



# Belmont Intermediate School

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the School,  
Tēnā koutou katoa me ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

Welcome back to term 3. I trust that you all enjoyed some quality time with family and friends during the holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families who have started at BIS this term.

I spent some time in Mt. Manganui with our two daughters, walking the Mount, visiting the hot pools, and playing golf. Our eldest is learning to drive, so she takes the wheel of the golf cart, while our youngest is a keen caddy. My golf is improving. I think it must have been the cool, crisp weather in the bay and the quality of the golf courses, rather than my ability. I also managed a PB snapper in the Rangitoto Channel, which was a lot of fun.

It has been a productive and enjoyable start to Term 3. Our students have hit the ground running this term and are back into settled and familiar routines. At our first assembly, I emphasised the importance of progress and achievement. Goal setting is an integral part of our culture and approach to learning, accompanied by a clear and deliberate focus on the fundamentals of reading, writing, and mathematics. Building on the successes from the last two terms was also highlighted, along with increasing effort and application in subjects that were identified in your child's report as needing more attention. Homework habits and routines are also essential to reinforce at home.

During our assembly, I also reiterated the importance of our students adhering to our three non-negotiables:

1. We treat others as we would like to be treated
2. We wear our uniform correctly and with pride
3. We speak to and treat our teachers with respect

So far this year, our learners have been fantastic in this space, and I know that this will continue. We continue to promote the importance of character development through being humble, thinking of others, and supporting one another.

Congratulations to our Sports Camp 1 students who came runners-up to Glen Eden Intermediate in the last week of term 2. This was our first time competing in the A category at Totara Springs. The team won nine events and was runner-up in 12 other events. This incredibly talented and focused group of athletes not only performed well on the fields, courts and gymnasiums, but they were wonderful ambassadors of Belmont Intermediate. The organisers commended the students on the way they carried themselves and, in particular, displayed Totara Springs values. They expressed that they love the energy our team brings on and off the field, and have also praised the students for their manners towards all Totara Springs staff, referees, and other schools.

This is fantastic to hear, and the school is exceptionally proud of the team. My thanks to Mr Simpson, Mrs Botha and the parents who attended the camp and supported the team.

Belmont Intermediate School has partnered with the Teachers Institute and next year will be in the position to train two teachers onsite. The previous headmaster of Westlake Boys High, David Ferguson, is the CEO, and renowned educator and researcher Dr. Nina Hood is the academic director. I have spent time with both David and Nina understanding their approach to teacher training, the content being taught, and how schools will work in partnership with the Institute. I believe that this new model of teacher training will provide schools with the opportunity not only to address teacher shortages but also to train, mentor, and develop teachers more thoroughly and purposefully, which suits the individual school's needs. If members of our community are considering a change in career or vocation, applications for the 2026 school-based training programme are now open. <https://www.teachersinstitute.org.nz>

Student Learning Conferences will take place next week on the 22 and 23 July. BIS will close early on Wednesday at 12.30pm. These conferences are an essential part of our partnership with our parent community. It is an opportunity to discuss your children's academic progress and achievements, and to set educational goals for the remainder of the year.

Our school Cross Country is taking place next Tuesday, 22 July, with the save date being Thursday, 24 July. The PTA will be selling ice cream at the finish line, which can be pre-ordered using the Online Shop or limited cash sales on the day. The weather is looking good and I look forward to supporting the kids on the sideline. I encourage as many parents as possible to get out and support the school.

Ngā mihi nui



Nick Hill  
Principal/ Tumauaki



## Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Tuesday, 22 July	Cross Country Student Learning Conferences (3:30pm to 6:15pm)
Wednesday, 23 July	Student Learning Conferences (1:15pm to 7:30pm), school closes at 12:30pm Netball vs St Kents
Thursday 24 July	2026 New Parent Evening Tim Sonderer Waterpolo Tournament
Friday, 25 July	Pyjama Day In-Zone Enrolment Opens
Monday, 28 July	Year 7 Vaccinations Year 8 Sports Camp (Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August)
Tuesday, 29 July	Cross Country Zone Day Year 6 Open Day 1 at 9am
Wednesday, 30 July	Girls Netball Zone Day Year 6 Open Day 2 at 11:15am
Thursday, 31 July	Boys Netball Zone Day
Friday, 1 August	Junior Treble Voices Festival at Westlake Girls High School Peninsula Choral Festival at Belmont Primary School

