

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 3rd May 2019

Dates to Diary

Year 5/6 Camp

Tuesday 7 May to Friday 10 May 2:30pm

Paid Union Meeting

Friday 10 May 12.30pm

PTA Comedy Night

Friday 10 May

Readers/Writers Festival

Monday 13 May

Possible Strike

Wednesday 29 May

Meet the BoT Candidates

Thursday 30 May @ 7pm

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

Early this week I attended the Year 8 Camp on Motutapu Island. Next week our Year 5/6 pupils are off to Camp Adair at Hunua Falls. Outdoor Education activities such as these are an important part of our local curriculum.

We would like our pupils to learn in a wide variety of contexts in order to gain the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values required to enjoy a healthy lifestyle; take responsibility for their own safety; form positive and respectful relationships with their peers, adults, and the environment; and participate in the creation of safer communities. Many parts of our curriculum are covered at camp but it is the dispositional behaviours or the Balmoral Habits that come to the fore in these experiences.

The [OECD Learning Framework for 2030](#) reinforces the need for schools to aid the development of the social and emotional skills (e.g. empathy, self-efficacy and

collaboration). The 2030 OECD Framework goes further to state that these skills are as essential as literacy and numeracy for those children who will be entering adulthood in 2030. There is no better place to practice these skills than in the great outdoors.

We also know from the latest neuroscience research that the strongest memories are formed when children access knowledge that is built in different parts of the brain, connected, rich and multidimensional. Outdoor Education enables teachers to provide students with this multiplicity approach.

It does take a huge number of people hours to organise camps and I appreciate the teaching staff and our support staff, who work incredibly hard before and during these experiences. Camps also can't happen without the parents who take time off work to provide supervision. Thanks to everyone involved for their efforts in making camps happen in 2019.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā (Have a good weekend)

Naku noa

Malcolm Milner

Principal (Te Tumuaki)

Whakataū

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

PAID UNION MEETING (PUM)

Friday 10 May from 12.30pm

School Canteen Closed

The Ministry of Education has made a series of offers to settle the two collective agreements. However, the last two of these offers have been made within the same fiscal envelope.

As with the previous offers, in secret ballots of teachers and principals conducted independently in the week 1-5 April, NZEI members covered by the Primary Teachers Collective Agreement and the Primary Principals voted overwhelmingly to reject the Ministry's latest offer.

On the afternoon Friday 10 May the majority of our teachers are attending a Paid Union Meeting.

The Year 5/6 teachers who are at camp on Friday 10 May have agreed not to attend a paid union meeting. I appreciate their considered actions to ensure that our pupils can have the full benefit of the week at camp.

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, children and our school, staff are legally entitled to attend.

Thank you for your support.

Staffing Changes

Today is Gretchen's last day at school. I would like to thank Gretchen for all the work she has done behind the scenes in our office. Gretchen has accepted a part time position at Auckland University and is also completing her doula certification.

At the end of last term the Board of Trustees reluctantly accepted Dao Evan's (Room 22) resignation. Dao's last day at school will be Friday 10 May. We thank Dao for her contribution to our New Entrant team and wish her all the best.

Suzanne Preece returns from leave and will be teaching in Room 22 (NE / Year 1) for the remainder of the year.

Maureen O'Meara has reduced her hours and will now be job sharing with Carly Pothan in Room 26 (Year 2).

Alexandra Hunter arrived safely from Canada and has begun work in Shire 6 (Year 8).

Stephen Slater-Brown began teaching Shire 7 (Year 7) on 8 April.

Congratulations to our Intermediate Cricket Team

The NZ Post Cricket team have had a great term. Balmoral came top in their pool against Northcote, Ponsonby, Mt Roskill and Blockhouse Bay.

A win against Saint Kentigern in the semi finals put them into the Auckland finals. The team came up short on Wednesday 10 April at the final vs Kings but second best in Auckland is a superb feat!

Well done to Fraser Gough, Henry Olliver, Jake Thorne, Josh Stewart, Kazik Swain, Lucas Fong, Max Paynter, Prabhas Bachu, Rudra Brahmabhatt, Tom Jones, & Vinnie Shaw.

A huge thank you to Andrew Swain and Mark Jones for Managing and Coaching the team.



Balmoral School Library Hours Extended Mon – Thurs 3.30pm Closing

There is much research to support the importance of children being read to. It helps improve their learning as well as a love of books and stories. In order to support parents being able to read to and with their children, our library will be open from Monday until Thursday until 3.30pm during Term 2.

Please come and talk to our fabulous school librarians Liz and Nicola and find a suitable book to share as a family.



BoT Elections Key Dates

- **Friday 10th May:** Nomination forms for prospective Board Members distributed. These will be mailed to all eligible voters. A copy of these forms will be available at the school office
- **Friday 24th May:** Nominations Close **Noon**. (Any nominations received after 12 noon on Friday 24th May will not be accepted)
 - An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies.
For our school the number of parent vacancies is 5
- **Wednesday 29th May 2019:** Voting Papers will be distributed. If there are more nominations than vacancies for parent representatives, eligible voters will be posted a voting form and candidates' statements (where provided).
- **7 June:** Voting Closes **Noon**
- **14 June:** BoT takes Office

On **Thursday 30th May** at **7pm** we will be holding a 'meet the candidates' meeting at school. Keep this date free.

