



Belmont Intermediate School

Leading Excellence in Intermediate School Education

Newsletter 1 - 12 February 2021

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the School,
Tena Koutou Katoa Nga mihi nui Ki a Koutou Katoa.

Welcome back to Belmont Intermediate School for the start of 2021. As your Board, Principal, and Senior Leaders, we are excited about the year ahead.

I trust that you have all enjoyed your holiday, spending quality time with friends and family. We have certainly been lucky with the weather and long may this continue. A very special welcome to parents and students new to the school. You have all joined a vibrant, happy, welcoming and successful learning community. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our returning Year 8 students and families.

I look forward to and relish the beginning of the school year as it is an exciting time to start afresh, set new goals and targets and strive to improve. Staff and students have returned refreshed, inspired and enthusiastic about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. In my opinion it is crucial that any organisation, business or club be aspirational and strive for continuous improvement. Small incremental gains in our ability to teach reading, writing and maths to a high standard will improve outcomes for your child. That has always been our focus. As a school we have continued to employ experts in the fields of mathematics and GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) to work with our staff throughout the year. I look forward to keeping you informed of our progress in these areas as the year progresses.

We are delighted to welcome a number of new staff members to the BIS family. Ms Gail Moynagh, Ms Lauren O'Sullivan, Mrs Helene Piper and Mr Michael Cox (term 1 only), have all settled in well to Belmont Intermediate School.

Some significant improvements and upgrades have been made to the school over the summer holidays. All specialist classrooms and Rooms 8 - 11 have been painted, state-of-the-art acoustics have been installed in the hall so our assemblies, concerts, presentations and musicals can be heard at their best quality, the asphalt basketball court has been resurfaced with four layer rubberised epoxy to go with the newly installed AirTime Hoops from 2020, a new shade sail and artificial turf has been installed outside rooms 8 - 11 to provide more cover for our students during break times. And, lastly, the outdoor playground has had new artificial turf and rubberised shock padding installed at its base to replace the often soggy and not-so-soft bark. Photos are further on in the newsletter.

All teachers have talked to the students about our Student Guide for 2021 and its contents. Can I strongly suggest that you put aside some time to go through the Student Guide with your child over the weekend so that they are aware of the standards and expectations of our school. A copy is available for download at www.belmontint.school.nz > Parents A-Z. Classroom teachers will review this document regularly throughout the year, however I would appreciate your support with the expectations and standards associated with our school.

respect | excellence | humility | courage | creativity | integrity
manaaki | hiranga | tū whakaiti | kaha | auahatanga | ngākau tapatahi

Starting a new year at intermediate school can be daunting for your son or daughter, so I would like to offer some suggestions about how you can make the transition as smooth as possible:

- Start your routines again as soon as you can. Getting back to school-day bedtimes is a good place to start. Decide on a school-day routine and stick to it. Finding a quiet place to complete homework is also beneficial for your child's learning. Can you also suggest that you discuss device time limits with your children.
- Talk about change. Whether it is a new school or a change in your family's circumstances, make time to talk about any fears or worries. If necessary, accompany your child to their classroom as they familiarise themselves with their new surroundings. I encourage this and would like to make it clear that our parents/ caregivers are always welcome at our school.

A full schedule of events for Term 1 is available on our [website calendar](#) and upcoming dates are in this newsletter. It has been an extremely positive start to the year. I have enjoyed visiting all the classrooms, greeting students at the gate and talking to them about their aims and aspirations for the year. I am sure that 2021 is going to be an exceptional one at BIS.

Ngā mihi nui



Nick Hill
Principal



Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Monday, 22 February	BOT Meeting, 6:30pm in the Boardroom
Monday, 1 March	Y7 Netball Trial 1, BIS Courts 1:10pm - 3:00pm
Monday, 1 March - Friday, 5 March	Camp 1 (Rangitoto) at Waipu Cove
Wednesday, 3 March	Y7 Netball Trial 2, BIS Courts 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Friday, 5 March	Swimming Zone Day
Monday, 8 March - Friday, 12 March	Year 7 EOTC Week
Monday, 8 March - Friday, 12 March	Camp 2 (Motuihe) at Waipu Cove
Thursday, 11 March	Boys Cricket Zone Day
Friday, 12 March	Triathlon Zone Day
Monday, 15 March	Y8 Netball Trial 1, BIS Courts 1:10pm - 3:00pm
Wednesday, 17 March	Y8 Netball Trial 2, BIS Courts 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday, 18 March	Girls Cricket Zone Day

Start of the Year Information for Parents/ Caregivers

Online Shop & Ezlunch

All school payments such as the annual activity fee, donations, class trips, activities, sports and extra-curricular activities including permissions need to be made on our [Online Shop](#) so we encourage you to register an account as soon as possible. School lunches can also be ordered from our online shop, the lunches are provided by Five Loaves in Devonport (everyday) and Pita Pit (Monday and Friday only). Both lunch providers have been accredited with the Heart Foundation's Fuelled4Life certification (Log in to our online shop to view the menu for 2021).

