



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,

Congratulations to both Nathan Davies and Indiana McCarthy who have received external leadership awards. Nathan has been awarded the North Shore MP's Excellence in Community Contribution Award while Indiana received The Peter Blake Young Leader Award. These awards are a testament to their respective character and leadership throughout 2021.

Moving to staffing news, I would like to congratulate Caitlin Milligan on graduating as a fully registered teacher last Friday. Caitlin has had an outstanding two years with us and has had a significant impact on our students and staff. Caitlin will be returning to the UK to get married to her fiancé, Jake and continue her career in England. We wish her all the best. Gail Moynagh will also be leaving us to take up a position at Stanley Bay Primary. We wish Gail all the best for the future.

After eight years at BIS, Mr James Lauder is moving to the Hawkes Bay with his wife Carly. James was the first teacher I hired way back in 2014 and has been an integral part of our team for a long time. He will be missed by staff and students alike and we wish him all the best for the next stage of his career. Our ESOL teacher, Karyn Borella will be leaving for family reasons at the end of 2021. We wish Karyn all the best for her next adventure in NZ. Sally Pilkington will also be leaving BIS after 14 years working in our ESOL and International departments. Thank you for your dedicated service, Sally. Miss Guppy, who took up a long term relieving position earlier in the year, has secured a position at Kristin for 2022. I would like to thank Maddy for her professionalism since taking over in Room 9. Finally, and as stated in our newsletter last term, Susan Revell is retiring and returning to Mt Manganui where she will no doubt enjoy her retirement. Susan's 20 years of dedicated service to our community and students cannot be underestimated. I am sure the friendships she has forged in that time will continue in the years to come. We wish her all the best.

We have recruited Michael Caddigan from TGS to head up our Technology Department. Michael brings a huge amount of experience and knowledge to the role and will drive change in this department. Heather Goodey joins us from Rangitoto College where she has been instrumental in developing the Year 9 and 10 curriculum. She also has experience in STEAM education which will enable her to shape a path forward at BIS. I have also employed Brittany Coleman, Emily Couchman and Lucie O'Keeffe. Emily and Lucy are both Beginning Teachers and will teach in Year 8 and 7 respectively, while Brittany will also teach in Year 7. Finally, Anglea Winslade will be returning in Term 1 next year and will be coaching and mentoring our teachers in Literacy Development and Gifted Education.

The annual second-hand uniform sale is on Sunday, 16 January 2022 in the school hall from 12pm - 4pm. Details can be found further down. This initiative is run by volunteers and it not only helps families starting at intermediate school with discounted good-quality uniform, but the funds raised from the sale go into our hardship fund. This fund is used to make sure every student gets fair and equitable opportunities during their time at Belmont Intermediate School. Please consider donating your child's uniform to assist us with a great cause.

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Our Uniform Shop (opposite Room 4), sells the School PE Uniform, School Hats, Hoodies and some second-hand uniforms. Payment is by debit card only (sorry no cash or credit cards). The opening hours for the shop in 2022 are:

Thursday, 27 January 8:30am - 10am

Friday, 28 January 8:30am - 10am

Tuesday, 1 February 8:30am - 10am

Wednesday 2 February (Meet the Teacher Day) 8:30am - 4pm

As previously advertised in the last newsletter, all Year 8 students need to export any documents that they have attached to their Belmont Intermediate email address. All Year 8 BIS email addresses will be retired in the first week of 2022. After this time, any documents will not be retrievable. Please see detailed instructions further down in the newsletter regarding downloading your students' documents.

Below is the timetable that was emailed to you last week. Please read this carefully. Our students have requested a Christmas themed mufti day on Tuesday (ODD classes) and Thursday (EVEN classes) next week. Please make note of this too.

Week 8

ODDS on Monday, 6 December and Tuesday, 7 December

EVENS on Wednesday, 8 December and Thursday, 9 December

ALL students specialist distance learning on Friday, 10 December

Week 9

ODDS on Monday, 13 December and Tuesday, 14 December (ODDS Prizegiving 9:30am - 10:15am)

EVENS on Wednesday, 15 December (EVENS Prizegiving 9:30am - 10:15am), school finishes at 12:30pm for the year. Please see further in the newsletter for information regarding our annual prize givings.

