



Belmont Intermediate School

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

Our focus for the week has been about connections, empathy and understanding as we build towards Pink Shirt Day. As a parent and Principal I am pleased to see the national focus on an issue that impacts so many people within society in general. I took the opportunity and platform that was provided to share with our students my own experiences of bullying when I was in Year 7. I wanted to be vulnerable with our kids and articulate the impact that experience had on me as an adolescent, the lessons I learnt from it and suggest some strategies to overcome such an experience should it happen to our tamariki. I emphasised the impact that bullying has on children and adults and the scars it can leave. I also emphasised the importance of communicating with their parents and wider whānau. Furthermore, I explained that in our school our students have caring, supportive and humble teachers, leaders and counsellors that will always listen first, not judge and provide tools and techniques to overcome instances of teasing or bullying that will lead to resilience. Finally, I made it clear that there is no place for bullying at our school and that every young person has the right to feel safe and secure coming to school. I know that you as parents are navigating this topic particularly when it comes to social media. The link below provides a wealth of information and services.

www.parentingplace.nz/

During our weekly assemblies I continue to emphasise the importance of being 'feedback hungry'. This means that we encourage our learners to seek feedback about their learning that is based on their learning intentions and success criteria. Students are encouraged to be clear in terms of the purpose of the task, how they know they will be successful and where to go next. I encourage you to have conversations at home with your children about their learning, progress and achievement. Seeking and acting on feedback is how we learn, it develops metacognitive skills, independent learning habits and encourages students to be reflective.

Our enhancement and extension programmes are also back up and running with groups of students being provided extra support in Literacy and Numeracy. Mr Howard is working with students in Literacy, while Mrs Williams is mentoring both Year 7 and 8 students in Mathematics.

As we move through Term 2 there will continue to be a focus on displaying positive attitudes and consideration of others. Manners will be reinforced, particularly in the way students speak to each other and adults. Families are invited to assist us by also focusing on these at home. Our school is committed to guiding our students towards good citizenship and development of high levels of interpersonal skills. Putting people first, being humble and thinking about our actions on a daily basis are at the heart of our school and our intent around developing people of character, whether they be students or adults.

I would like to encourage you to keep reading the body of the newsletter each fortnight. It is always packed with updates and information about all the wonderful 'extras' we are able to provide for the students here at BIS. We are very proud of our extensive and diverse program and we really do enjoy showcasing it here in our newsletter. It also gives us the opportunity to celebrate the students and thank the people working in the background to constantly make our student's school life full of options and colour that makes their intermediate experience one to enjoy and remember.

Finally, congratulations to those who received Principal's Certificates at our Formal Assembly yesterday: Jacob Sickling, Jeremy Kim, Jesse Frazerhurst, Jayde O'Keefe, Ava Trapski, Niko Rasovo, Jack Farmer, Lucas Kandziora, Elvis Lam, Mackenzie Campbell-Cree, Oscar Beech, Alex Craig, Rose Judson, Fletcher Gulik and Hosea Teasia.

Ngā mihi nui



Nick Hill
Principal



Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Wednesday, 26 May	Squash Zone Day
Monday, 31 May	Year 7 Girls Football Zone Day
Tuesday, 1 June	Year 8 Girls Football Zone Day
Friday, 4 June	Kahui Ako Conference for all teaching staff at TGS, school closed for instruction
Monday, 7 June	Queen's Birthday, school closed for instruction
Tuesday, 8 June	Chess Power Chess Tournament, BIS Hall
Wednesday, 9 June	Boys Hockey Zone Day
Wednesday, 9 June	Sports Camp Parent Information Evening, 6:30pm BIS Staffroom
Thursday, 10 June	Girls Hockey Zone Day
Wednesday, 16 June	North Shore Mathex, 9:15am - 1:00pm at Northcross Intermediate
Wednesday, 23 June	Boys Rugby Zone Day
Friday, 25 June	Teacher Only Day, school closed for instruction

