



Belmont Intermediate School

Leading Excellence in Intermediate School Education

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

It has been rewarding for me to be in classrooms teaching over the past week. To be honest, I have missed the buzz of teaching and the engagement that comes with it. A number of our students are writing their own pepeha and learning about their whakapapa and ancestry. I have really enjoyed it and have asked to be used as a relief teacher more often in classes that have been impacted by teacher absences due to Covid. This also provides me with an opportunity to connect with your children, get to know them and for them to see a different side of me as the Principal.

In regards to COVID, our attendance is still very good (close to 90%). We have seen a gradual increase in COVID related absences (positive cases, household contacts or students with symptoms) over the last week. Please notify the school via email office@belmontint.school.nz to let us know if your child or a household contact tests positive for Covid. Our students are doing a fantastic job with mask-wearing and showing resilience and perseverance in trying circumstances. Could I respectfully ask, that if you have a household member who is awaiting a Covid test result, that you keep your children at home until that result has been confirmed. We have a number of students being collected during the day after a household member has tested positive, despite the test being taken before the student set off for school.

We have five staff members isolating, but have plans in place so that all of our classes are supervised and work can continue if a teacher is absent. At this point, we have no plans to close the school, however should staff absences increase we may need to move some classes to Distance Learning. We are in the process of making rapid antigen tests available to purchase via our online shop. More information is on the next page.

Moving to student well-being, I listened with interest to Sir John Kirwan being interviewed by Mike Hosking earlier in the week. Sir John espoused the importance of explicitly teaching well-being in schools and that it should be recognised as a subject. Since 2017, well-being has been explicitly taught at BIS. It is a curriculum in itself and is based on Te Whare Tapa Wha.

Just this week I asked our Lead Teacher, Caitlin McKeown, to change our programme and focus on two informative lessons on Anxiety and Depression and three lessons on how to manage stress, worry and anxiety, which includes services they can use. These lessons are based on the book 'Mental Health Education and Hauora', a book designed for teachers to teach young people about mental health awareness. I am also taking part in a well-being seminar next week where I am presenting aspects of our programme at BIS, the structure behind it and the 'why' of our approach.

Finally, congratulations to those who received Principal's Certificates yesterday at our 'Zoom' Formal Assembly: Vira Guba and Keely Shaw.

Ngā mihi nui



Nick Hill
Principal



Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Monday, 7 March	School Board Meeting, 6:30pm in the Staffroom
Tuesday, 8 March	Year 7 Netball Trials (Trial 1), 1:15pm - 3pm
Wednesday, 9 March	Year 8 Netball Trials (Trial 1), 1:15pm - 3pm
Friday, 11 March	PTA Fundraiser Jesters Pie Day - Order details further in this newsletter
Tuesday, 15 March	Year 7 Netball Trials (Trial 2), 3pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday, 16 March	Year 8 Netball Trials (Trial 2), 3pm - 4:30pm
Friday, 18 March	Boys Hockey Trials, 1:15pm - 3pm
Friday, 25 March	Girls Hockey Trials, 1:15pm - 3pm

