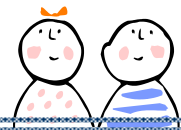


# Newsletter 01

7<sup>th</sup> February 2012



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
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Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March

## SCHOOL ROLL 166

Sushi Orders collected from office today for Tuesday lunchtime delivery.  
Parent Group Meeting in the Sir Peter Blake Hall at 7.00pm. All welcome.  
Y5/Y6 Camp information meeting at 3:10pm in Room 5.  
Walking School Bus Pool Party at 12.30pm  
Bayswater Autoshow.

Tēnā Koutou te Whānau o Waikokoru! Greetings Bayswater Families!

## Welcome Back to 2012

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our returning families and also to all of the new families who have joined us this year. It was great to see all of the children on Thursday, including those who visited on their way back from the intermediate! It was lovely to hear all of their excited tales about what they did over the holidays. I heard about swimming (in seas, rivers and pools), going away (in tents, caravans and baches), bike riding, kayaking, sailing, fishing, boogie-boarding, surfing, snorkelling and even bungee jumping. And best of all, just messing about! Although the weather wasn't great, it sounds like everyone had a wonderful summer.

## This Term's Learning

**'SPLAT! What does it matter? It was only a...'**

This term the children will begin to study a local ecosystem. We will be concentrating on biodiversity and the interdependence of all forms of life. Classes will be going out on various trips to study an ecosystem first hand and to find information from experts. Details of class trips and more information about this term's programmes will follow soon in syndicate newsletters.

The staff has been doing some professional development on the teaching of spelling. As part of our intervention, we have been carefully tracking the standard of spelling across the junior school for 18 months. With changes made in late 2010, the junior school's spelling results have shown a huge improvement. We are obviously delighted with this. We are now looking at the teaching of spelling in the senior part of the school and will be making changes to programmes from this term. Again, we will monitor the effect that the changes we make have on the children's spelling.

## Getting Involved

I know how nerve racking it can be coming into a school as a new parent. At Bayswater, there is a very active parent community and there are many ways to be part of that. Being involved in the life of the school helps all our children and is also a good way to make friends with other families. A wise parent, some of whose children have already moved on to the intermediate and college, commented to me last year that if you don't get to know your child's friends and their families at primary school, then you never will because once the children move on they become increasingly independent.

The Auto Show, one of our two big annual fund-raising events, is fast approaching. The event is on the 4<sup>th</sup> March and you will soon be contacted and invited to help. It is a fabulous occasion with lots to do for all the family. It would be great to see the whole school community getting behind the Auto Show team. They have already worked so hard to make it a success, all they need now is our support in these last few weeks.

Within school itself, there are numerous opportunities to help out. Some parents come in regularly to help with learning activities in class. We have parents who help regularly at writing or reading time each week. Others come in to share a particular talent or skill. Last year, for example, parents played a major role in helping the children to translate their ideas into the fabulous artworks you see on all of our outside drains. Other parents came in to share their expertise in the field of science.

We always need help in the library or generally around school, cataloguing and covering books, shelving resources etc. There is always someone on hand to show you what to do and all help is gratefully received. At the moment, I know there are gaps in our road patrol roster. This takes just half an hour before school once a week or 15 minutes at home time. We are also looking for volunteers who would like to help us with our school gardens.

If you, or maybe a grandparent, would like to help in school in any way, please contact your child's teacher or me. If you aren't sure what you would like to do, leave it to us... we'll definitely be able to think of something!

## Staffing

*Rhonwen Dewar*

It is with mixed emotions that I have to announce the 'departure' of Rhonwen Dewar. Rhonwen first came to us some years ago to cover for reading recovery training. She subsequently became our part-time ESOL teacher, supporting our children and families learning English for the first time. She did an outstanding job and is now going on to teach ESOL at Sunnynook Primary School, where they have a much larger number of children learning English. This is a great opportunity for Rhonwen to further develop her talents. I know she will be sorely missed by our ESOL families and children. She isn't quite gone though! Rhonwen has kindly agreed to continue to work with us on professional development, as she is the number one grammar expert! We look forward to her upskilling us all in this area over the course of the forthcoming year.

*Michelle Holm*

As some of you eagle-eyed parents out there apparently guessed last year, Michelle is expecting a baby! She will be going on maternity leave at the end of Term 2. Michelle is currently off sick, due to a minor complication which occurred during the holidays. Expectant mother and baby are both doing well and she hopes to be back with us all very soon. We are delighted that Annoula Couldry is helping us out while Michelle is away. This provides great continuity for the children in that class, who were taught by Annoula last year.

*Teacher Aides*

This year, Coral Dickie and Peta-Lynn Henry will be supporting students full-time in class. Irene will continue to work in the office and will also be doing some teacher-aiding around the school.

## Open Door

As always, if there is anything puzzling, bothering or delighting you, don't hesitate to pop in for a chat or send an email. Staff meetings start at 3:20 after school, so there is time before this to have a quick word with teachers, if you need to. Staff are also around and about each day before school. If your query needs a longer meeting, staff are always happy to make time to do this.

Lindsay Child  
Principal

# Happy Birthday

to Jasper Shanahan, Robert Eaglestone, Ben Trinnaman, Kobe Wilton, Momo Ishibashi, Mia Tucker, Tori Johnson, Daniella Isla and Jack Kelleher who have recently or are about to celebrate their birthdays. Have loads of fun everyone!



## Ezlunch Online Ordering System

Ezlunch is a new online lunch ordering facility now available to Bayswater families. Both hot and cold food, made by local suppliers, delivered directly to school. Please refer to the flyer sent home today for more details. The menu will be sent home today via email for your future use. Hard copies are also available from the school office for those who do not currently receive school emails.

