan world champion of his division.

This is a huge effort from Ryan after many years of training and we are all very proud of the dedication and effort he put in!



School Cross Country

On Wednesday of last week the weather behaved well enough for our school to have the annual Intermediate Cross Country. Conditions were a little muddy underfoot and did add some country conditions to the city.

Congratulations to all our pupils who gave it a go and completed the course.

Special congratulations to Tessa Broad (Yr7 girls), Jack Hackett (Yr7 boys), Frankie (Yr8 girls) and Josh Stewart (Yr8 boys) for coming in first in each of their categories, and to all those heading off to the Intermediate Central Zone Cross Country on September 3.





Teachers Day

Once a year we like to acknowledge our wonderful teaching staff and organise a special morning tea to say thank you, on behalf of parents, to all of the school staff for the efforts they make with our kids. This is especially important in the current climate when pressures on teachers are only increasing and the number of new teachers entering the profession are decreasing. This year we will be holding the morning tea on **Tuesday 27 August**.

There are four ways you can get involved with this event:

1. **Donate your time** to help cover playground duty on Tuesday 27 August from 10.15am - 11am. We need a total of ten people
2. **Donate some home baked goodies.** We need lots of lovely cakes, sausage rolls, biscuits, fruit platters - you name it so we can turn on a cracking morning tea. These will need to be delivered to the staffroom by 10am on Tuesday 27 August
3. **Donate some treats or goodies for goodie bags** which we put together for all teachers and support staff. We will make approximately 75 bags and any suggestions are welcome. Last Year we included soaps handmade by some of the kids, delicious tomatoes from Sabato, assorted goodies from Tasti and Toothcrush toothbrushes
4. **Donate some money** to go toward items for the goodie bags. We haven't done this in the past however some parents have said they would like to donate a small sum so we can go and buy extra items for the goodie bags.



Please get in touch with Kristen at kristendemonchy@gmail.com if you would like to be involved in any way. Balmoral PTA account number: 06-0145-0226748-00 should you wish to donate some money.

Thanks in advance for your help and showing appreciation to our wonderful teaching and school staff.



If you are shopping at Bakers Delight Eden Quarter, mention you are from Balmoral School every time you shop and a percentage of your order will be donated to our school!





INTERMEDIATE
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