School reports will be sent home on Tuesday, 14 December and Wednesday, 15 December, therefore it is important for your child to attend school on their final scheduled day to receive it.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently been appointed as Prefects at TGS. It is always great to see a number of old boys and girls from BIS featuring strongly again.

Head Boy - Rohan Sherlock

Head Girl - Maia Davidson

Deputy Head Boy - Connor Cunningham

Deputy Head Girl - Riley Booth

Prefects - Tsenate Akebergne, Lucy Arthur, Sam Beattie, Freddy Birch, Adam Cao, Brody Cooper, Maia Davidson, Emily Davies, Gaby Dellabarca, Samuel Duong, Kaya Rose Eible, Isla Forrest, Matthew Harrison, Ben Hayde, Jack Hayde, Tayla Hodge, Emanuela Hopkins, Angel Jacobson, Lachlan Jardine, Patch Johnson, Veer Kapoor, Taine Kearney, Michaela Kim, Karin Kozuka, Phyllis Lan, Brooke Leonard, Lily Mann Benn, Finn McGregor, Rhys Morris, Maaki Muir, Oliver Ng, Georgie Shanahan, Cameron Sharrock, Rohan Sherlock, Matt Spooner, Eleanor Stobbart, Anna Stuart, Lea Nova Tisch, Ankia van Zyl, Bryn Walker, Issy Webb and Adam Wright

Finally, congratulations to those who received Principal's Certificates this week via GoogleMeet; Oliver Rumball, Ethan Liang, Pace Beckett, Pete Harton, Isabella Steel, Emilia Pearce, Frankie Webb, Ella Tibbotts, Edie Warman-Clough, Rio Kurose, Matthew Kirk, Stella Robertson, Charlie Tallon, Theo Wilkins and Dorothea Waldron.

Ngā mihi nui



Nick Hill

Principal



Upcoming Dates for 2021

Monday, 6 December	School Board Meeting 8, 6:30pm via Zoom
Tuesday, 7 December	ODD's Christmas Themed Mufti Day
Thursday, 9 December	EVEN's Christmas Themed Mufti Day
Tuesday, 14 December	ODD's Prizegiving - details in newsletter
Wednesday, 15 December	EVEN's Prizegiving - details in newsletter
Wednesday, 15 December	Term 4 ends at 12:30pm

Upcoming Dates for 2022

Sunday, 16 January	Second-Hand Uniform Sale in the hall, 12pm - 4pm - details in newsletter
Thursday, 27 January & Friday, 28 January	BIS Uniform Shop open 8:30am - 10am (debit card only, no cash or credit cards)
Tuesday, 1 February	BIS Uniform Shop open 8:30am - 10am (debit card only, no cash or credit cards)
Wednesday, 2 February	BIS Uniform Shop open 8:30am - 4pm (debit card only, no cash or credit cards)
Wednesday, 2 February	Meet the Teacher Day 9am - 4pm
Thursday, 3 February	First Full Day - Term 1