Merit Mentions

Room 1	Zara Weir Manu Scott	For her consistent effort in improving her writing and being confident enough to share her work with the class. For his polite and helpful nature in class.
Room 2	Stella Percival Hugo Moeller	For showing a growth mindset and positive learning attitude in class! Well done, Stella. For focusing and being a self-directed learner. I am proud of you, Hugo!
Room 3	Theo Denton Arran White	For his outstanding start to Term 2. I am so proud of all the hard work you have contributed in your maths workshops, Theo! For an awesome start to BIS. Well done on immersing yourself in our classroom culture, Arran! I am excited to see where this year takes you.
Room 4	Sofia Cagney-Potts Leo Bannatyne	For compassion, understanding and tolerance towards your peers. You are a great friend Sofia. For his diligence, wisdom, respect and friendship qualities. Leo, you are a pleasure to teach and a real role model.
Room 5	Stella Bradley Lincoln Castle	For demonstrating a wonderful work ethic and delivering a lovely musical piece at our team assembly. Keep up the amazing work you are doing, Stella. For contributing to our team assembly by courageously sharing his musical flair. Well done, Lincoln!
Room 6	Lucy Bates Alfie Brown	For always having a smile on her face, trying her best and striving for excellence. Well done Lucy! For having a fantastic start to Term 2, a positive attitude towards his learning and always encouraging and teaching Room 6 about cool and unique dinosaurs/creatures (Wilbert)!
Room 7	Frankie Webb Lama Kattaya	For demonstrating integrity and passion in your essay writing about black holes. Fantastic job! For consistently presenting an incredible standard in your homework. Your hard work will take you very far.
Room 8	Lilly-Rose Chapman Vira Guba	For showing great commitment and enthusiasm in maths this term. Keep up the great attitude, Lilly-Rose For showing great perseverance in writing lessons and working hard on each task. Keep it up, Vira
Room 9	Natalja Burton Leo King	For demonstrating a focused approach to maths and persevering to solve problems involving negative numbers. For applying his impressive knowledge about 'Planet Earth and Beyond' to draw conclusions about habitable and uninhabitable planets as part of our inquiry topic.
Room 10	Khaleefa Razali Artem Volland	For his determination to succeed and commitment to produce his best work in each task he undertakes. Well done, Khaleefa! You're a great role model! For his positivity towards learning the English language and for making excellent progress in all areas of school life. You can be proud of your efforts, Artem!
Room 11	Henry Brewer Isabella Acland	For showing great motivation in maths this year. You set a great example when you work so well, Henry. Well done! For settling into BIS so well so far this term. We absolutely love having you in our class, Izzy!
Room 12	Summer Burge Ollie McGhie	For showing excellence and sportsmanship at Ki o Rahi. For being respectful and showing commitment during Ki o Rahi.
Room 13	Tamsin Reddy William McLeod	For her continued pursuit of excellence in everything she does. Your diligence and positivity is inspiring, congratulations. For your mature and insightful contributions during group and class discussions. William is an excellent collaborator and critical thinker.
Room 14	Nathan Russell Ella Gilbert	For an excellent work ethic in completing Athletics tasks, achieving bronze, silver and gold awards. Bravo Nathan for your conscientious and consistent approach. For excellent use of descriptive vocabulary, sentences types and imagery in narrative writing. Wonderful use of imaginative ideas and effective writing techniques.
Room 15	Leon Crooks Nicole Lee	For his infectious positivity and attitude. Leon demonstrates kindness and compassion every day. Thank you, Leon. For her continued dedication to learning. She has already developed the ability of time management and will go the extra mile with her work. Keep it up, Nicole!
Room 16	Emily Brunton Ben Cassidy	For the positivity, enthusiasm and creativity that she demonstrates towards all learning areas. Well done, Emily! For consistently demonstrating a growth mindset towards his learning, and trying his best at all times. Keep up the great work, Ben!
Room 17	Leticija Saltis Daniel Robinson	Well done for making a great improvement in your self-management and motivation in your learning. Keep it up, Leticija. For consistently making a great effort with each aspect of your learning and ensuring you consistently participate respectfully in class. Well done, Daniel.
Room 18	Gracie Cullen Quinn Lampen	For an all-round fantastic approach to learning every week—awesome work Gracie! For engaging in lessons and putting your best forward every day—keep it up Quinn!

Merit Mentions cont.

