



**Bellevue
School**

Welcome back

Welcome back to a new school year at Montessori@Bellevue! We would like to extend a warm welcome to existing and new families. We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer, and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.



Upcoming Events

Senior Tent City and Cultural Extravaganza:
11th - 12th February

Whanau Open Evening: 18th February

Whole school triathlon/duathlon: 23rd February

Funky Fun Day: 24th March (Year 3 and 4s only)

Easter:
Easter Friday 2nd April, Easter Monday and
Tuesday 5-6th April

Term One Ends: 16th April
Term Two Commences: 3rd May

Classroom Changes

Karina Fry is now teaching in the senior Montessori class in Room 16 and Deirdre Harrison is teaching in the junior Montessori class in Room 19.

Steph Mackenzie will work in Deirdre's classroom every Friday.

Life Education

The Life Education mobile classroom is visiting our school from the 22nd - 30th March.

Life Education is an ongoing health based education resource that aims to give children of New Zealand the knowledge and skills that will keep them safe.

More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Whanau Open Evening

Whanau Open Evening 18th February 2021.

This is a great opportunity for you, as parents and whānau, to meet your child's teacher and to discuss classroom expectations and upcoming dates.

There will be a free sausage sizzle!



Promoting Independence

Independence is a skill we promote in the Montessori classroom. Like learning how to swim or ride a bike, it is not something that comes naturally or develops overnight. What it looks like and what it means to be independent needs to be modeled and practiced repeatedly, until it is mastered. Ways you can continue to foster independence are:

- encouraging your child to make his/her own lunch and pack his/her bag
- ensuring your child carries his/her own bag to and from school
- developing a routine that encourages your child to say goodbye to you a distance from the classroom. Examples of this may be the corner of the hall, the junior playground, or the astroturf.

If possible, could you also pick your child up from the same place away from the classroom.

Scaffold your child to be responsible by allowing him/her to be hungry if they forget their lunch, or miss out on activities if they forget to bring their things eg. togs for swimming.

Encourage your children to make wise choices. It is best, in the beginning, to give limited choices.

For example: Would you like an apple or a banana in your lunch?

Notice, the question is not “Would you like fruit in your lunch?”

Another example would be: Would you like to clean up the playroom before or after dinner?

Again, the choice is not whether or not they want to, but when they would like to do so.



Communication Reminder

Please feel free to approach us to discuss the needs of your child. Please bear in mind that we see the mornings as a valuable opportunity to connect with and catch up with each child, so wherever possible we ask that these meetings be brief and arranged prior to 8.15am, or ideally after school.

If you have any concerns, please contact your child's key teacher by email to organise an appointment.

- Irene: imartin@bellevue.school.nz
- Deirdre: dharrison@bellevue.school.nz
- JayJay: jjsmith@bellevue.school.nz
- Karina: kfry@bellevue.school.nz
- Claire: cgribbin@bellevue.school.nz

If there is an urgent message that you need to get to your child's key teacher or your child during the day, please call Jodie in the office on 07 576 5916.

Swimming

Please support your child to be responsible for remembering to bring his/her togs and towel on both of their swimming days:

Juniors: Wednesdays and Fridays

Seniors: Tuesdays and Fridays

Montessori School Hours

School hours for the Montessori Team continue to be 8:45am to 2:45pm everyday. If you are late to pick up your child, the duty teacher will ask your child to wait in the school office where you can pick him/her up from. If you need to collect your child before 2.45pm, please call in at the office to sign your child out.

Pencils

To help develop responsibility, at the beginning of this term, each child received their own named pencil. They are responsible for this. If their pencil should go missing or needs replacing, they will be asked to bring a named replacement pencil in from home. Every term we will supply the children with one named pencil each.

Sun Smart Safe

A reminder that students are required to wear brimmed hats in Term 1 & Term 4. The PTA are selling red bucket and broad brimmed hats with the school logo on them.



Personal Belongings

We ask that parents please ensure that lunch boxes, clothes (particularly shoes, socks, jumpers, hats) and swimming togs are clearly named for easy identification so that they can be returned to their rightful owners.

Many thanks to those parents who ensure their child's clothing items are clearly labelled.

Bellevue Sports Teams

Your child is invited to join the Bellevue School sport teams. Kiwitag, volleyball and flippa ball are on offer for children aged 7 and over. The younger children, aged 5-6, are most welcome to play t-ball. Close off date is the 4th February.

Information is available on Kindo about these, or you can phone the school office. Thank you to those parents who are coaching and managing our teams, we appreciate the time and energy you are putting into our Bellevue School children.

Further Forms of Communication

Bellevue School website:

<http://www.bellevue.school.nz/>

This has a variety of information such as school events, lunches that can be purchased, and the school rules.

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