



Bellevue School

Coming Up

Junior School Athletics

Thursday 16th November

Middle School Athletics

Tuesday 21st November

Year 6 Leavers Trip to Rocktopia

Wednesday 29th November

Middle School Funky Fun Day

Thursday 7th December

Year 3 and 4 children from across Tauranga come together at ASB Arena to take part in fun sports and games.

Welcome to Term 4's Montessori newsletter. We would also like to offer a warm welcome to the families and children that have joined Montessori @ Bellevue this term.

Maria Montessori Birthday Celebrations

Montessori @ Bellevue and Montessori @ Arataki, along with a number of local preschools, enjoyed celebrating Maria Montessori's birthday on August 31st. The weather just held out, and we were fortunate to enjoy a day of gardening, crafts, learning, and fun together. The gardens and fruit trees are looking great, and the Montessori Juniors are looking forward to making more use of their outdoor space as the weather clears.

A huge thank you to everyone in our community who donated items or their time; this fantastic celebration would not have been possible without your support.

3 Hour Work Cycles

The Montessori children and teachers are continuing to enjoy the 3 hour work cycles. We understand that some children may have after school activities, and are happy for these children to leave early on those days.

To help your child settle well into the day, please ensure that they are at school by 8:45. We have noticed that children that come in late to class often appear nervous and unsure, which impacts on their settling into the day. A reminder that if your child arrives after 8:55 in the morning, they must first see Trish in the library to let her know that they are at school.

End of Year Graduation Assemblies

On Tuesday 12th December, Bellevue School will be saying farewell to the Year 6 leavers in a special end of year assembly. Following this, on Thursday 14th December, Montessori @ Bellevue will be holding our end of year graduation assembly. Family and friends are warmly invited to these two special end of year celebrations. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Coming Up cont.

Bellevue School End of Year Graduation Assembly

Tuesday 12th December

9:30am - 10:30am

Otumoetai Intermediate

Montessori @ Bellevue End of Year Graduation Assembly

Thursday 14th December

1:15pm - 2:15pm

Junior Montessori Classroom

Last Day of Term 4

Friday 15th December

Year 3 and 4 Swimming Lessons

From Friday 8th to Thursday 13th of December, all year 3 and 4 children at Bellevue School take part in swimming lessons at the Otumoetai Pool. There is no fee for this as it is fully funded.

Year 6 Bay Math Team

Congratulations to Luca Ririnui, from the senior class, and his mathematics team who came second in the recent Bay Math Challenge. The team competed against 46 other teams from across the Bay of Plenty.

Junior Class Photos



Writing from the Senior Class

The year sevens, Clara, Indya-Rose, Lily, Jasmine, Toby, Dominic, went on a tramp. There isn't much to tell about the way back because going the same way we came kinda just flew by, as we had already seen everything.

When we left we were all in a good mood, ready for the 9 ½ km walk back to the cars. Most of the track was reasonably dry but some parts were quite muddy, as it had been raining the night before.

During the walk, about ¾ of the way through Mike and the other adults wanted to stop for a rest and a snack but us kids refused, saying we were in a good rhythm and it would be broken if we stopped. After a long and tiresome argument we emerged triumphant, and we set off again.

Mike insisted that we stopped halfway and had a break and the kids had to obey, although we didn't stop without complaining. What Mike didn't tell us was that the stop wasn't on our way, and we had to climb a never-ending hill to get there. Sure, it was cool seeing hardened lava on the side of the un-active volcano but it wasn't worth having jellylegs. The rest of the walk went smooth, with no more stops.

When we got back to the cars, we all took our wet and muddy shoes off in relief and spent 15 minutes just wiggling our toes around in joy that we were free of our dreadful restricting shoes.

The whole experience was really cool, and it was a really fun thing to do.

In Term 3, 28th of September, the year seven Montessori children (Toby Currin, Dominic Wells, Lily Perry, Jasmine Mcquarters, Indya - Rose Barron, and I) were taken on a once in a lifetime adventure through the Kaimais. We started off full of energy and ready to embark on our trek.

The First hour or so was was easy, flat farmland with a lazy river twisting and turning through the rolling hills beside us. A few bulls were scattered throughout paddocks, and we came to the conclusion that they were all flesh eating horses coming to get us. After what only seemed like ten minutes, Mike (our teacher) congratulated us for walking for an hour. Confused, we thought he was joking, then he showed us the time.

We eventually came to a gate that led us into the bushes. We walked for about an hour and a half before we stopped for lunch at an opening in the plants that let us into a stony creek. We stayed there for half an hour, girls immediately separated from the boys, and walked off to throw stones. Taking off our heavy tramping bags was one of the best feelings ever. It feels like you're full of helium and are about to float away. We all savoured this feeling before we started of again.

The rest of the way there, all the children formed a line. We sung annoying songs and played annoying games till the parents couldn't take it anymore and we walked in silence.

We finally made it to the Waitawheta hut, and were all thrilled to take off our shoes - grimy, sticky, muddy - and backpacks. We immediately ran into the hut and got a fire going, we were all freezing, and then started dinner. For dinner the girls made nachos, eating most of the chips as we went.

After dinner we then played a few games before going outside - with our cold, wet shoes and socks on - to see a small bat flying around. We then went back to the river and caught a crayfish, which Mike immediately dropped again. We went back to the hut and eventually fell asleep.

By Clara Douglas