Room 19	Melissa Busch Marley Taylor	For being motivated and prepared for her literacy lessons with Mr. Howard. For displaying high levels of self-direction and motivation towards his learning.
Room 20	Ethan Curson Gabi Day	For consistently striving for personal excellence by working conscientiously in class, and for arriving at school with a positive, friendly and considerate attitude. Keep it up Ethan For her awesome attitude towards everything she does, and displaying maturity and positivity. Gabi your enthusiasm is infectious.
Room 21	Jacob Perry Libby Sargisson	For always respecting those in his school community and for consistently being a model member of Room 21 by displaying all of the school values. For a wonderful start to Term 2, building on her Term 1 successes, maintaining her composure and sense of humour both at the same time.
Room 22	Noah Dil Felix Johnson	For depth of thought he puts into his academic work and the effort and perseverance he has already demonstrated in our Cross Country training sessions. For the improved effort he has demonstrated this term. He is focused and is striving for his best, particularly in his written work.

Specialist Merit Mentions

Visual Art	Benji Grenfell, Roo Cope, Oliver McGhie, Lucy Stuart, Sam Herron, Luka Tollemache, Charlie Birks, Izzy Acland, Chloe McCarthy, Peony Liu, Mitsuki Onda, Nikita King, Leonor Castaneda Gereda	For excellent effort and skills in creating their first clay sculptures in the module. For wonderful commitment to completing their work.
Food Tech	Eloise Stokes, Khaleefa Mohd Razali, Katya Naserallah, Gray Engstrom, Lennox Henderson, Zara Weir, Marshal Mason, Evie Brodie, Charlee Somerville, Lilly-Rose Chapman	For a focussed and conscientious start to Food Technology.
Languages	Leah Struik Wakuluk, Toby Cunningham, Ivy Dustin, Hayden Steele Tiare White, Isabella Watson Juliette Skerten, Summer Burge, Henry Havea Tuitupou, Charlotte Thomas	For their excellent participation in class. For completing all Y7 activities' revisions to a very high standard. For their creative and amazing title page.
Music	Sam Frazerhurst, Matthew Kirk, Seif Ali, Anna Longley, Charlotte Crotty, Ivy Dustin, Nathan Fry, Nathan Davies, Rhys Honiss, Will Westgate	For an impressive start to the music module, demonstrating an excellent attitude and effort.
Science	Oliver Moy, Amelia Peacocke, Te Aira McKenzie-Berryman, Ella Gilbert, William Mason, Tomas Gustafson, Holly Shipkov, Anna Dyachenko, Saskia Uri, Felix Warringsholz	Excellent oral participation in science lessons.
ESOL	Munich Thanee Harina Han	For consistently outstanding effort in completing homework and classwork. For displaying increasing confidence in demonstrating your English language skills.
Kapa Haka	Te Aira McKenzie-Berryman, Molly Taurere, Holly Shipkov, Anna Dyachenko, Nathan Davies, August Kwan-Hyland, Lhukyah Takapu, Tavia Taihia Crimmins.	For stepping up as role models in our rōpu, giving it your best and helping others. Seeing your passion and watching you perform makes my Friday mornings! Ma te tuakana ka totika te teina, ma te teina ka totika te tuakana.

School News

World Vision

For over 40 years, World Vision has been partnering with schools to inspire young New Zealanders to become active global citizens. They run a number of events, campaigns and workshops throughout the year to empower students, provide them with leadership opportunities and most importantly spark a passion for justice and further their potential. On 11 May, a group of Year 7 Class and Vice Class Captains attended the World Vision Junior Youth Conference at the Victory Church with Mrs Bester. They had an inspiring time and returned to school full of ideas and feeling empowered to make a difference.



Back: Jules Jameson R2, Max Laing R21, Benaiah Williamson R7

Front: Ava Trapski R5, Isla Inch R8, Keira Byers R10

Pink Shirt Day 2021

The whole school got behind Pink Shirt Day today, dressing up in an array of different 'pinks' to make a collective stand against bullying. The phrase "Be Kind" couldn't be more apt on a day like today. Thank you to our school leaders for their dedication in organising and promoting such an important message. Check out the great [drone footage here](#).



ICAS 2021

This year, we are delighted to be able to offer our parent community access to the ICAS Parent Payment System. PPS is a streamlined method of payment collection for schools that allows parents to pay ICAS Assessments directly for ICAS tests. If you would like to purchase an ICAS test for your child/ren this year, please follow this link to purchase assessments: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps> and enter the Belmont Intermediate School code: **YYA012**. Please note all payments must be completed through the PPS system. Belmont Intermediate will not be accepting payments through the school.