A warm **Bayswater Welcome** to new entrants Jack Denny, Ryan Groves and Te Hemi Polkinghorne who have joined us in Room 7 and welcome also to new students Milaan Armstrong-Parrant, Zachary Pickles, Gazal Suchdev, Dione Taurua, Kahu Rupapera, Paki Rupapera, Sativa-Lee Shaw and Iona Ward-Macfehin.



## Music Notices

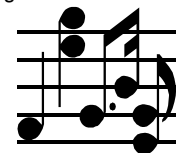
**Guitar Lessons:** Musiqhub, formerly 4Front School of Guitar, have been running Guitar Lessons at Bayswater School for 4 years. Over that time many students have enjoyed developing the ability to play the guitar. Guitar lessons are available on Mondays at school. If you are interested for your child to start guitar lessons in term 1, 2012 please contact Dave Gatman on 021 222-1456 or email [dave@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:dave@musiqhub.co.nz).

**The AllStar Band and 4Front School of Guitar** have now merged under the name **MusiqHub**. The name MusiqHub reflects the proven link that playing a musical instrument can increase academic achievement. Your local MusiqHub teachers can now offer lessons in brass, woodwind, guitar, ukulele, drums, piano and vocal tuition at your school. If you would like your child to learn with New Zealand's most progressive, innovative and largest provider of musical tuition then please contact your local MusiqHub teacher:

Brass and Woodwind: Hayden Patching Mobile: 022-624-6216 email: [hayden@allstarbp.co.nz](mailto:hayden@allstarbp.co.nz)

With MusiqHub you know your child is receiving the very best with a fully developed syllabus covering beginners to advanced players and NZ's only comprehensive online music tuition support web site.

Your MusiqHub teacher will be attending your school assembly on the Friday 10th February. An instrument trial morning for students and parents will be on Tuesday 14th February, 8am, in the hall. For more information please see the attached flyer or pick one up at the school office or go to our site [www.musiqhub.co.nz](http://www.musiqhub.co.nz)



**Learn Music at School:** We are most fortunate in being able to offer specialist music lessons at our school. Your child will be receiving an enrolment form for the "Music In Schools" Programme this week. Enrolments close on 13th February. Please make sure the form is returned to the office by this date so that your child does not miss out on this wonderful opportunity

## Sports Notices

**Belmont Park Racquets Club Junior Squash Programme** – 8<sup>th</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> March (8 weeks) each Wednesday from 5:00-6:00pm. \$80.00 (rebate \$10-no absences). Contact Manu Yam 021 886 583 or visit [www.squashcoach.co.nz](http://www.squashcoach.co.nz).

**Kids Athletics** for primary and intermediate school children - FREE. Wednesdays February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. from 4 - 6 pm at the Rugby Grounds at the Devonport Domain. Have a go and work on your personal best at long jump, high jump, running races, hurdles, and shot put! For more information, contact the Devonport Community Coordinator at 445 9533 or [dportcomm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dportcomm@xtra.co.nz)

**YogaBegins** - Classes start on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in the school hall. A dynamic system of yoga linking movement with breath, purifying and strengthening the body and mind. \$12.00 per class. Call Julie Richardson on 021 0226 9866 or 445 4660 or email [julie.richardson@clear.net.nz](mailto:julie.richardson@clear.net.nz) for more information. Private yoga classes also available, designed for your needs. Mats and props provided. Monday classes from 9.15 - 10.15am in the Scout Den in Allenby Avenue.

## Community Notices

**Art Classes For Children** in artist's home studio by the sea. Fun, educational classes for children who love art. This term we explore the colour and form of tropical plants. Lots of drawing and painting techniques. Suitable for 6-14 years. Each Wednesdays from 3.30 - 5.30pm.. \$160 per term including all materials and a snack. Erica Soman MFA, Dip Tchg, Call 445 7028 or 021 127 9671 or email [erica\\_artist@xtra.co.nz](mailto:erica_artist@xtra.co.nz)

**St Francis and All Souls Catholic Parish of Devonport:** The programme of formation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist begins with an introductory evening for parents on Tuesday 14th February 7.30pm. Instruction classes for the candidates begin at 8.45am on Sunday 19th Feb. The minimum age / level for enrolment is Yr 4 and above. Enrolments close on Friday 10th Feb. For an enrolment form please call Kim 445 9087, or Stephen 021 060 8561 or email the parish [stfrancis@inspire.net.nz](mailto:stfrancis@inspire.net.nz)

## Situation Vacant - Devonport Community Coordinator

Reporting to the Devonport Peninsula Trust board, the successful applicant will work within the Devonport peninsula community to support and develop local initiatives, liaising with a broad range of local organisations, including Auckland Council and the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board.

Responsibilities include community liaising, facilitation of networking forums, event and project management, e-newsletter production, grant writing and reporting, financial and staff management.

30 hours per week. Some evening and weekend work required. A vehicle is available for use and applicants must have a full and clean drivers licence. Request for job description and applications to: Maire Vieth, [dportcomm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dportcomm@xtra.co.nz) or phone 09 445 9533. Applications close 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

## Kumon Belmont Education Centre – English and Mathematics Tuition

The Kumon Method is an individualised learning method. Each student progresses at his or her own pace. The Kumon Instructor supports each student in developing his or her self-learning ability. Students are given individualised instruction and study at the "just right" level for them. Kumon seeks to improve the skills of each child and maximise their potential.

Kumon are offering a 6 month FREE scholarship to a year 1 to 4 students from Bayswater School. Please call Sylvia on 410-2183 or 021 886 991 or email [kumonbelmont@gmail.com](mailto:kumonbelmont@gmail.com)