Merit Mentions

Room 1	Jacob Sickling Asher Yuan	For always being there for his peers during distance learning. He is always willing to go out of his way to help. Jacob, you're a star! For overcoming many challenges this year yet still completing all his work to a standard of personal excellence. Keep up your awesomeness, Asher!
Room 2	Evie Seeque Elise Millen	For improving her work ethic and independence during distance learning. It was lovely to see you grow in confidence over the last two terms, Evie! For improving her work ethic and independence during distance learning. I am proud of you, Elise!
Room 3	George Clarke Theo Denton	For his amazing effort towards his artwork! I am super proud of you, George! Keep up the great work. For a great start back at school. Theo approaches every day with a positive attitude. Keep up the fantastic work. Theo! I am very proud of you!
Room 4	Jayde O'Keeffe Cameron Lofts	For the amazing effort Jayde continues to put into all her learning and for being an incredible friend. Congratulations Jayde. For the incredible effort Cameron has put into online learning. Every day he is positive, friendly, and kind. You are a pleasure to teach Cameron.
Room 5	Baxter Mcnaughton Lincoln Castle	For continuously showing perseverance when introduced to challenging tasks by tackling them with an open mind. Keep it up, Baxter! For his positive attitude towards all his schoolwork this term. He has been working consistently and to the best of his ability in being very open-minded to new concepts.
Room 6	All Room 6 Students 2021	For being the best Year 7 class, everyone of you has worked hard during difficult circumstances! Yet you have all kept smiling, been thoughtful, kind and caring! I am so proud of you! I have had such a fun year and will miss you! Thank you! Please come and visit me next year!
Room 7	Anja Kozenof Indiana Belshaw	For your calm nature and high work ethic in class. You influence everyone around you in a positive way. For your positive and cheerful attitude in all that you do. Indi, you are a bright star! Keep shining!
Room 8	Asha Kasbe Leo Zollner	For her excellent, thoughtful creative written language, consideration of others and humility. For returning to school with a great attitude, being a respectful, positive and helpful student.
Room 9	Toby Cunningham Clarke Dallimore	For his consistent positivity and effort during online and in-school learning. You bring joy to our class, Toby! For a positive return to the classroom and increased effort during online learning. Well done, Clarke
Room 10	Leo Guo Gabriella Nguyen	For outstanding attendance on Zoom and for excellent communication skills whilst learning online. For her consistently positive attitude, whether learning at home or at school. Gabby, you are an outstanding role model and your work is a pleasure to mark!

Merit Mentions cont.

Room 11	Louis Moss Edward Lim	For returning to school with a great attitude. I am proud of who you are becoming, Louis, and you should be too! For always being so well-mannered, respectful, and for bringing a calm atmosphere to Room 11. We adore you, Edward!
Room 12	Tim Shen Neek Posimani	For his great sense of humour and showing respect to all his peers. For showing great sportsmanship during P.E. and his contribution to outside activities.
Room 13	Niall Hamilton Leila Ison	For his consistent effort and application in both online learning, and in the classroom. Niall, your great attitude makes you an awesome role model for others. Leila, I love your positive determination. You give everything you do 110 percent, and I am so proud of you.
Room 14	Lewis Said Tia White	For impressing us with his Black Caps skills, for being a loyal friend to his mates, getting on with everybody, a cheerful presence in our class, a scientific explanations and maths whizz, and for having a wonderful Y8 year. For being absolutely AMAZING in all areas! Consistently giving her best, excellent work ethic, organised and efficient, thoughtful and caring in helping others, and a great friend to her friends.
Room 15	Tomas Gustafson Oliver Glackin	For his attendance and participation during our Zoom meetings. He even gives great TV show recommendations to help us with our lockdown boredom. Ka rawe, Tomas! For his commitment and effort in his learning over the last two terms. Oliver has incredible time-management skills and is a great communicator. Tino pai, Oliver!
Room 16	George Smith Seif Ali	For consistently spreading happiness, enthusiasm and positivity throughout Room 16 this year. Thank you for being you, George! For consistently demonstrating the BIS values throughout the entire year, and showing such great initiative. Well done, Seif.
Room 17	Nova Powles Toby Morrison	For being such a wonderful person who has made such a wonderful impact on me and the class throughout the year. Thank you, Nova, for being unapologetically you. For being such a kind and beautiful soul who is such a joy to have in the class. You have the most interesting conversations and passion about life. Thank you, Toby.
Room 18	Nikolasz Hunter Keelan James	For returning to school with an excellent attitude—displaying great focus and dedication to achieving to the best of his ability. Tino pai, Nikolasz! For his general positivity, his eager class contributions and giving everything his best shot. Well done, Keelan, awesome attitude!
Room 19	Jack Jones Isla Mclean	For always being positive and showing outstanding improvement in his focus in both distance and face to face learning. For outstanding progress and achievement and having an amazing positive attitude throughout the last two terms.
Room 20	Andy Song Skye Cooper	For his outstanding attitude towards his school work and outstanding work ethic. Andy you should be very proud at how much progress you have made this year. For consistently being an exemplary student this year. Skye, your work ethic and diligence is very impressive. You have been such an awesome student to teach.
Room 21	All Room 21 Students	For your outstanding attitude, no matter the challenge. Always kind and considerate to each other and me, you have maintained your dignity and most importantly, your sense of humour. Good luck for 2022!
Room 22	Liam Jenkins Skyla Stoddart	For the poetry he produced that portrayed his surroundings vividly using metaphor and personification effectively. For the drive she has demonstrated this year to improve her maths and writing skills and for her "field" poem with descriptive imagery and effective use of repetition.