2021 ICAS Assessment and Payment Schedule:

SUBJECT	OFFICIAL SITTING WINDOW	CLOSING DATE FOR PARENTS TO PURCHASE VIA PPS*
Writing & Digital Technologies	Monday, 9 August 2021 to Friday, 13 August 2021	Sunday, 25 July 2021
English	Monday, 16 August 2021 to Friday, 20 August 2021	Sunday, 1 August 2021
Science & Spelling Bee	Monday, 23 August 2021 to Friday, 27 August 2021	Sunday, 8 August 2021
Mathematics	Monday, 30 August 2021 to Friday, 3 September 2021	Sunday, 15 August 2021

Focus On Visual Art

In our office and hall foyer, we have the latest lovely clay artworks created by our Year 8 students. The module focused on developing clay-handling and decorating skills with each student designing artworks using their imagination, observational skills and artist models for inspiration.

Their first project was a low relief nature tile which could be designed to sit flat or hang on the wall. Students had to select an aspect of nature that they liked as their focus and giving them the choice motivates them hugely. For their second project, students could choose from five options: fish, owls, monsters, character people and robots. When you visit the displays, you will see a huge variety of delightful sculptures designed by our students.

Both projects were painted with acrylic paints, with sessions spent on colour theory and painting technique development leading into their selection of colours and effects for their clay work. Well done to all of our creative artists!

As always, Mrs Johnson has found each students inner creativity and worked closely with them to realise it in their works. You are most welcome to come down and have a look.



Orienteering Zone Day and Auckland InterZone Orienteering Day

Long Bay Regional Park was the venue for this year's North Harbour Orienteering Zone Day and 36 of our Year 8 students competed against other intermediate schools from across the Harbour region. Well done to everyone who took part, we had some great results with one of our Year 8 girls teams finishing in second place. Congratulations to Asha Edwards, Denver Perkins, Isla MacLean, Melissa Busch, Rose Judson and Stella Robertson who qualified to take part in the Auckland InterZone competition in Pukekohe. Asha was also the fastest overall individual girl. Congratulations also to Harry Brown who was one of the top individual finishers in the Year 8 boys competition and also qualified for the InterZone event.

The InterZone event was held at Kuegler Farm in Pukekohe on Tuesday this week, well done to our girls team who finished the day in 8th place. Photos from both days can be [viewed here](#).

Boys Football Zone Days

Last week we had three teams competing at the North Harbour Boys Football Zone Days. On Tuesday our Year 7 team had some close games against some strong opposition and finished the day in 10th place. On Wednesday we had two Year 8 teams competing with our B team finishing the day in 9th place and our A team doing exceptionally well finishing runners up to Northcross Intermediate losing a close game 1-0 in the final. The boys played some fantastic football, going through pool play rounds unbeaten conceding just one goal in four games. Thank you to Ryan Ward for coaching the teams and to Mike Fox for stepping in to coach the Year 8 B team, also thanks to all the parents who helped out with transport and came along to support.

Photos from the Year 7 Zone Day can be [viewed here](#).

Photos from the Year 8 Zone Day can be [viewed here](#).

Inaugural Kī o Rahi Tournament

On Wednesday, 19 May a group of fortunate Year 8's from team Motuihe were lucky enough to take part in a Kī o Rahi tournament. The tournament took place with multiple intermediate schools participating. Some of the intermediate schools that competed in this event included Northcote, Murrays Bay, Glenfield, Wairau, Northcross, Huapai District, Albany Junior High, and Te Raki Paewhenua. Belmont sent three teams to the tournament.

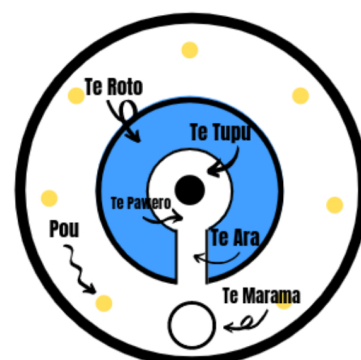
Kī o Rahi is a traditional Māori sport. It is a team game played between two teams, the Kīoma and Taniwha on a large circular field. It consists of four quarters, each quarter played for five minutes, each game being 25 minutes in total including breaks. Both teams take turns being Kīoma and Taniwha, swapping every quarter.