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Merit Mentions

Room 1	Madeline Hilder Mila Barber	For taking on her class job with such responsibility, initiative and positivity! Thank you for your hard work, Maddie! For an outstanding start to intermediate school and demonstrating such care to her school work. Keep up the amazing work, Mila!
Room 2	Michael Auger Zara McCaw	For your hard work and efforts towards your learning over the past week. Well done for taking charge of your learning and trying your best. Thank you for always bringing positive energy to Room 2. You always come to class with a big smile and ready to take on the day.
Room 3	Saxon Martin Scarlett Aitchison-Studd	For an outstanding start to BIS. Your fun, caring and helpful nature is very much appreciated, Saxon! I am excited to see where this year takes you. For being a delight to teach. Scarlett, your positive and hard working personality are a huge asset to our classroom. Thanks for being you!
Room 4	Sam Schneebli Sophie Fisher	For showing determination and commitment towards trying his best in all his work. Congratulations on making a strong start to BIS, Sam. For being caring, tolerant and kind to her peers. For working hard in class and displaying a positive attitude. Congratulations on an excellent start, Sophie.
Room 5	Max Lawton Ariana Vosper	For always being kind to others and working hard to complete all tasks given to him. Showing her great ability to listen by being respectful of others talking and also willing to help out when needed.
Room 6	Zoe Penny Freddie Jones	For an excellent start to her time at BIS, showing the school values daily and always trying her best in her school work! For showing kindness to others and looking out for them when they need him, upholding our BIS values and making a great start to his year! Well done Freddie!
Room 7	Roo McLean Bjorn Ward	For excellent work as device monitor. For being an amazing teacher assistant.
Room 8	Harper Shao Taj Knapp	For sharing her ideas with the class, being super organised and contributing to a high standard during our reading group. For showing kindness to everyone in the class.
Room 9	Louise Pickering Lisa Murata Gutierrez	For always showing such enthusiasm and interest in class and for creating an incredible treasure box. Well done, Louise. For always showing excellence in every task she completes. Thank you for constantly going the extra mile in your work, Lisa.
Room 10	Amy Simpson Freya Park	For her outstanding attitude towards everything she undertakes and for consistently displaying kindness towards her peers. You have settled in beautifully, Amy! For her impeccable manners, and the way in which she takes pride in each task she completes, using her initiative in all learning situations. You are a star, Freya!
Room 11	Alex Fielding Holly Russel	For showing immense determination in his maths when introduced to more challenging work. Keep up the wonderful attitude, Alex! For using her initiative by taking charge and doing the right thing even when under pressure in a group setting. Well done, Holly!
Room 12	Freddy Lodge Theo Talks-Robinson	Showing empathy towards his peers and assisting anyone in need. Showing excellence in the classroom by completing tasks to a high standard.
Room 13	Evie Seeque Jesse Frazerhurst	For her 'can do' attitude that she applies to absolutely everything she does. I am so impressed Evie, such a fabulous start to the year. For consistently striving for excellence in everything he does. Jesse is also incredibly conscientious, responsible and super reliable. Thank you for all your efforts, Jesse.
Room 14	Nikotimo Rasovo Hamish Brown	For being incredibly helpful to both staff and his fellow students. You are making Room 14 proud. For taking control of his learning and working hard with his writing. Fantastic work!

Merit Mentions cont.

Room 15	Jessica Ellis Lizzy Turner	For her positive attitude and easy-going nature. Jessica shows a lot of initiative, and I love her proactive approach to the classroom and her learning. Thank you, Jessica! For her excellent communication skills, she demonstrates high self-awareness. Lizzy, you are an organised and kind student who has made an incredible start to the year.
Room 16	Ragnar Ben-Nathan Ella Haeun	For his positive attitude, initiative and courage to become a Rangitoto Team Rangatira leader. For her positive attitude, initiative and courage to become a Rangitoto Team Rangatira leader.
Room 17	Cooper Johnston Jacob Sickling	For his consistently positive attitude to all facets of his learning and for stepping up to become a Rangitoto Team Rangatira. For his consistently positive attitude to all facets of his learning and for stepping up to become a Rangitoto Team Rangatira.
Room 18	Miller McNeilage Gabriella Nguyen	For outstanding use of descriptive language to create imagery in poetry writing. For outstanding use of descriptive language to create imagery in poetry writing.
Room 19	Eli Stokes Ashton Sinclair	For displaying an outstanding work ethic. Eli is focused, organised and strives to produce quality work at all times. For settling well into his new school and being engaged in the learning programmes in Room 19.
Room 20	Phoebe Couwenberg Poppy Cousins	For her consistent positive attitude and motivation to succeed in all areas of her learning. Phoebe you can always be relied on to make the most of every minute in the classroom. For consistently showing commitment and perseverance to every aspect of school life and always striving to achieve personal excellence in all that you do. You are a remarkably self-directed.
Room 21	Juan Jose Mitchell-Pala Archie Kloss	For being incredibly focused, helpful and positive in all his work and interactions. For showing empathy to his classmates and offering to help where needed.
Room 22	Kobe Li Lucas Andrevski	For working so well in class so far this term. You are a role model when it comes to going over and beyond in maths, Kobe, well done! For being a kind, helpful, and respectful member of Room 22. You have a wonderful character, Lucas, and we are lucky to have you in our class!