Specialist Merit Mentions

Food Tech	Isla Andrews, Will Westgate, Andy Song Lizzy Turner Jessica Donnelly, Summer Burge, Nathan Fry, Hayden Steele Marchella Gobbie, Zachary Walpert, Vincent Wright, Charlotte Crotty, Charlotte Thomas, Isabella Watson	Completing the online lessons each week to an excellent standard. Completing the online lessons each week accurately and demonstrating creativity with your pizza design. For high levels of commitment to their food technology sessions this term, not only completing all online activities but also engaging in regular practical cooking tasks, producing some very appealing-looking outcomes.
Languages	Olivia Xie, Natalja Burton, Amy Sluiter, Jessica Ellis, Evie Brodie, Cuintin Borella Celeste Parsons, Lucy Bates, Emma Austin, Isabella Lomax, Benjamin Herd	Continuing to complete to an excellent standard of online work. For creating original puppets for their online puppet show.
Music	Lyvia Burrows, Isabella Lomax, Callum Ronald, Jamie Beecroft, Sophia Hay, Nicole Wang, Pace Beckett, Theo Denton, Ciara Moore, Jesse Green-Hill, Nadia Leticia, Samuel Cook, Jessica Downs, Matthew Moran, Munich Thane	Reliably completing top quality work for every online lesson.

Specialist Merit Mentions cont.

Visual Art	Karla Erine Burgos, Zara Matthews, Rachelle Wilson, Quinn Martin, Lucia Sweetman, Connor Davies, Stella Bradley, Poppy Cousins, Monty Henderson, Ella Jung, Jack Farmer, Aggie Griffiths, Jacob Perry, Amelia Williams, Crista Dermott	Wonderful effort in online art tasks.
Science	John An, Teo Besier, Jessie Marshall, Monty Henderson, Luffy Xu, Milla McKendry, Zara Matthews, Connor Davies, Leikyn Morunga, Sally Nichols, Evie Parsons, Jason Sickling, Stella Percival	Consistently excellent standard of work for the whole online work period.
ESOL	Jenna Zhang Mickey Zhang	For working extremely hard on your reading and writing. Good job, Jenna! For improving your effort in ESOL each week. You are making good progress, Mickey!

School News

Prizegiving 2021

Due to restrictions, our annual Prizegiving will look a little different this year. We are holding two prizegivings for our Odd and Even classes, Odd recipients on Tuesday, 14 December and Even recipients on Wednesday, 15 December. Unfortunately, we are unable to have parents and families present for the event this year.

Parents of recipients would have received an email detailing information for how the prizegiving will be carried out. Our school leaders and Head Boy and Head Girl will also be announced at each prize giving. A presentation of prize winners will be uploaded to our website after the end of the school year. Congratulations in advance to all of our award winners and leaders for 2022.

Amazing Digital Art from Room 18

Room 18 have continued to push the boundaries of art in the digital medium with some outstanding mosaic pieces! The brief was to create a tile mosaic piece—using only Google Draw—to represent their specific Term 3/4 Inquiry topic (based on the adversities of a select group of people). Have a look below at some of the amazing pieces put together so far, and see if you can identify the topics represented. The full presentation can be seen [here](#).



School Notices

Sports Uniforms

All sports uniforms including netball, hockey, basketball, football and cycling are now due for return. Students must return all uniforms (washed) to the sports office (in the bin provided) or to their classroom teacher, with a note of the name of the student it was issued to, as soon as possible. Thank you to all the team managers who have already helped out with the collection and return of many of these uniforms over lockdown.

Immunisations 2021

Lockdown restrictions have interrupted this year's school-based Boostrix and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation programme in the Auckland region.

It is important to keep your children vaccinated so that they are protected against tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis and HPV.