The Kīoma team scores by touching Pou with the Kī (the ball) then running the Kī through Te Roto (the middle circle) and placing it down in the Pawero (the last and smallest circle) Once the Kī is placed down in the Pawero all the Pou touched are converted into points. However if your tags get ripped whilst you're in Te Roto it gets handed over to the other team.

Taniwha score points by throwing the Kī into the Pawero by hitting the Tupu (the barrel). Every time the Kī hits the Tupu the Taniwha team is awarded one point. The Taniwha team are allowed five people in the Roto at any time, every time they get the Kī when they are in the Roto they have five seconds to try and shoot and hit the Tupu. The others in the Taniwha team try to stop the Kīoma team from getting points. They can stop them by ripping their tags off. If one tag gets ripped off they have three seconds to pass to someone in their team however if both tags are pulled off at the same time it's a handover ball.

Kī o Rahi is a fun competitive game that everyone who participated enjoyed. At the tournament there were four fields set up. Each team got four games and then depending on how they went they could be in the semi finals and the actual finals. Belmont's Team 1 came 1st in their heat and then competed in the semi finals against Murrays Bay Intermediate, unfortunately losing by only one point. The other Belmont teams placed 3rd in both of their heats. Although none of our teams won, everyone had an amazing time, tried their hardest, and did a great job. Thank you Mrs Clark and Mr Vallender for training and taking the teams to the tournament! Photos of the day can be [viewed here](#).

By Jayda-Belle Stirling and Te Aira McKenzie Berryman





Donations to the Art Department

If any of our families have some of the trays pictured left collecting dust at home or in the office, the art department would be very grateful for any donations. They are used for drying the clay sculptures that your children make (featured in the "Focus On.....Visual Art section in this newsletter). Thank you in advance.

Success Outside of School

ToiToi Magazine

Well done to Mia Ohlin and Nikolas Tsulaia, who have had their work published in the national ToiToi magazine. They have both received a copy and we have two copies going into our school library. Mia wrote a poem titled "My Hair" and Nikolas penned a short story titled "Hoodie". Great work, Mia and Nikolas! Find out more about ToiToi Magazine by [clicking here](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Saturday 3 July
3-7pm

Bonfire ★ ★ ★ ★ Koha Entry

Matariki
FESTIVAL
@Bayswater

Kapa Haka
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Raising a Champion

How to challenge and support your child to be successful in sport and active recreation



Aimed at: All TGS and community sports parents are encouraged to attend

Date: Thursday, 3 June 2021

Time: 6:00- 7:30pm

Location: TGS library (depending on numbers)

Aim: Increased understanding and awareness of the impact parents have on the experience of young people in sport. We'll talk about what success and fun looks like, and discuss/reflect on the most important psychosocial needs of rangitahi as well as the ideal systems and structures available to young people in sport.

Presenters: Shaun Matthews from Harbour Sport, Jenna Murie (TGS Director of Sport), Ryan Ward (TGS Director of Football).

Cost: Free

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).

Ukulele Lessons

If your child is interested ukulele group lessons after school at Belmont Int. Please contact Heath Watson on the above contact options. Class will be dependant on numbers.

RSVP to TGS: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIXKIHTKnzpzKdQPqwYt149T2s3cl7Mz-kuR_cCm8mERbfbA/

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

Enrol for Term Two Pocket Rockets Dance classes at BIS Dance Studio:

Fridays:

Hiphop 3.15 - 4.15pm

Contemporary 4.15 - 5.15pm

Teen Hiphop (13yrs +) 5.15 - 6.15pm

We also have many other classes held locally on other days of the week, check our website or get in touch for details.

jane@pocketrockets.co.nz

www.pocketrockets.co.nz

or ph/txt 021 140 3786

Jane & the Pocket Rockets Team

NIPS - North Island Primary and Intermediate School Ski Championships

ANNUAL SKI RACE EVENT HELD AT WHAKAPAPA, MT RUAPEHU

If you are interested in entering this competition please contact Michael Beech: michael.beech@bcpartners.co.nz. Micheal is hoping to put together a Belmont Intermediate School ski team. Please note it requires good skiing and mountain competence and students must have a parent that will attend with them and organise their own transport, accommodation, lift passes, etc. This competition is only suitable for students and families that are regular mountain skiers.