



Newsletter 1 -Term 1 -19 February 2020

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Kia Parents and Whanau
Welcome to the 2020 school year.

Ko Melissa Nelson toku ingoa. I am excited and proud to be the new Principal of Bellevue School. I look forward to meeting many of you in person in the coming weeks and months.

A bit about me:

I live south of Katikati on a kiwi fruit orchard with my husband Shayne, who is a Fire Officer at the Mount Maunganui Fire Station. We have four children; Grace, Kinnon, Hunter and Paris. Grace manages a kiwi fruit orchard in Katikati and one day wants to join the Police. Kinnon is studying psychology in Dunedin and Hunter is about to join him down south, as he starts his journey to become a teacher. Paris is in her last year at Tauranga Girls College and is an avid musician and horse rider. As a family, we love travelling, camping, boating (wake boarding/biscuiting), fishing, spending time at the beach and looking after our large number of pets.

I have been teaching since 1996, when I began my career in Auckland, at Papatoetoe Central Primary School. After one year, I moved to Katikati Primary, where I spent 17 years- in a variety of levels, roles and positions. During that time, I worked part time as a Leadership and Assessment Facilitator for an Auckland based firm, Evaluation Associates.

After winning a study award to begin my Master's degree in School Leadership in 2013, I returned to Katikati College as Head of Years 7 and 8. I spent three years there before moving to Mount Maunganui Intermediate as the Deputy Principal in 2017. In 2018, I was the acting Principal whilst our principal was on leave. During this time, I discovered that principalship was for me. I enjoyed the diversity of the role, the challenges to my thinking and philosophy, and the opportunity for personal growth. In particular, I am passionate about inspiring teams of people to achieve a clear and shared vision for excellence in education for all children and principalship offers me the platform to pursue this passion.

As the new Principal at Bellevue, my immediate goal is to establish relationships with children, staff and whanau. I wish to acknowledge the contributions of those who have come before me. I am very keen to hear any ideas or feedback from community members about our cool school. Later in the term, I will be sending out a survey, asking for your thoughts about our school. In the meantime, if you'd like to pop in for a chat, please feel free and encouraged to do so. To make a time, contact the school office, or email me at mnelson@bellevue.school.nz

Whanau Open Evening

Thursday 20 February

This Thursday, we are having our Whanau Open evening. School will be open from 5pm - 6.30pm. All families are encouraged to come along to meet the classroom teacher and to hear about class routines and expectations, school wide events/information and to connect with other families. Presentations will be done by teachers in different areas of the school, at different times, so you can visit two or three classrooms if need be. The times of class teacher presentations are:

Junior 5pm Middle 5.20 Senior 5.45 Montessori 5.45

We would love to see as many families as possible join us on Thursday to build relationships with our wonderful staff. There will be free sausage sizzle on site, so come along for a sausage and a chat and find out about your child's teacher, class and learning programme.

I look forward to meeting lots of you on Thursday. :-)

Ma te wa
Whaea Melissa

Tent City –Senior Camp

What a fantastic time the senior team had at Tent City last week. We would like to say a massive thank you to all those parents that donated food and volunteered their time to help run Tent city.

You Rock!



- We had loads of fun...
- Building new friendships
 - Playing sports
 - Slippery slide
 - Visiting parks
 - Swimming in the harbor
 - Yummy food
 - Playing spot-light in the dark
 - Developing good team building skills

Dates to remember

Whanau Opening Evening -Thursday 20th February-tomorrow night.

There will be a free sausage sizzle to have while you wander around.

Junior 5pm

Middle 5.20pm

Senior 5.45pm

Montessori 5.45pm

We look forward to seeing you.

Teacher Only Days

13th March 2020

2nd June 2020

17th August 2020

27th October 2020

TERM DATES

2020 Term Dates

Term 1- 03 Feb-09 April

Term 2- 28 April-03 July

Term 3- 20 July-25 Sept

Term 4- 12 Oct-16 Dec

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Thinking about selling your property?

Want our school to receive \$500?

Contact Mark Francis today.

TREMAINS

027 554 6653



PTA.....



Senior Camp Fundraiser

Juicies for sale very Friday lunchtime, outside school hall, till end of term
\$1 dollar each

Make a Splash

Our school pool is now open after school

3-4pm

Monday-Thursday

\$1 entry

Children must be supervised

This is run by volunteers and no bad behavior will be tolerated.



School Hats now on sale on Kindo

All children will need to wear a hat in Term 4 & Term 1.

If they do not have a hat, children will be sent to a designated area under the shade, and not be able to

Absentees:

Friendly reminder to all parents and caregivers. If your child is going to be absent from school, please do one of the following:



Call the office on 07 576 5916, press option 1, leave a message



Text the school and leave a message on 027 379 613



Send an email to admin@bellevue.school.nz



Dear Parents and Whanau

As I'm sure you have heard, we are all rehearsing for our production, "Maui the Magnificent" which goes on stage on the 18th and 19th March. The show takes place at Bethlehem College Performing Arts Centre and will be an **AMAZING** showcase of the Bellevue kid's talent!

As part of our preparation, the whole school will attend three rehearsals at the theatre. We have booked buses to transport the children to and from Bethlehem College on the following dates:
Monday 16 March, Wednesday 18 March and Thursday 19 March.

The cost for this transport is \$12 per student for all three bus rides. We would appreciate you paying this to the school via kindo, (or through the office) by Friday 6 March. Please note that in the past, there has been a \$15 fee for costume hire, for Gobsmaeked productions. This year, there will be **no charge for this**, as the school has entered into the Ministry of Education's Donation Scheme.

Learning materials are available for students to practice at home through the Gobsmaeked 'Online Learning Service.' Resources include: vocal and backing tracks, music scores, lyrics, videoed dance choreography and the script. "Practice makes perfect," so please encourage your child to utilise the available resources and practice their class item at home. For access: **GO TO:** www.gobsmaeked.nz - Online Learning – **Username:** bellevueschool
Password: gsmack16

All costumes for the musical are provided by Gobsmaeked. However, we advise that **ALL girls** wear a **shoestring black singlet** and **black bike pants** underneath their costume so that everyone can get changed without a changing room. Boys are welcome to wear little black shorts if they feel self-conscious about getting changed in front of their classmates.

Rooms 16 and 17 will also need to provide black shoes with white socks that fold over at the ankles.

To receive regular updates regarding the progress of your child, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram 'gobsmaekedproductions'.

Patrice Williams.
Director of Gobsmaeked

Melissa Nelson
Principal