## Merit Mentions

Room 1	Eva Ding Gangmin Lee	For being helpful and kind to our new international student, and for always giving your best in class. Your ideas and great attitude are appreciated. For starting the new term with enthusiasm and energy. You are making great strides in writing and speech and are committed to excellence at all times. Keep it up!
Room 2	Harrison Halper Lulu Aitchison-Studd	For his consistent demonstration of responsibility in his learning by completing assignments with enthusiasm and offering thoughtful, constructive feedback. For her consistent efforts to be a responsible and supportive class captain, always striving to fulfil her role with dedication. She has served Room 2 admirably.
Room 3	Alice Jiang Elaine Sun	For showing patience and understanding when listening to others. You are a reliable and supportive team player and a much-appreciated member of Room 3. For consistently maintaining a positive attitude during independent work. You maintain focus through long tasks and complete all assigned work to a high standard. Well done!
Room 4	Thomas Woodbridge Dana Kim	For your consistent focus and application in class. You apply the school values in all aspects of your learning and are a responsible and caring class member. For being an outstanding class captain in Semester One. Your dedication to your role and sense of responsibility are truly commendable. You have embodied service to others.
Room 5	Finn Atkinson Georgia Westgate	For consistently role modelling what it means to be a curious learner. Finn, you arrive each day with a fresh enthusiasm for classroom activities and ask great questions. Ka pai. You approach learning tasks with a genuine desire to work hard and excel. Additionally, thank you for your contributions to Room 5, particularly in the various roles you take on. Nga mihi.
Room 7	Sam Heard Ling Gong	For consistent effort and excellence in your writing. You throw yourself wholeheartedly into your work, and you are generous and eager to help others improve theirs. Ling, every day you try your very best, and always bring a smile to your work. I commend you for your effort and excellent attitude. Ka pai tō mahi!
Room 8	Dana Choi Maisie Hawke	Dana, you consistently approach your work with remarkable determination and a genuine desire to improve. Your diligence and perseverance are truly impressive. Your openness to suggestions and attitude towards improvement are impressive. Keep building on this strength as it's making a difference. Kai pai Maisie.
Room 10	Hunter O'Keeffe Liv Gibson	Hunter has had an exceptional second term at BIS. He has made remarkable progress and has shown a tenacious work ethic through his commitment to STEPS web. Ka pai! Liv has been extremely engaged in class recently. Her desire to finish tasks on time and to the best of her ability is pleasing to see. Well done Liv!
Room 11	Olive Bellerby-Juillard Elijah Steytler	Liv, well done on putting so much effort into your learning and classroom involvement. Your efforts are evident in the work you are producing. Ka pai! For consistently working hard in class to achieve excellence. Elijah, your hard work is paying off. Keep up the fantastic attitude and diligence.
Room 12	Jaime Smith Thomas Allan	For your consistent effort across all subjects. Jaime, your dedication and integrity make you a valuable member of our classroom community. Keep up the fantastic work! For your fantastic attitude and enthusiasm during our reading lesson, especially when reading plays. Thomas, you are a fantastic public speaker. Keep up the great mahi!
Room 13	Charlie Gault Jake Tuck	Charlie consistently demonstrates a desire to succeed and takes pride in his work across all subjects. Keep it up, Charlie! For consistently asking for feedback and showing a desire to succeed across all learning areas. Keep it up, Jake!
Room 14	Flynn Utting Zayed Mahdi	For your improvement in work ethic and for consistently displaying enthusiasm in class. I look forward to working productively with you this term, Flynn. Well done. For the effort and determination that you put into your school life. You have shown much improvement in your approach to learning. Well done, Zayed.

