



Belmont Intermediate School

Leading Excellence in Intermediate School Education

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

I would like to start this newsletter by acknowledging the generosity of our parent community. It was quite emotional and moving for our students and staff to see the volume of pyjamas that were donated to the Kindness Collective last week. Your kindness and generosity will positively impact hundreds of New Zealand children during this winter and the next. At our assembly on Monday, we showed a video highlighting the needs that exist in our broader community. It had a significant impact on our kids. Many of our students approached me to ask if we would be supporting this cause next year. My answer was a big YES!

The weather played its part last Tuesday as we enjoyed another successful Cross Country. My thanks to all our parents, grandparents, and school friends who came out in large numbers to support our students. I relayed to the students how proud I was of their effort and perseverance after the races had finished. It was also nice to see them being so supportive and encouraging of one another. A list of our top three place winners can be found further in the newsletter. Congratulations to all our winners. My thanks to Mr Simpson and all our staff for planning and executing the event. I also want to acknowledge the PTA for their contribution, selling ice blocks to the deserving finishers.

Continuing with a PTA theme, the team has managed to raise an impressive \$4350 from the fundraisers so far this year. My thanks to Kim Westgate and her team for their hard work and support of the school. Please keep an eye out for information regarding our annual golf day, which will be held on a Saturday afternoon/evening in early November.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, we were pleased to welcome our new 2026 families for our Open Day Tours. We had a huge turnout of over 400 parents and prospective students, and our school councillors did a wonderful job serving as tour guides for the morning, showcasing our facilities and giving the Year 6 students a first look at the Year 7 classes and specialist lessons.

Hot off the Press! Sports Camp news just in! Throughout the week, I've been eagerly following the action from Totara Springs, where our second sports camp team has been competing in a wide range of individual and team events.



The energy, teamwork, and school spirit have been truly inspiring, and I was lucky enough to catch the chant live on Facebook, what an atmosphere! I'm thrilled to share that Belmont Intermediate has been named the overall winner of the Sports Camp. What an incredible achievement for our school. A huge congratulations to everyone involved.

Congratulations to these students who received a Principal's Certificate at the Formal Assembly on Monday, 28 July: Theo Murphy-Cummings, Marcus Nguyen, Edie Coles, Shay Leggarth, Yitong Xu, Irène Alberio, Zoe Cammock, Ayas Mohd Johar, Arlo Ford, Isabelle Crawford, Ruby Fleming, Charlie Gault, Blake Darragh, Indi Burrow, Finn Lazzari, Jasmine Grobbelaar, Mario Choi, Chloe Zhang, Annabelle Scovell, Elizabeth Scarlett.

Ngā mihi nui



Nick Hill
Principal/ Tumuaiki



Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Friday, 1 August	Junior Treble Voices Festival at Westlake Girls High School Peninsula Choral Festival at Belmont Primary School
Monday, 4 August	Board meeting at 6:30pm
Tuesday, 5 August	TNIS Exchange
Wednesday, 6 August	Nominations for the school board close at 12pm The Kids Sing competition at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Parnell
Friday, 8 August	BIS Speech Finals
Monday, 11 August	Year 8 Museum Trip R13 & 14 Year 7 Boostrix Catch-up
Tuesday, 12 August	Spaceward Bound - Team Rakino Girls Basketball Zone Day
Wednesday, 13 August	Spaceward Bound - Team Rakino Boys Basketball Zone Day
Thursday, 14 August	Year 8 Museum Trip R16 & 18 Takapuna Football Invitational

Merit Mentions

Room 1	Toby Latimer Stella Anderson	Toby gave an amazing speech to the class, with excellent expression and fun and interesting facts. Well done on all your efforts and for showcasing your strengths. Well done on teaching us about dinosaurs in your speech and for having the confidence to share it with the class. Your writing skills have really improved this year.
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Merit Mentions cont.