Vaccination is free and we encourage you to have your child vaccinated through your GP. See below link to

[WDHB School Immunisations](#).

GP practices have COVID-19 infection prevention control measures in place. Talk to your GP at the time of booking if you have any concerns.

Anyone who has questions, or is having difficulty accessing their GP, can contact a public health nurse (PHN) by phoning (09) 486-8996 ext 2.

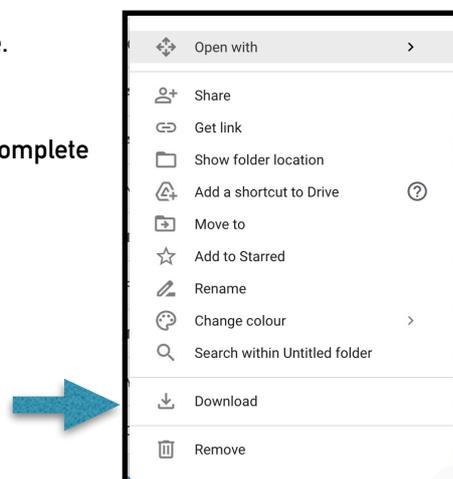
Year 7's Not Returning in 2022

If your Year 7 student is not returning for the 2022 academic year at BIS, please could you let the Melissa Churches know before the end of term. Please email office@belmontint.school.nz.

Important Information for Year 8 Students - Deactivation of School Google Accounts

Please be informed that Year 8 Google accounts will automatically deactivate in the first week of January 2022. See below for instructions on how to transfer Google Drive files to another Gmail account. After this date, any documents will no longer be retrievable as we do not store/ save down individual students documents. There are two ways of doing this. Go to www.takeout.google.com and follow the directions to download your documents and folders or follow the instructions below.

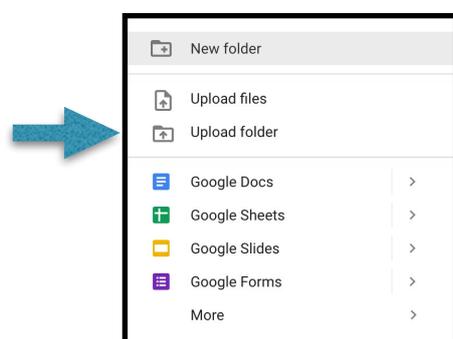
- 1) Go to drive.google.com - Login using your school account
- 2) Create a new folder to store all files under the root directory of your Google Drive.
- 3) Move all files to the new folder.
- 4) Remove unnecessary files as storage for personal Gmail account is only 15GB
- 5) Right-click the new folder - click Download button & wait for the process to complete (see image right)



- 6) Go to drive.google.com - Login using your personal account
- 7) Go to My Drive, right click and select "Upload Folder" - choose the downloaded folder from step #5 (see image below).

Note: The amount of time taken to download and upload the files/folders will depend on its size.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Trudy Byrne at



Second Hand Uniform Donations and Sale

The school would be very grateful to receive any second hand uniforms that departing students are able to donate for our second hand sale in the new year. Please consider whether you are able to help the school by donating any items your child has finished wearing. Second hand uniforms will be sold for a minimal price to assist incoming families with the costs of starting at a new school. The entire proceeds are used to help fund students' activities at BIS.

Donations of uniforms can be brought into school any time from now until Thursday, 23 December. There will be a box outside the school office in which you can leave these at any time that suits you. Volunteers will clear the box regularly.

Any last minute uniform donations may be dropped off in the hour before the second hand uniform sale starts. The date of the sale will be:

Sunday, 16 January 12pm to 4pm. Payment can be made at the sale either with cash or via a contactless payment system which we are currently working on.

Any queries, please contact Sarah Furlong via email at sfurlong@belmontint.school.nz



Lost Property - Last Chance to Claim!

On Tuesday, 7 December 2021 and Thursday, 9 December 2021 all lost property that has remained unclaimed will be laid out on display for the students to view either with their class, at interval or lunch

time. No caregivers will be allowed on school grounds to view these, so please remind your children on the above day your child is scheduled to come into school (not on the day they are online learning). Items found since the return back to school have been placed in the Lost Property Box in the School Hall Foyer for students to claim.

