

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 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 26 July 2019

### Dates to Diary

<b>Mt Albert Grammar 2020</b>	<b>Monday 29 July at MAGS 7-9pm</b>
<b>Intermediate Cross-Country</b>	<b>Wednesday 31 July</b>
<b>Primary Assembly</b>	<b>Friday 2 August 9.15am</b>
<b>BPPG Fono</b>	<b>Tuesday 6 August</b>
<b>Eden Albert Rugby</b>	<b>Tuesday 6 August</b>
<b>CZ Boys Basketball</b>	<b>Wednesday 7 August</b>
<b>Intermediate Open Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 7 August 9.15am -12.15pm</b>
<b>Open Evening</b>	<b>Wednesday 7 August 6.00pm – 7.30pm</b>
<b>Taster Basketball Yr 3 - 8</b>	<b>Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 August</b>
<b>Primary Assembly</b>	<b>Friday 16 August 9.15am</b>
<b>BoT Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday 20 August 7.30pm</b>
<b>Intermediate Movie Night PTA</b>	<b>Thursday 22 August 6.00pm</b>
<b>Eden Albert Netball</b>	<b>Tuesday 27 August</b>
<b>The Arts Performance Evening</b>	<b>Wednesday 28 August 7pm</b>
<b>Primary Assembly (Koru)</b>	<b>Friday 30 August 9.15am</b>
<b>Tongan Language Week</b>	<b>2-6 September</b>
<b>The Great Balmoral ARTZ Festival</b>	<b>Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 September</b>
<b>NZ AIMS Tournament Tauranga</b>	<b>Sunday 8 to Friday 13 September</b>
<b>Te wiki o te reo Māori</b>	<b>Rāhina 9 to Rāmere 13 Mahuru</b>
<b>Tongan/Niuean/Fijian night</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> September 6pm</b>
<b>BoT Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday 17 September 7.30pm</b>
<b>Fijian Language Week</b>	<b>23- 27 September</b>

Please check the calendar on our school website ([www.balmoral.school.nz](http://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**

At the end of last term, I was fortunate to be able to attend the New Zealand Principals Federation Conference. There were a number of key note speakers but one that I was keen to hear was Yong Zhao. In an earlier newsletter I wrote about the writings of Yong Zhao, in particular, his thoughts on the [unintended consequences and side effects](#) of interventions in education ([video link](#)).

Yong challenged us to not see any child as a statistical probability. He asserted that it is the individualities in each and every one of us that make the world work. He said we also need to realise that as an individual we cannot necessarily be great at everything, but that one person's weakness is another person's strength, and by working together we obtain true collaboration.

Finally, he urged us all to believe that everyone can be great, and it is finding a child's uniqueness that is a key goal of education.

**Kia pai tō rā whakatā (Have a good weekend)**

**Naku noa**

**Malcolm Milner**

**Principal (Te Tumuaki)**

**Balmoral Intermediate Open Morning and Open Evening  
Wednesday 7 August  
9.15 – 12.30pm  
or  
6.00 - 7.30pm**

On Wednesday 7 August we will be holding our annual open morning and open evening. Prospective intermediate students are encouraged to attend with parents or another adult. You will have time to visit our intermediate campus and talk to us about our learning model for the emerging adolescent.

We look forward to seeing you here on Wednesday 7 August.

## Whakatou

Thanks to those members of our community who took the time out of their day to attend our Whakataou on Tuesday. These hui are an integral part of welcoming people both old and young into our community. Thanks for your support.

## Building Project

The build had a number of delays over the holidays due to the inclement weather. The construction company are now hoping to pour the gymnasium concrete slab in one pour on 6 August. Let's hope for stable weather over the next few days

The block work for the new changing rooms at the pool has been completed. You can see these changing rooms to the left of this picture. Foundations for the intermediate block (left of picture) have been poured and block work has begun.



## Balmoral Intermediate National Writer and National Illustrator

Congratulations To Lucy Kennedy (Shire 1) and Saskia Barton-Mune (Shire 7) who had work published in Toitoti, a national journal of writing and art by young New Zealanders ages 5-13. Toitoti celebrates the creative talent of our young people.

Lucy's written piece 'The Prize Giving' and Saskia's illustrations appear on pages 17 and 54 respectively. These books will be available to other children in our school library.

You can learn more about Toitoti here [www.toitoti.nz](http://www.toitoti.nz)



## Balmoral Intermediate North Island Champions Orienteering

Balmoral Intermediate had a fantastic weekend of Orienteering down in the Hawkes Bay these school holidays. Matthew Greenwood, Felix McElwee and Ollie Gladding capped off by winning the trophy for Top North Island Intermediate School (Boys Division). It was a

really close contest of our three against Pukekohe Intermediate's team of 10 boys, but we just got there.