Room 2	Martha Duncan Sebastian Peacock	For always striving to do her best and take on new challenges. Her natural leadership skills shine in the classroom, where she guides and supports her peers with confidence. For his natural initiative that shines in the classroom, where he often looks in to guide and support his peers with confidence and enthusiasm.
Room 3	Roman Garland Dawn Wang	For showing confidence in tackling complex maths tasks. I have been impressed with your ability to apply mathematical concepts to real-life situations. Keep it up! For demonstrating comprehension skills when reading complex texts, and thoughtfully engaging with key ideas and deeper meanings. Well done!
Room 4	Sienna Yang Evie Bird	For settling in well to school life at BIS. Your kindness, maturity, and friendly disposition have made you a valuable asset to Room 4. Welcome Sienna. For your fantastic effort in preparing and presenting your class speech. You demonstrated the school values of courage and excellence through this process. Kai pai!
Room 5	Yuna Shimizu Xi Kai	For making a tremendous effort in your Steps Web tasks. You are making such progress. Keep up the excellent work. Arigato gozaimasu. Xi Kai, you have been setting such a great example of leadership and bravery. We really appreciate the contributions and role modelling of our school values in Room 5. Ka pai.
Room 7	Lynda Amosa Cleo Topham	For the dedication and enthusiasm you have put into your speech this term. The hard work has really shown, and your courage and commitment are commendable. For the courage and humility shown in your speech this week. It was not an easy topic to tackle, but your speech was articulate, informative, and inspiring. Thank you, Cleo.
Room 8	Cooper Ede Arya Fernandes	For actively engaging in your learning and showing excellent effort in your studies this term. Fantastic work, Cooper. For tackling your work with admirable determination and continually aiming to improve. Thank you, Arya, for your consistently positive attitude towards learning.
Room 9	Whole Class of Room 9	You have all worked incredibly hard on your speeches, and the effort each of you has put in is truly impressive. I'm proud of the tenacity and dedication you've shown in starting this term so strongly and applying yourselves to everything you do. Ka Pai Room 9!
Room 10	Howard Liu Liv Gibson	Howard has settled extremely well into the expectations and rules of BIS. His kind nature and ability to follow instructions have allowed him to have such a great start. Well done. Liv has had a great start to Term 3 by showing respect and a can-do attitude. Her commitment to all aspects of the curriculum isn't going unnoticed. Keep it up!
Room 11	Micky Sloper Hugo Stebbing	For your continued dedication towards your classwork and your consistently positive and supportive attitude in class. Well done on displaying the BIS values! For always demonstrating an inclusive and positive attitude in class. Your kindness to others makes you an excellent role model. Ka pai, Hugo!
Room 12	Mira Chal Max Willis	For settling in so well to life at BIS. Mira, your kind, respectful nature and humility are evident in everything that you do. Keep up the fantastic work, Ka pai! Max, you've started Term 3 with a great attitude and strong commitment, especially to your speech. Your hard work is paying off. I'm so proud of you! Keep up the great mahi!
Room 13	George Dong Keanu Anesi	For welcoming our new students into Room 13 with kindness and humility – values that do not go unnoticed! Keep it up, George! For starting Term 3 with a positive attitude and strong commitment to your classwork and homework. Keep up the tremendous effort, Keanu!
Room 14	Nina Bell Emiliano Luzzi	For coming back to class with a determined attitude after such a long absence. Well done for slotting back in and getting on with your work. We missed having you in class. For delivering such a great speech on such a relevant topic. Congratulations on standing up and presenting with such confidence. Keep up the good work.
Room 15	Aviv Alexander Fletcher McGhie	For outstanding contribution to all aspects of class life. Your positive attitude and offers of assistance around the classroom make you invaluable in the class! For approaching your work with great determination, always striving to do better. Thank you for being a student who displays a positive attitude towards learning.

Merit Mentions cont.