Specialist Merit Mentions

Food Tech	Olive Evettes-Perry, Sacha Curson, Akina Hooker, Alexander Fielding, Marley Dickson, Maya de Vrij, Emma Nedelec-Spake, Eliza Laurence, Tommy Gourlay, Connor McQuarrie, Jack Ryder, Alisa Tikalenko.	For excellent attitude and conscientious approach to all aspects of food technology.
Languages	Melissa Chai, Jessica Ellis, Olivia Xie, Clarke Dallimore, Poppy Slater-Brown, Georgia McInally, Karla Burgos, Ella Jung, Luffy Xu, Miller McNeilage, Crista Dermott, Lucy Bates, Jono O'Brien, Anfisa Treklhleib, Aggie Griffiths	For their creative title page.
Music	Sienna Veikune, Stella Percival, Harrison Barber, Olivia Xie, Karla Erine Burgos, Ollie Rumball, Gabriella Nguyen, Stella Bradley, Frankie Webb, Molly Prinsep	For impressive progress with composing and/or accompanying songs. Great effort and result everyone. I look forward to hearing the final products soon.
Visual Art	Nadia Letica, Evie Brodie, Baxter McNaughton, Theo Tolks-Robinson, Nikita Bright, Tom Johnson, Hamish Brown, Louisa Coles	Excellent effort in clay sculpting sessions.
Science	Lan Ahn Do, Jim Simpson, Mackenzie Wilson, Riley Dick, Emma Austin, Molly McKeller, Mia Riddington, Connor Brady, Katya Nasherallah	For excellent reviewing of ideas learnt in class and demonstrating understanding of key concepts. Well done.
Hard Tech	Isaac Roberts, Annabel Priddy, Ruby Lawton, James Lee, Emma Ford, Freya Park, Quinten Zhao, Gisele Chetwynd	Excellent understanding of safe hand tool use, working well on the development of the wooden box project. Well done on your effort so far this year.
ESOL	Kevin He	For listening to the instructions carefully, being engaged in the tasks and doing a great job with practicing new words.

Year 7 & 8 School Based Immunisation Programme 2022

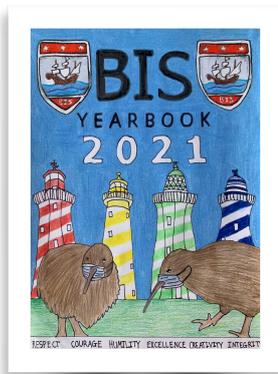
Year 7 students will be offered Boostrix vaccine (Tdap) in School. This vaccine as a booster of tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (pertussis). Most children received these immunisations as pre-schoolers.

Year 8 students will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in school. This is a New Zealand schedule vaccine that is recommended to be given at 12 years of age. Students need two doses with a six month gap between dose one and two. Information on the vaccine and a consent form will be sent home with your child. Please complete the form and return to school.

If you would like more information on this important Immunisation programme please go to [WDHB School immunisations](#).

PTA Fundraiser Jesters Pie Day

The PTA are running their first fundraiser for 2022, kicking off with the ever-popular Pie Day! Orders are made via our [Online Shop](#) and will be delivered to your child's classroom on Friday, 11 March at lunchtime. Pies are \$5.80 each (with a \$1.60 addition for gluten-free pies). The 'Pie Day' is a red setting compliant fundraiser and Jesters generously donate \$\$ from every pie bought that day! All support is greatly appreciated. Last orders before 11am on Thursday, 10 March - don't miss out!



2021 Yearbook

If you missed out on ordering the School Yearbook for 2021, there are a few copies still available to purchase from our [Online Shop](#) for \$17.50 each. It has a great selection of photos, events and class pages to mark another 'memorable' year! Purchased Yearbooks will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Kindo School Shop Upgrade

Our Online Shop has been upgraded and the new personalised accounts are now available! You will be able to see any outstanding payments on your account using the Fees and Donations icon. Plus, you can choose to pay in full or make a part payment on these items.

Your child's room number will automatically be updated, so you don't have to worry about selecting the right room number anymore!

You can still order school lunches, register for sports, purchase event tickets and uniform items, and support fundraisers easily – at a time that suits you! It's open 24/7.

For more information or assistance, contact the Finance Manager at accounts@belmontint.school.nz



Pie Day
FRIDAY
11TH MARCH

fundraiser for school lunchtime!

Please order on Kindo Today
(last orders before Thur 10th March at 11am)

*This is a BIS Fundraiser.
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Composers in Action

Students in Music and Performing Arts are composing original songs in small groups. We have been fortunate this term to enjoy favourable weather so students have been able to work outside, as current Ministry of Health guidelines state that all singing should be outdoors. Most Year 8 students are composing Blues songs while some are composing Pop songs about New Zealand as they may have created blues songs last year. Next week many groups will be ready to record their songs and this will be done in an outdoor 'recording studio' on the deck outside Room 24. Students are also learning to play the guitars, or if already proficient, improving their guitar playing. If you have a guitar at home, or can borrow one, please encourage your child to demonstrate their skills and progress.



Vinyl records wanted!

To help Room 15 with an art project, we would appreciate any donations of unwanted records.