Choose to pay-as-you-go, or add funds to your account in advance, using internet banking, account2account or Visa/Mastercard (fees apply for credit card transactions). Help and support can be found here: 09-869 5200 or helpdesk@ezlunch.co.nz

Facebook and School App

Keep up to date with the happenings and news at Belmont Intermediate School, by liking our [Facebook page](#). We use our school app, 'Flexischools' to send out alerts and for any urgent information for parents. Go to the App Store to download it to your device.

Join the Belmont Intermediate PTA

The PTA organise several fundraisers for the school over the year and have lots fun along the way. If you would like to get involved please contact the PTA secretary, Moya Cutts at moyacutts@gmail.com

The next meeting (AGM & GBM) is Wednesday, 24 February 7pm BIS staffroom, all are welcome to come along and find out more.

Updating Changes of Contact Details

It is vitally important that we have the most up to date information, so if any of you or your child's contact details change, please email Maggie Mclroy at office@belmontint.school.nz directly with the particular change.



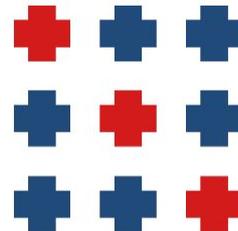
Year 7 & 8 School Based Immunisation Programme 2021

Year 7 students will be offered Boostrix vaccine (dTap) in school. This vaccine is a booster of diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough most children received last as pre-schoolers.

Year 8 students will be offered Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in school. This is a NZ schedule vaccine recommended to be given at 12 years of age. Students need two doses with a 6 month gap between dose 1 and 2.

Information on the vaccine and a consent form will be sent home with your child. Please complete the form and return to the school. If you would like more information on this important Immunisation programme please go to [WDHB School immunisations](#).

BIS PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



NEEDS NEW MEMBERS FOR 2021

Come join the monthly meetings and help organise fundraising events for our school.

Meet other parents and have fun.

please see <https://www.belmontint.school.nz/our-school/pta>

Supporting the Learning and Health Needs of students at BIS

There are many students with learning and/ or health needs at our school and it is important to keep us informed of this vital information. If your child requires support or has any specific conditions that may require assistance, guidance, adaptation or accommodation, please contact Claire Janes, Deputy Principal and SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) on 489 4878 ext. 126 or cjanes@belmontint.school.nz. If any of the below three items relate to your child, please contact Claire Janes.

Education & Learning Needs

If your child has any RTL, Ed Psych, SPELD, ORS, ACC, IEP reports or any other educational and learning needs, please ensure that these reports are passed on to our school, so that we can support your child according to the specified recommendations.

Health Needs

If your child has a medical condition or allergy that requires medication e.g. Ventolin, antihistamine, EpiPen, insulin or migraine medication please send me an email or call to check that I have a care plan and instructions with permission to administer medication.

Physical Needs

If your child has a physical condition, short term or long term, which may need our support at school please email or phone me and we can discuss how the school can help to support you and your child. Thank you to all of those who have already provided this information.

School News

Parent Mid-Term Election Declaration of Results



Belmont Intermediate School

Board of Trustees Election
Declaration of Parent Mid-Term
Election Results

Parent Representative Votes:

Chong, Anner	36
Delany, Trevor	78
Elkins, Elizabeth	93
Kistler, Pip	84
Veikune, Fatani	14
Invalid Votes	16

I hereby declare the following duly
elected:
Elkins, Elizabeth
Kistler, Pip

Signed: Trudy Byrne, Returning Officer

Upcoming Sports Registration and Trial Information

Basketball Trials

Year 8 Boys: Monday, 15 February 3:00pm-4:30pm

Year 7 Boys (second trial): Tuesday, 16 February 3:00-4:00pm

All Girls: Thursday, 18 February 3:00pm-4:30pm

All trials will be held at school and will be run by basketball coaches from TGS.

All basketball games will be played on Mondays after school (game time varies each week) at Eventfinda Stadium or AUT.

Water Polo Registration and Trial Dates

This year we will be moving to Glenfield Water Polo.

Students interested in playing water polo this year can register via the [online shop](#). Registrations close 22 February.

All trials will be held at Glenfield Leisure Centre Pool and will be run by Glenfield Water Polo. Trials will commence Tuesday, 9 March. Games will be played on Tuesdays after school (game time varies each week) with training on Tuesdays before school 7:00am-8:00am.

Netball Registration and Trial Dates

Students interested in playing netball can now register via the [online shop](#). Registrations close 24 February.

Trial Dates:

Year 7: Monday, 1 March: 1:10pm-3:00pm and

Wednesday, 3 March: 3:00pm-5:00pm.

Year 8: Monday, 15 March: 1:10pm-3:00pm and

Wednesday, 17 March 3:00pm-5:00pm.

All trials will be held at school and will be run by Netball North Harbour.