## Merit Mentions cont.

Room 15	Zachary Loveday-Rhodes Lucy Nguyen	Zachary, it's been great to see you focused on making positive choices this term. Your energy and respect are always so appreciated. Ka pai, Zachary! You approach all your work with great determination and consistently strive to improve. I am impressed with your diligence and excellence in all that you do. Well done Lucy!
Room 16	Filippa Walden	Fillippa has settled beautifully into school, displaying a positive attitude and great enthusiasm for learning. She has made new friends quickly and is already fitting in brilliantly with her classmates.
Room 17	Finn Lazzari Josh Hanna	Finn consistently goes above and beyond to assist his peers, showing kindness and patience. His dedication to learning makes him a role model in the classroom. Thank you, Finn! Josh, your vibrant energy and positive attitude consistently light up the classroom. You have a natural gift for bringing joy and enthusiasm to every lesson.
Room 18	Clovis Wang	For going above and beyond to assist with Matariki decorations.
Room 19	Agnes Zhang Tani Liu	For settling in so well! We are so excited to have you in Room 19! Tani, your attitude towards learning has been fantastic! Keep up the good work!
Room 20	George Tumelty Adriana Stevens	For commitment and leadership in class and team PE sessions and cross-country training. Fantastic effort, George! For engaging and contributing well in class and group discussions. Keep it up, Adriana!
Room 23	Ivy Files Eddy Zhang	For quietly leading by example in everything you do. Your work ethic is something to be proud of. You are consistently demonstrating the school's values. Ka pai, Ivy! For his positive approach and "can-do" attitude towards learning. Thank you for your outstanding effort in learning this year. Well done, Eddy!
Room 24	Farrah Gibbes Daniel Zheng	For your fantastic attitude towards learning. I'm proud of the positive way you tackle every task. Keep it up, Farrah! For always being so helpful. I appreciate the way you support others and contribute positively to our classroom. Keep it up, Daniel!

## Specialist Merit Mentions

Food Tech	Tom Newman, Toby Latimer, Taein Kim, Zack Leung, Sophia Edmonds, Metua-Tatare Kainuku, Jovaan Hopwood, Isa Cutfield, Lana Sawyer, Ellen Rosen, Finn Atkinson, Junny Na	For their impressive work in food technology sessions, displaying a positive, focussed and hard-working approach to all tasks.
Languages	Toby Porter, Jayden Wang, Jason Dai, Joshua Yang, Vivien Lee, Caitlin Martin, Sophia Riley, Elyshaya-Kaye Haimona Enoka, Florence Raymond, Minato Kai, Leon Xu	For fantastic energy, effort and engagement with the challenge of learning a new language. 加油!
Hard Tech	Aviv Alexander, Abigail Marks, Juliette France, Maeva Mackenzie, Sirius Lin, Chris Lenihan, Maddie Huckle, Hibiki Furuhashi, Blake Darragh, Ben Grey, Lucia Balgarnie	For diligence in all aspects of the construction of their prototype, with attention to accuracy in measuring and quality of finish.
Dance/Drama	Vida McNatty, Lulu Burge, Joanie Mackrill, Dulcie King-Cole, Fletcher McGhie, Paz Vega, Dana Kim, Jesse Legarth, Shay Legarth, Theo Thomas, Boadicea Todd, Sol Kim	For their excellent effort, positive attitude, and great contributions during dance and drama lessons. Well done!
ESOL	Klara Marie Ecker, William Kieu, Hibiki Furuhashi	For working hard to improve your writing. Your sentences are clearer, and you're starting to add more detail. Keep going. You're doing great!



# School News

## Student Learning Conferences

Dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, 22 July from 3:30pm to 6:15pm
- Wednesday, 23 July from 1:15pm to 7:15pm (school closes at 12:30pm)

Bookings are made via Hero (click the 'School Bookings' icon on the landing page). Bookings close on Monday, 21 July at midday. Families are restricted to one booking per child; however, if two bookings need to be made in the case of separated families, this needs to be done manually. Please contact Charlie Vorster at 489 4878, ext. 203.

### Specialist Bookings Open for Families

We are pleased to invite students, parents, and caregivers to visit our specialist rooms during the homeroom Student Learning Conferences. This is a great opportunity for students to share these wonderful learning spaces with you. Our specialist teachers will be available to discuss their specialist programmes and answer any questions you may have. No bookings are necessary, you can visit during the following times:

- Tuesday, 22 July 3:30pm to 5:30pm
- Wednesday, 23 July 1:15pm to 3:00pm and 3:30 to 5:00pm

### School Closure, Buses and EZLunch

**School will close early at 12:30pm on Wednesday, 23 July.** If you require your child to stay at school until 3pm, supervision in the library will be provided. Please email the school office at [office@belmontint.school.nz](mailto:office@belmontint.school.nz) if your child will be staying at school until 3pm on Wednesday, 23 July.