PLEASE DROP THEM OFF TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Sports News

Hockey

Registrations are now open for hockey. Hockey is played in Terms 2 and 3 after school on Tuesdays at North Harbour Hockey in Albany. If your child is interested in playing hockey this year you can register via our [Online Shop](#). Registrations close Friday, 18 March. Intermediate hockey has changed its format this year and teams will no longer play full field 11 aside, they will now play a 7 aside half field format.

Trial Dates:

Boys: Friday, 18 March: 1:15pm - 3:00pm

Girls: Friday, 25 March: 1:15pm - 3:00pm

If you have any questions about hockey please contact sports@belmontint.school.nz

Ka pai, Mr Nichol and Mr Vallender!

A couple of weeks ago, Mr Vallender and Mr Nichol competed in the Barfoot and Thompson People's Triathlon Series. This was Race 1 of 4 held at Maraetai and involved swimming, cycling and running around a set course. Mr Nichol said he was tired at the end of the race but grateful the event could go-ahead for the 400 competitors in such a stunning location. Mr Vallender mentioned that you couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for the event to take place. The flat water, the ride and run along the coast to open up the old lungs was motivational. Kudos to the hard working volunteers and organisers who were able to put this event together under such restrictions.

There is a range of races for anyone 12 years and up—Olympic distance triathlon, sprint triathlon, duathlon or aqua bike. These can be raced in teams or individually. The next race is on April 17 at Maraetai and Mr Nichol and Mr Vallender hope to see a few of you there!



Success Outside of School

Athletics

On the weekend of the 25th-27th, the Auckland Junior Athletics Champs were held with a number of our BIS students hitting the track. Some outstanding results achieved, continuing a number of outstanding track and field athletes that have come through the school.

Connor Brady - G12 Boys

-1st 80m Hurdles

-2nd 400m

-2nd Discus

-2nd Shot Put

-3rd 200m

Alex Hallie - G11 Boys

-4th Shot Put

-4th Discus

Jacob Howell - G12 Boys

-1st 800m

-3rd 400m

Romey Jewell - G10 Girls

-2nd 400m

-4th 200m

Ariana Vosper - G11 Girls

-1st 400m

-2nd 800m

There was also a senior competition in the evening, the McKinnon Shield. Competing in the 200m hurdles, Connor broke his own Auckland U14 record and has broken the 30s barrier with a very impressive 29.66s. Outstanding results from all of our athletes!

Community News



We're going ONLINE this term and want you to join us!

Join our Private FACEBOOK GROUP each month

Each week we'll be providing:

1- a pre-recorded video of one of the LittleCooks team cooking something delicious for you to follow along with...

2- a FACEBOOK LIVE session with one of the team cooking with you! We will post the list of ingredients a few days out, and what you'll need to have on hand in order to cook with us.

We will be able to answer any questions you have during this session, plus interact with you -- which is something we truly miss!

BONUS content:

HOW TO videos

Yummy recipes

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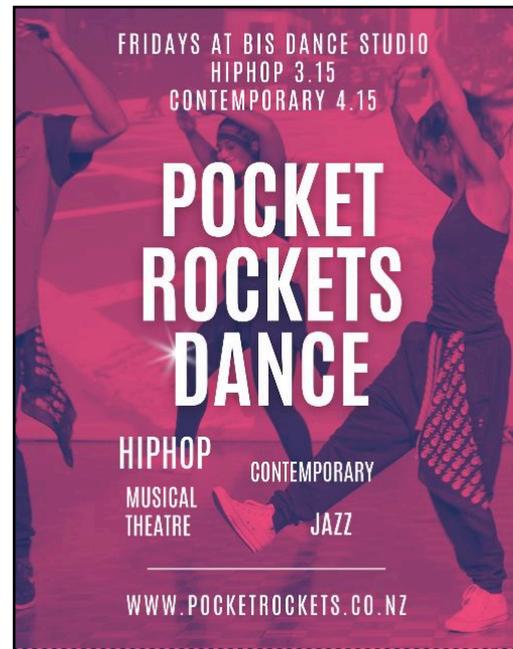


Hip Hop, Contemporary, Jazz & Musical Theatre Classes

Pocket Rockets Dance is back!
Fridays in the BIS Dance Studio
Hip hop 3:15pm
Contemporary 4:15pm

Online participation also available if preferred.

See www.pocketrockets.co.nz for full timetable
or contact Jane 021 140 3786
jane@pocketrockets.co.nz



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Join StageAntics weekly production class on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00pm in the Dance Room at BIS for Terms 1 & 2 as we work towards staging a musical at The Rose Centre in June.

Classes teach confidence, singing, dance, acting, problem solving and team work in a fun environment.

Check us out at www.stageantics.nz or on social media.

Email Emma to find out more or to register at emma@stageantics.nz