Building Progress

During the term break Southbase continued on the earthworks. There is a need to remove a substantial amount of soil to build the pool changing sheds underneath the gymnasium and the bottom story of the intermediate block.



Safety at the School Gate

The inappropriate behaviour of some drivers (who are parents) on the roads around our school never fails to amaze me. We have drivers doing 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 makes the roads very unsafe for our pupils.

With the winter season upon us and with the increase in construction traffic due to our re-build, could all parents please take a little more care and drive and park responsibly outside our school.



BALMORAL COMEDY CLUB

A huge welcome to our new sponsor, **Robyn Ellson of Ray White Ponsonby**. Robyn and family are in our school community and it's fantastic to have her come on board to support the upcoming Comedy Club.

What a terrific night it will be!

IT'S A BALMORAL SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISER!

BALMORAL COMEDY CLUB

ON SALE APRIL 1ST

AND MORE!
FRIDAY 10 MAY
AT ALBERT WAR MEMORIAL HALL

CLASSIC
THE BEST OF THE LEGEND

Robyn Ellson
Selling beautiful homes
in central Auckland.
We love this city.

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LAST FEW TICKETS AVAILABLE!

There are still 12 tickets available for the Comedy Night. Can be a table of 10 or split up into smaller groups. Contact Steph Vercoe steph.vercoe@gmail.com to secure them.

RAFFLE or AUCTION ITEMS FOR COMEDY CLUB PLEASE

Do you, your company or any of your friends or family have something they could contribute to raffle or auction items for the Balmoral Comedy Club?

We need some more goodies and hope you can help. Some ideas are... Bach for a weekend, event tickets, pampering or make up products, homewares, services, food & wine, vouchers for anything.

This is a great way to promote your business or services to the school community - we promote your product / service to our 900+ FB followers.

It doesn't need to be massive, as we often bundle products together into packs. But if you do have something big we will auction it off.

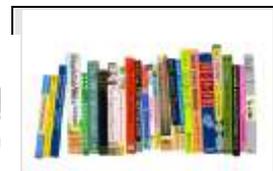
Please contact Anna: anna.morton@xtra.co.nz



Facebook Photos – Friends of Balmoral School Facebook Page

It is important that we know if you would prefer that your children's photos do not appear on the PTA Facebook Page – Friends of Balmoral School. A flyer is going to be sent home to all families during shortly with more information so keep an eye out for that. If you would like to ensure that your child's photo DOES NOT appear on any of our Facebook posts, please email pta@balmoral.school.nz with your child's full name (including any names they may be known as), their current room number, and a photograph. We can assure you that this information will be kept strictly confidential.

Whittaker's Library Book Fundraiser!



It's Term 2 and time for our annual School Library Fundraiser!

Hopefully by now you will have received the email and flyer about the Whittaker's Library Book Fundraiser. This is a major fundraiser for the school, and allows for the purchase of over \$10,000 of new books each year, making Balmoral School Library one of the best in Auckland!

Don't forget to return the form to the PTA box at the school office by 3pm Thursday 9th May if you do not want your child to bring home a box of chocolate. Remember that you can still donate the \$24 instead of selling a box – (this is the same amount of money the school will make from the return of \$60 for a box of chocolates sold)

If we do not hear from you, a box of chocolates will be sent home with your child on the 14th/ 15th of May.

Please get in and support the fundraiser! Every box of chocolates sold allows for the purchase of at least one new book!

Email the team at balmoralschoolchocolates@gmail.com if you have any queries.



GET YOUR NEW ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

The 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Memberships are here, with exclusive offers for everything you love to do. Packed with amazing offers for activities, attractions, shopping, travel and all kinds of tasty treats - from cool cafes to fabulous fine dining.

20% of every membership sold goes to our school. Support our fundraising by [ordering your membership here](#)

Community Notice

Child care/home help/ babysitter

My name's Tayla Smit and I'm a student currently in my 5th year of medical school looking for casual child care or babysitting work. I am very friendly and approachable and have a lot of experience looking after children as well as having many younger siblings and cousins. I live around this area and am available in the evenings, weekends and potentially afternoons and holidays on a casual basis. Feel free to contact me on 0221691821 or email tayla.s321@gmail.com if you are needing any help.

Kia Ora

I am the Audience Coordinator for the children's tv programme 'What Now' (8-10am Sunday on TVNZ 2).

During 2019 we are broadcasting from around the country, show casing a different community each week. On Sunday 9th June our show will be coming live from Mount Eden, and I would like to invite your families to be part of the live audience! Families (including adults) are all invited to come and experience live tv being made while being part of our awesome audience...& it's FREE!! As space is limited, we work on a 'first in best dressed' approach.

Please register online if you would like to be part of the audience www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience
We look forward to joining your community in 2019!

Kind Regards Suzanne Irvine