It is important that you please remind your children to look for items lost in either the Lost Property Box or on the above days mentioned, as any items unclaimed after term end will be put into the Second Hand Uniform Sale in January.

Get Reading!

The National Library (and your teachers!) encourage you to take a break from your device, and pick up a book to relax and enjoy this summer!

There are some recommendations for recently published books for children and young adults here:

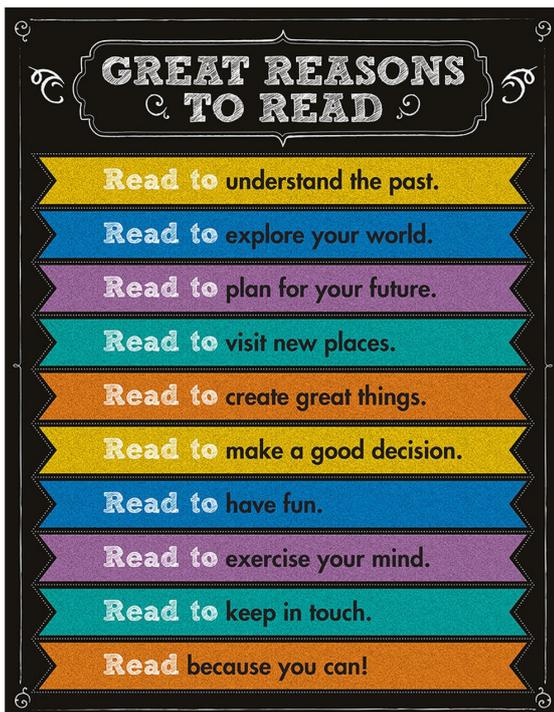
<https://natlib.govt.nz/blog/posts/our-best-childrens-and-ya-books-for-2021>

Also, there are some tips around summer reading for parents and caregivers here:

<https://natlib.govt.nz/schools/reading-engagement/summer-reading/families-keeping-your-child-or-teen-reading-over-summer>

There are so many reasons to get reading....The library is a great place to start.

We hope you enjoy and learn something new. Happy reading!



Thank You!

Thank you to all of our parents who purchase shoes from The Athlete's Foot and directed the reward points to our school. We amassed \$360 in free sports gear, which amounted to 12 brand new basketballs, which replaced some very old specimens from our PE stores! Also, thanks to David Taylor and The Athlete's Foot for making us part of your program.



Success Outside of School

Oliver!

Come and support current students Milla Rodrigues-Birch (playing Artful Dodger on Saturday, 26 February, 1.30 pm), Nathan Davis (playing Artful Dodger on Sunday, 27 February, 1.30 pm), Harry Brown (Fagin's Gang), Stella MacKenzie and incoming students to Belmont Intermediate in 2022 Hannah Reid, Isabelle Richardson & Sophie Douglas.

[Ticket prices](#) to OLIVER! are dropping for a strictly limited time, from Friday, 26 November to Monday, 29 November.

Four Shows Only | 25 -27 FEB | [Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre](#)

Take advantage of these super savings & snap up those discounted tickets!

Tickets to OLIVER! make great Christmas gifts!

Good luck to all of our present and future students!



COMMUNITY NEWS



The Programme

The programme is run over two days during the holiday's giving year 7 & 8 girls the opportunity to try different sports and physical activities. We have coaches from different sporting codes come in and take the girls for a session. We understand not all girls want to play a sport, so we also include activities such as Dance, CrossFit, Boxing for Fitness and Spin classes, showing the girls there are other ways to be physically active.

We would love to see the Girls who like sport or want to be more active but not sure where to start or what they might enjoy doing.

There is no cost to attend the Programme, but Girls will have to apply as we have limited numbers.

All girls aged 12 and above will have to have a vaccine pass to attend the programme.

Thursday 16th December, Friday 17th December
9am – 2.30pm

PITA PIT LUNCH PROVIDED EVERYDAY

NORTHCOTE COLLEGE GYM

For application form: anthyde@taniadalfoundation.org.nz

Or follow the link: <https://forms.gle/kZzkDVJdsWrkLP49A>