In the individual races, Matthew, Felix, Ollie were 1, 2, 21 in the Sprint and 2, 5, 20 in the Long Championship grade, all of which scored points for the Top School competition. They came third in the relay behind two Pukekohe teams, but scored in 2nd place for team points as only one team from each school counted for scoring. Full credit to the team for their effort and not getting phased by the steep, muddy and physical Hawkes Bay farmland.



### **Balmoral Intermediate Band Taiko Top of the Pops**

On Friday 5 July our Intermediate Band 'Taiko' were invited to perform at the New Zealand Principals Federation Conference at the Sky City Convention Center.

The crowd of over 380 people was the largest audience they had ever performed in front of!

This group did an fantastic job of showcasing Balmoral Schools passion for music and performance, and our amazing music department lead by Alex and Sarah.

Thank to Alex, Sarah and Trish for enabling this to happen.



## Partial Strike by Principals

Currently principals covered by the Primary Principals Collective Agreement are taking partial strike action. The action has been to disengage from working with the Ministry of Education.

This strike action is being taken because Primary Principals have been offered a base salary at a lower rate than a Secondary Principal. This lack of parity is unfair and is the same type of behaviour used against our Primary Teachers which resulted in a number of strikes. This strike action has been designed not to interrupt what is happening in our school but to focus on disrupting the MoE.

The NZEI has called for a national day of support on **Friday 9 August**. The purpose of this day will be to put pressure on the Government and show them there is strong community support for primary principals across the country by wearing green.



## Participants needed for study on Memory Performance and Speech Behaviour in Children!

I am looking for volunteers aged 5, 6, 7 and 10 who are willing to participate in a computer based memory task. The study involves a one-off approximately 20-minute long session conducted at the University of Auckland. Parents are entered into a draw to win one of many \$50 vouchers for their engagement with the study.

This research is an exciting opportunity to explore for the first time in New Zealand how speech behaviour is related to memory performance in children here in NZ. This area of research is of interest and value as memory performance has previously been shown to be linked with a number of aspects including classroom behaviour and academic ability – but never here in NZ.

If you wish to participate, or have any questions, please email Shari at [s.cave@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:s.cave@auckland.ac.nz) and I can provide you with further information about the study.

APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND HUMAN PARTICIPANTS ETHICS COMMITTEE  
on March 22, 2019 FOR 3 YEARS REFERENCE NUMBER 022651.



## 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](mailto: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

# MOVIE NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE

**AUGUST 22 • 6-8 PM**

*at the School Hall*

TICKETS ON SALE SOON.  
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



## Community Notices

Here's the next wonderful Mash Up event.  
Free to all thanks to Albert-Eden Local Board..... 😊

The Free Family Fun Day Mash Up Event  
Saturday, August 10th, 12pm till 3.00pm



The Family Fun Day Mash Up is a true celebration of family and community - and it's free!

The lineup for the second 'Mash Up' of 2019 is a special one, featuring **Bernie Griffen and the Thin Men**, **Le Cirque de JP** and **Captain Festus McBoyle's Travellin' Variety Show**, all under one roof to entertain kids and parents alike.

Plus: Face painting (5 bucks a face), hot food and beverages onsite, Irish dance performances from the **O'Sullivan School of Irish Dance**, cake stalls - and a food bank for all your dry and tinned food donations.

### Local Sandringham Family Home Available For Short Term Rent.

20 August - 14 November.

Perfect for local family doing a reno or are you selling and need bridging accommodation?

Property information available on Airbnb <https://tinyurl.com/SandringhamRental>

\$945 per week ~ includes unlimited fibre and normal usage of water/power/gas

Please feel free to contact me directly, Emma McDowall 021 467 469 or [emmalouisemcdowall@gmail.com](mailto:emmalouisemcdowall@gmail.com)



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ENTIRE HOUSE

Peaceful & Cosy Central Villa

6 guests · 3 bedrooms · 5 beds · 2 baths

Secure parking · Wifi · Kitchen · Central Heating

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## Blended Family Success: Expert Advice