Room 16	Isaac Cain Yoon Aung	For always working diligently in class to ensure personal excellence is achieved. Isaac, you consistently apply yourself and this is wonderful to see. For settling quickly and effortlessly into Room 16. Yoon, you are a fantastic new addition to our classroom. You brighten the day with your beautiful smile.
Room 17	Edvin Rusen Clementine Powles	Edvin has settled beautifully into school, displaying a positive attitude and great enthusiasm for learning. He has made new friends quickly and is fitting in brilliantly. For your fantastic attitude towards learning. I'm proud of the positive way you tackle every task. Keep it up, Clem!
Room 18	Presley Ah Ken-Fruean Emma Wattam	For your hard work, positive attitude, and applying yourself in and outside of class. Thank you for your help during open day, and for your positive attitude in class. For having a positive and proactive attitude towards your learning. You tackle every task set and see it through to the end. Well done.
Room 19	Milla Holland Lacey Maxcey	For your hard work and positive attitude inside and outside the classroom. Ka pai, Milla! For your kind nature and dedication to your school work! Keep up the fantastic effort!
Room 20	Will Christian Aaron Huang	For putting your best foot forward this term and applying yourself well to your academics! Fantastic effort, Will. For supporting our new student so well and being such a welcoming member of Room 20. Thank you so much, Aaron!
Room 23	Chloe Burgess Richard Peng	For your hard work and dedication in the classroom, and for your positive attitude in everything you do. Keep up the good work! For settling well into Room 23 and for working really hard in the classroom. We are lucky to have you!
Room 24	Flynn Ostwind Hibiki Furuhashi	For contributing positively to the Room 24 community through hard work and high-quality work. Keep it up, Flynn! For an awesome attitude to all aspects of school, Hibiki, your enthusiasm for learning is admirable. Well done, Hibiki!

Specialist Merit Mentions

Science	Georgia Smythe, Kash Baskerville, Alexia Jin, Tom Broomby-Garrod, Georgia Kingston, Chloe Zhang, Blair Young, Leila Sami	Great focus during the biological drawings activity and thoughtful consideration of how the fish they had observed might be adapted to their environment.
Food Tech	Pippa Van Shaik, Poppy Buisson-Hiriart, Henry Nicholls, Sophia Tian, Benicio Mitchell-Pala, Linden Zheng, Nicole Rossi, Taylor Robson, Lily Merckens, Leila Sami, Blair Young, Jasmine Yuan, Zac Brinkler	For their impressive work in food technology sessions, displaying a positive, focused and hard-working approach to all tasks.
Visual Art	Alice Jiang, Amy Cui, Isla Fletcher-McGrevy, Blake Lee, Fletcher Ansley, Dawn Wang, Will Watters, Asher Paterson, Olive De Lombardon	For great effort in completing creative, detailed artworks.
Music	Martha Duncan, Phoebe Rose-Stewart, Isabelle Crawford, Catherine Sturges-Taylor, Laura Wang, Zoe Smith, Nate Clissold, Ethan Smythe, Ralph Lane, Gwen Barber, Finn Lazzari, Saskia Chapman	For working extremely well throughout the music module and inspiring others to do the same. You can all be very proud of yourselves.
Dance/Drama	Seb Peacocke, Ezra Meredith, Arya Fernandes, Aria Lin, Jade Valdez, Jovia Ho, Julie Wang, Aqeel Hamza Azeez, Jun Kim, Anya Herd, Annabelle Scovell, Flynn Ostwind	For their excellent effort, positive attitude, and significant contributions during dance and drama lessons. Well done!
ESOL	Yuna Shimizu, Cordia Yeung, Hibiki Furuhashi, Mario Choi, Kate Tong, Jay Kwon, Persie Yao, Joshua Yang, Alex Pham, Sophia Rui, Ruiming Cheng	For showing great bravery by speaking in front of the class and giving your best effort in speech practice. You are trying to use the correct intonation, and each time you speak, your confidence grows. Keep it up – your hard work is making a big difference!

School News

Last call for nominations to the School Board

 Nominations for three parent representatives to join the Belmont Intermediate School Board close on Wednesday, 6 August at 12pm.

Being a board member is a great way to contribute to our school's strategic direction, support student achievement, and represent the voice of our parent community. You don't need special qualifications, just curiosity, commitment, and a desire to make a positive impact.

Want to learn more before deciding?

Visit www.schoolboardelections.org.nz to see what being on a school board is all about.