Please note that North Harbour Netball have split the Year 7 and Year 8 competition - Year 7's will play on Tuesdays and Year 8's on Thursdays.

For all our after school sports you must have registered and paid in order to trial for a team. If you have any questions about any sports please contact sports@belmontint.school.nz

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We would like to say a huge thank you to Sarah Furlong, one of our Teacher Aides, who organised the sale during the summer holidays and raised a large sum for our hardship fund. This is such an important event for families, to help with the cost of school uniforms, but also for our hardship fund, so we are able to assist with ensuring all of our students have access to everything that Belmont Intermediate has to offer. Thank you Sarah for volunteering your time and for achieving an outstanding result!



Success Outside of School

Early Athletic Success

Well done Connor Brady who did very well at the recent Colgate Games, North Island Champs. He won a silver medal for the 11 year old boys 200m and a bronze medal for the 11 year old boys 400m. He also had a great outcome in the South Island Champs, winning a silver medal for the 11 year old boys 200m. A great start to the year, Connor!

NZ Cycling National Road Series

Harry Shannon has had a great start to 2021 coming 3rd in the U15 Boys (NZ Cycling National Road Series) two-day Cycling Tour of Nelson. Good luck for the upcoming year, Harry!

Pictured on the left of the photo is Harry mid-race.



Surf Life Saving Champs

A great result for Isaac Richardson who competed in the Northern Regional Surf Life Saving Champs over Waitangi weekend. He won Gold in the Under 12 Beach Sprints, Silver in the Beach Sprint Relay team and Silver in the Beach Flags. This is a great achievement for him as he has never competed in this event before. Well done, Isaac!

Community News

LITTLECOOKS AT BELMONT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

TERM 1
FEBRUARY 5 - APRIL 9
FRIDAYS
3.30-4.30PM

FOOD TECH ROOM BIS
email team@littlecooks.co.nz to enrol
cost: \$288 (inc GST)

LittleCooks
cooking classes just for kids



The Devonport-Takapuna Kāhui Ako presents

An Online Safety Information Evening

With Rob & Zareen Cope - Parents & Filmmakers

WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH 2021 | 7PM - 8.30PM
TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 210 LAKE ROAD, TAKAPUNA

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to pornography, predators & social media access.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.
- This talk also includes an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs.

To find out more about Rob & Zareen's work visit www.ourkidsonline.info

Pocket Rockets Dance is excited to be back at BIS in 2021! Fridays after school in the Dance Studio

Intermediate Hiphop	3.15 - 4.15pm
Intermediate Contemporary	4.15 - 5.15pm
Teen Hiphop (age 13-18yrs)	5.15 - 6.15pm

Starting from Friday 12th Feb. Try your first class free!

Sign up here:

<https://www.pocketrockets.co.nz/enrolment>

Contact: Jane

021 140 3786

jane@pocketrockets.co.nz

www.pocketrockets.co.nz



Belmont Music Centre: Late Enrolments 2021

Belmont Music Centre runs a Saturday morning music school based at BIS.

Classes begin on Saturday, February 13 and run throughout the year.

Instruments still available include trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, violin, cello, flute, recorder and keyboards*

1 x year subscription is \$150

Instrument hire is also available

For further info, please see:

<http://www.belmontmusic.org.nz/>

belmontmusicmgr@gmail.com

*Limited numbers only

Health Notice

Meningitis is a dangerous bacterial infection that can be life-threatening and deadly in just a few hours. People who survive meningococcal disease often have serious long-term effects.

The Ministry of Health recommends that young people living in close together in places such as halls of residence be immunised against meningitis. Please find attached the Ministry of Health's brochure regarding meningitis and vaccines available to your child as they perhaps move on with their tertiary education and will be flatting or living in halls of residence.

Kind regards

Please also note that hard copies of this brochure are available free through the HealthEd website as follows:

<https://www.healthed.govt.nz/resource/immunise-against-meningococcal-disease>

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The School Rewards Program is a great fundraising opportunity, with \$15 worth of sports equipment being donated back to your school from every pair of shoes purchased.

This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes.

Ask one of our friendly team in store for more details!

 **School Rewards**
www.theathletesfoot.co.nz

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(09) 573 0105

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(09) 886 4972

Botany
(09) 888 0572

Albany
(09) 414 4200

Music Lessons after School: Guitar, Drums and Bass

If your child is interested in continuing or learning a new musical instrument please feel free to contact me, go to heathwatsonguitar.com for more information or call 021 256 1308. Guitar, bass and drums. 30min group lessons (single person lessons available too).

Looking for
DRUMS,
BASS, or
GUITAR
Lessons?



AJ

Macfarlane has tutoring slots available on weekday mornings at Belmont Intermediate for all of these instruments! AJ helps his students achieve their full potential in their bands and Grade examinations, as well as broadening their musical experience and abilities. Slots very limited, to book lessons and get in touch please visit: www.ajsmusictutoring.com or call 02102314586