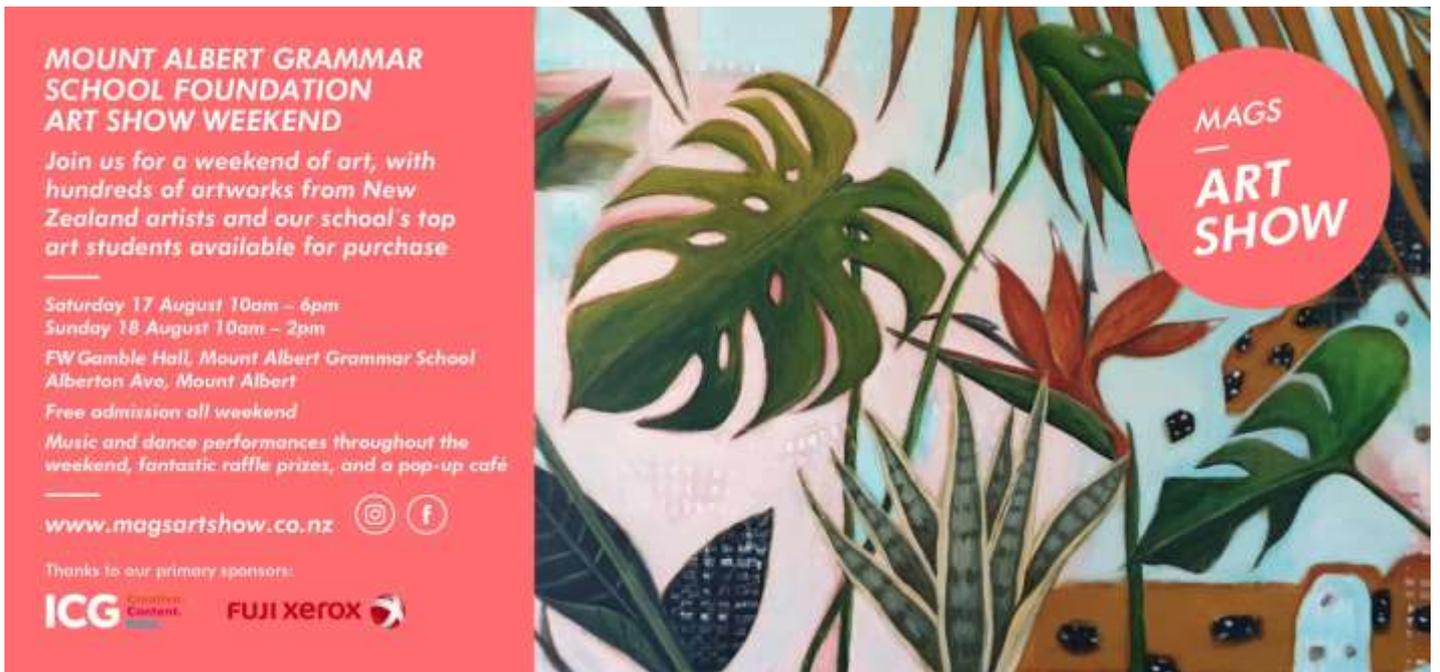
**ONE DAY ONLY.** Essential information for every couple on how create a united, supportive home life and help children adjust in a step family.

Overcome common challenges and learn practical strategies that really work! Live happily ever after in your stepfamily! Last workshop this year. Numbers limited.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September: 8.30am – 3.30pm**

**Venue:** The Parenting Place, Greenlane, Auckland

**For tickets go to:** [www.blendedfamilysuccess.nz/events](http://www.blendedfamilysuccess.nz/events) **email:** [adele@stepfamilyhelp.info](mailto:adele@stepfamilyhelp.info)



**MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION ART SHOW WEEKEND**

Join us for a weekend of art, with hundreds of artworks from New Zealand artists and our school's top art students available for purchase

Saturday 17 August 10am – 6pm  
Sunday 18 August 10am – 2pm

FW Gamble Hall, Mount Albert Grammar School  
Alberton Ave, Mount Albert

Free admission all weekend

Music and dance performances throughout the weekend, fantastic raffle prizes, and a pop-up café

[www.magsartshow.co.nz](http://www.magsartshow.co.nz)  

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## 2019 Auckland Regional Sport Stacking (cup stacking) Tournament

Stackers from around the country return to Auckland for the penultimate sanctioned tournament for 2019. Competition is open to everyone, with our Novice section enabling those new to the sport to compete alongside seasoned stackers, facing the same thrill of a competition whilst striving for goals and records amongst those of equal experience.

This is a fun filled family event. Auckland is home to some of New Zealand's fastest stackers, and you can be sure that cups and records will fly as our experienced stackers vie to beat their own times, as well as those of their closest competitors. Novice stackers practice and compete amongst the experienced stackers, and will find that although competition is fierce, camaraderie is high. Tips and tricks will be passed on freely, and you will be encouraged and supported every step of the way. Those novice records may be yours by the end of the day!

**Registrations close on Monday 12 August** and can be done online. All details including registration links are on the Speed Stacks (NZ) website Tournaments page: [www.speedstacks.co.nz/pages/auckland-tournament](http://www.speedstacks.co.nz/pages/auckland-tournament)



# MOUNT ROSKILL GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Enrolment forms available online [www.mrgs.school.nz](http://www.mrgs.school.nz)  
or from the school office

In zone or Out of zone?

If you missed the Open Day and would like a tour of our school please  
contact

[admin@mrgs.school.nz](mailto:admin@mrgs.school.nz) or 621 0050

Reminder:

Out of Zone Ballot for 2020 enrolments  
closes **4 September 2019**