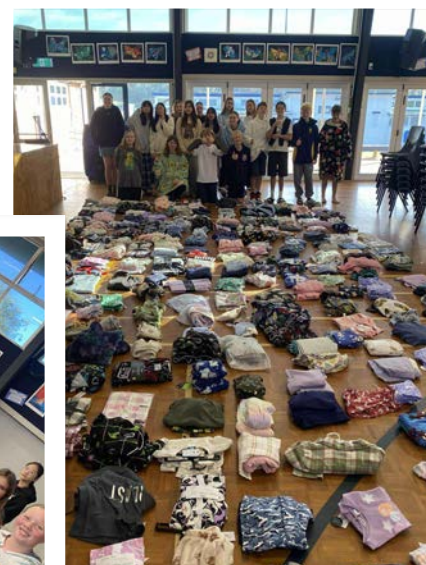
If you have any questions, contact our Returning Officer, Charlie Vorster at principalsea@belmontint.school.nz



Pyjama Day: Friday, 25 July

Thanks to the incredible support from our BIS community for Friday's Pyjama Day we collected 475 pairs of pyjamas which will be donated to the Kindness Collective to help hundreds of children in need across Aotearoa.

A big thank you to the students and parents who encouraged and supported this initiative. It was truly heartwarming to see our tamariki beam with pride as they dropped off their donations, realising the impact they were making.



Cross Country Success

What an incredible day we had last Tuesday for our annual BIS Cross Country! With the sun shining and school spirit in full force, our students gave it their all - from powering through the course to cheering each other on. It was a fantastic display of determination, resilience, and camaraderie.

A big thank you to all the staff and supporters who helped make the event such a success, and a huge well done to every student who took part.



Leading by Example: Abel Takes Action 🌿👏

A big shoutout to Abel Lines, who took it upon himself to collect rubbish around the BIS and TGS school grounds on his way to school this morning.

With litter becoming a growing concern, it's inspiring to see students like Abel stepping up, noticing the issue, and taking action without being asked.

His initiative and care for our environment set a great example for us all. Ka pai, Abel!



Farewell and Thank You, Stig 💙

This week we say goodbye to Stig Sandström, who is returning to Sweden after his time here at BIS.

Stig has been a kind, thoughtful member of our school community, and his generous spirit shone through in the beautiful notes he wrote to both Melissa in the office and Ms Wilkinson, thanking them for their support and welcome. In an incredibly generous gesture, Stig has also donated his Chromebook to the school, a gift that will go on to help other students in their learning.

Thank you, Stig, for your kindness and positivity. We wish you all the very best on your journey ahead. Tusen takk and haere rā!

Lost Property

We're noticing a large increase in lost property this term. A huge number of items have been collected around the school, most of which are unnamed, making it impossible for our PTA to return them to their owners. Please work together with your children to reinforce the following:

- Clearly naming all clothing and gear
- Encourage your children to take responsibility for their belongings
- Remind them to check the lost property box if something is missing



The lost property box next to the hall is always available to view, and the shed is open every Tuesday during lunch (12:50pm to 1:40pm), organised by the PTA. Let's work together to reduce lost property this term!

Quiz Nation is coming!

One of BIS's biggest fundraisers is just around the corner, and we're building some awesome prize pools to make it even more exciting for our students!

We're on the lookout for student-friendly prizes. Think vouchers, experiences, sports gear, or anything fun and engaging to reward participation and build the buzz.

If you're able to contribute or have any questions, please get in touch with the PTA at pta@belmontint.school.nz.

Every donation counts, thank you for your support!



Sports News

Silver Success for BIS Water Polo Team

Congratulations to our BIS Water Polo team, who delivered an outstanding performance at the recent Tim Sonderer Invitational Tournament, finishing second in Grade 3.

The team showed excellent teamwork, determination, and resilience throughout the competition, going up against strong opponents and playing with great spirit. Their efforts and sportsmanship were a credit to the school.

Well done to all the players and coaches involved!



BIS Heads to Auckland Champs Netball

The Belmont 8/1 netball team qualified for the Auckland Championships by making the North Harbour zone day final and finishing second.

This was a great result particularly with the team depleted due to sports camp. Auckland Champs is on August 14th.

Semester 1 Basketball Results 🏀

Belmont Intermediate had a standout season of basketball across both boys' and girls' grades, with multiple teams finishing at the top of their leagues, showing great teamwork, skill, and determination.