Buses run at their normal time of 3:15pm, so you may need to make alternative arrangements for your child if they normally get the bus home but are allowed to leave school at 12:30pm. There will be no EZ Lunch orders on Wednesday.

## School Board Election

We're seeking nominations for three parent representatives to join our school board and nominations open tomorrow. School boards play a vital role in shaping the direction and success of our school, helping to set goals, support student achievement, and ensure effective governance.

If you're passionate about education and want to make a difference in our school community, we encourage you to consider standing for election. No specific experience is needed, just a genuine interest in our school and a commitment to helping every student thrive.

Nominations are now open and will close at 12pm on Wednesday, 6 August. All eligible voters will receive a nomination form either electronically or via mail. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

Election day is Tuesday, 10 September.

For any further information, please contact our Returning Officer, Charlie Vorster, at [principalsea@belmontint.school.nz](mailto:principalsea@belmontint.school.nz)



# ENROLL



## 2026 Enrolments

Belmont Intermediate will be hosting a 2026 New Parent Information evening on Thursday, 24 July from 6:30pm in the school hall.

Our open day tours for parents and children are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, 29 July 9:00am  
Wednesday, 30 July 11:15am

Online in-zone enrolments open Friday, 25 July and close Friday, 29 August. Please apply via the [website](#).

## Policy Review

As we hold all of school policies with SchoolDocs, when they are due for review, our school staff and community are invited to feedback their thoughts. This term the School Board are reviewing the policies listed below. If you wish to be part of this process, please follow these steps:

1. Visit the [website](#)
2. Enter the username (belmontint) and password (excellence)
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed
4. Read the policy
5. Click the red "Under Review" button near the top right-hand corner
6. Select the reviewer type - "Parent"
7. Enter your name (optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

The policies for review in Term 3 are:

- Child Protection (board)
- Abuse Recognition and Reporting (board)
- Food and Nutrition
- Safety Checking (board)
- Police Vetting
- Missing Student Procedure

## Pyjama Day: Friday, 25 July

This year, we're supporting the Kindness Collective's PJ Project, which provides new winter pyjamas to children in need across Aotearoa.

Instead of a gold coin, we ask each student to bring a new pair of pyjamas to donate. Every pair collected will help keep a child warm this winter.

How it works:

- Come to school in your pyjamas!
- Pack your P.E. gear and closed-toe shoes to change into for P.E. or electives.
- Each teaching team has an age bracket for PJ donations:
  - Rakino: Ages 0–4
  - Motutapu: Ages 5–9
  - Motuihe: Ages 10–13
  - Rangitoto: Ages 14–16

Please donate new, gender-neutral or gender-matching pyjamas. Let's help the Kindness Collective reach their goal of 20,000 pairs this winter and show the power of our Belmont whānau! Let's spread warmth and kindness together!

## Donations for BIS Fundraisers

We're looking forward to our two major fundraising events this year, Quiz Nation in Term 3 and the BIS Golf Day in Term 4. Both events promise to be fantastic community occasions, and we're seeking donations to help build exciting prize pools.

For Quiz Nation, we're looking for student-friendly prizes such as vouchers, experiences, or sports gear to reward participation and boost engagement. For the Golf Day, we'd appreciate adult-focused prizes, including items like premium products, vouchers, experiences, or even a weekend stay at a bach or holiday home.



If you're able to contribute or have any questions, please reach out to the PTA at [pta@belmontint.school.nz](mailto:pta@belmontint.school.nz)

Every donation makes a difference!





# Sports News

## Year 8 Sports Camp

The BIS students have had an unforgettable week at Totara Springs Sports Camp! An incredible run across 46 events, our students gave it everything, reaching 15 semi-finals and playing in 11 finals. We won 9 events and finished in the top 4 in 36 of the 46 events.

Off the field, students showed amazing sportsmanship, helped each other without being asked, and impressed everyone with their positive energy and commitment. A huge thank you to our staff, supporters, and parents for making this an inspiring week. We couldn't be more proud!