Impressive work from all the BIS teams!

- 🥇 BIS Buckets – Girls League 1
- 🥇 BIS Spurs – Boys League 6
- 🥈 BIS Bullets – Girls League 1
- 🥈 BIS Liberty – Girls League 2
- 🥈 BIS Nets – Boys League 9



BIS Overall Winners at year 8 Camp!

Our second group of BIS students had an incredible week at Totara Springs, throwing themselves into the full sports camp experience with energy, enthusiasm, and awesome team spirit. Over the course of the week, they competed in over 40 events with fantastic results, being crowned overall winners for 2025.

Just as impressive as their athletic efforts was the way our students represented BIS off the field, showing resilience, kindness, and a willingness to pitch in and support others. A massive thank you to our dedicated staff - Mr Simpson and Ms Wildman, our volunteer parents, and supporters for helping create another memorable and rewarding week!

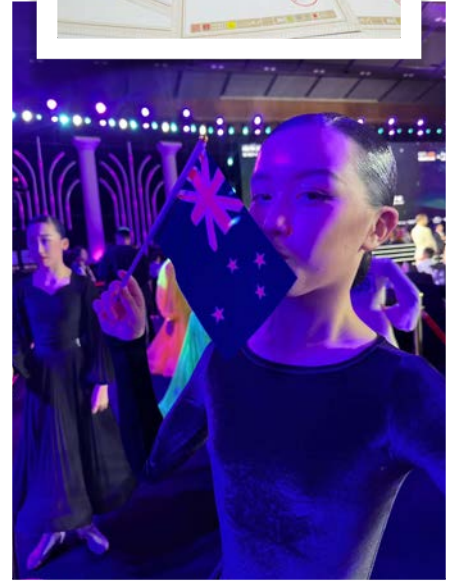


Success Outside of School

Wins at the World Cup Ballroom Dance Championships

Eloise Brown achieved outstanding results at the World Cup held recently in Shenzhen, China!. Competing against top dancers from around the world, Eloise brought home an incredible 1 Gold, 2 Silver, and 3 Bronze medals. It was an inspiring and unforgettable experience for her, full of hard work, dedication, and international camaraderie.

We're so proud of her efforts in nurturing her passion!



Community News



2025 AUCKLAND ROWING CLUB OF THE YEAR



JOIN US

TGSRC LEARN TO ROW PROGRAMME

WHEN
Learn to Row Programme: Runs Fridays after school & Saturday mornings during August 2025

WHERE

- TGS Rowing Club
21 Sir Peter Blake Parade, Bayswater
(Located at the end of the marina – Big Blue Shed!)
- TGS Erg Shed
Located on school fields - can see from Windscombe Rd

WHAT
Our Learn to Row programme is the perfect intro to rowing and includes:

- Four water-based sessions (weather permitting)
- Four land-based training sessions
- Option to join in with some of our Junior Strength & Conditioning sessions
- Supported by our team of friendly Coaches
- Fee \$150 (deducted from 2025/26 season rowing fees if you sign up)


HOW TO SIGN UP

- Scan QR code below!
- Visit www.tgsrowing.org.nz/join-us - for more info about Learn To Row
- Email secretary@tgsrowing.org.nz with any questions



Learn To Row Sign Up

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Dear Parents, whanau & caregivers

We're excited to share our FREE online SAFETY magazine with you.
The publication is aimed at primary aged tamariki and their parents.
We thank Safekids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for the editorial.

Our shared vision is that every very child in North Shore and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic, unintentional injury.

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Haunt for a Cause: Devonport's Darkest Night
Hosted by North Shore Rugby and Cricket Clubs, this eerie evening is raising funds to help transform the old bowls club into much-needed girls' changing room facilities.

Expect frights, fun, and a few unexpected visitors...
Step inside... if you dare!

Location: 10 Cheltenham Road, Devonport
Time: 6pm - 9pm both nights
Entry - \$15 pp or \$50 for a family of four
Date: 8th and 9th August 2025

HAUNT FOR A CAUSE
DEVONPORT'S DARKEST NIGHT



SAVE THE DATE:
8TH & 9TH AUGUST
6-9PM BOTH NIGHTS