

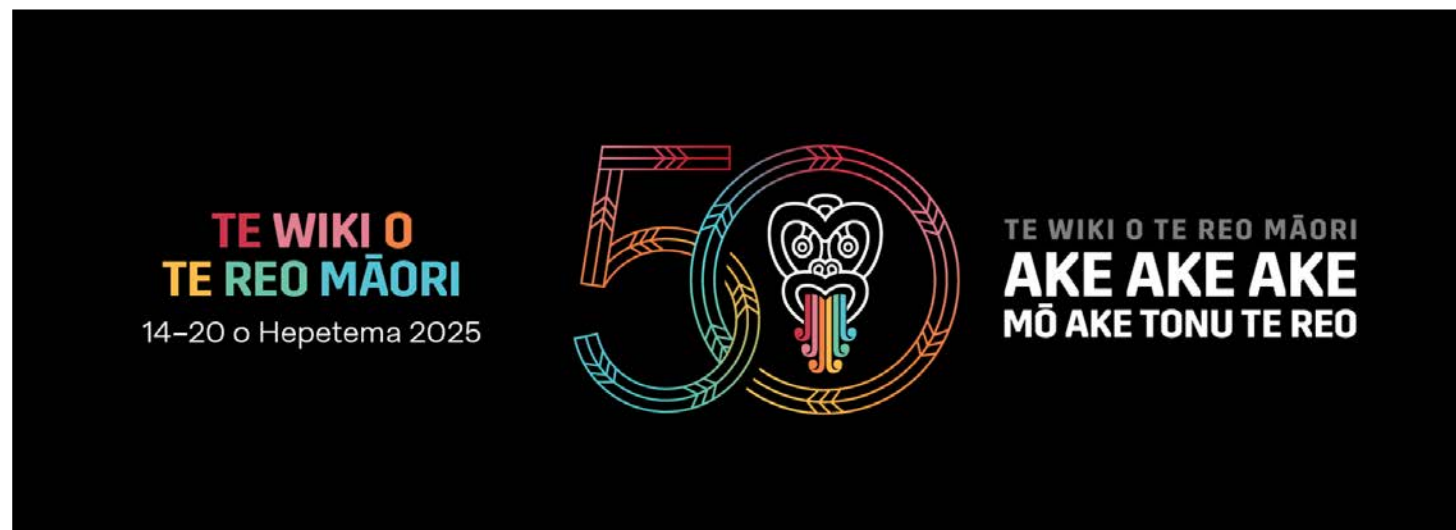


Belmont Intermediate School

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,

During the week, we celebrated Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is an annual celebration for all New Zealanders to show their support for the Māori language, an official language of this country. It represents the resilience, adaptability and endurance of our language. Our Kapa Haka ropu led our assembly yesterday with two waiata and set the tone for a celebration of culture and learning. My thanks to Jed Hagger for his leadership this week and co-ordination of a successful 'Haka up' community event on Monday morning.

Thank you to those members of our community who filled out our community survey. Our board will be meeting early in term 4 to evaluate the key themes and provide feedback on the school's priorities moving forward as we look to develop the next three-year strategic plan for Belmont Intermediate School.

We have had some parents querying about our school donation. The Board of Trustees and staff of Belmont Intermediate are committed to providing the best possible learning environment and opportunities for every student. While we receive government funding, it falls short of the actual amount required to run the school and deliver our high standard of education. To help bridge this shortfall, we ask families to contribute a voluntary school donation. The donation is currently an annual charge of \$375 per student or \$250 per child for a family. The donations we receive contribute to vital areas such as:

- Teacher Aides
- Additional Counsellors
- Support staff across sports, the arts and technology
- IT & AI computer support and resources

In our recent parent survey, one of the strongest themes was the desire for more support in the classroom, through teacher aides, ESOL funding and specialist staff. Your donations directly support this initiative, enabling us to respond to what our community values most for our students.

Moving to the classroom, I thoroughly enjoyed being presented with several persuasive essays from students in room 18. Their topics and arguments ranged from installing a new pool, mountain bike track, having more choice within PE and a new putting and chipping green. The quality of writing was outstanding. Mason Arahovitis pitched an interesting scenario in his introduction when he said that I could reduce the number of double bogeys in my game if I built a boutique pitch-and-putt course at BIS. He is accurate with my golf game, however, I explained to him that this would not be happening and that the Waitemata Golf Club is just down the road.

As a community, we have enjoyed another action-packed, productive, and successful term, both inside and outside the classroom. Our students are thriving and taking all the opportunities that are afforded to them. Having been in several classrooms over the last two weeks, the quality of work, effort and progress is evident for all to see. In addition, and of equal importance, is the way in which our students communicate with each other and their teachers. The mutual respect is evident and contributes to a thriving culture within our school. Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank our teaching staff for their ongoing commitment to the school's intent and ethos.

I trust that you will all enjoy some quality time with your children, family and friends over the holidays. Stay safe and we look forward to finishing the year together next term. Term 4 commences on Monday, 6 October.

Congratulations to these students who received a Principal's Certificate at the Formal Assembly on 18 September: Charlotte Rataul, Lauren Eagles, Otto Buckton, Vedant Vinod, Yuna Shimitzu, Miguel Jimenez Lacalle, Nick Neugebauer, Jovia Ho, Victoria Lu, Andrea Newsome, Maia Davis, Caitlin Martin, Ben Gray, Charlie Keane, Minka Moeller, Presley Ah Ken-Fruean, Hudson Gibbs, Maximo Mitchell-Pala, Nata Matairangi.



Ngā mihi nui

Nick Hill
Principal/ Tumuaiki



Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Monday, 6 October	Term 4 begins House Sport
Wednesday, 8 October	Year 6 Transition Visits - Hauraki Primary
Thursday, 9 October	Auckland Transport Student Workshop Year 7 Social Media Use (TGS)
Tuesday, 14 October	Spaceward Bound - Team Rakino
Wednesday, 15 October	Year 6 Transition Visits - Vauxhall School
Thursday, 16 October	Year 6 Transition Visits - Bayswater Primary
Friday, 17 October	Annual School Athletics Day
Thursday, 23 October	The Mad Flight 7pm

Merit Mentions

Room 1	Joel Oosterdijk Rike Schankath	Joel can be proud of his efforts to catch up on work missed while unwell. He has shown this in Maths, particularly, by never giving up when things get difficult. Well done, Joel! Rike's standard of work has remained consistently high this year. She has tackled all tasks with maximum effort and is working hard towards meeting all the Year 7 goals.
Room 2	Nora Zhang Jahziel Luga	For always trying your best in literacy and for putting in effort into completing your Steps Web task. You are showing great maturity and a positive attitude towards your learning. For your light-hearted, fun personality that brings positivity to the classroom, and for the great effort you're putting into your Steps Web tasks and ESOL work.
Room 3	Julia Barba Esmee Poole	For demonstrating resilience and a positive attitude in learning. You consistently strive to do your best, and have settled in so well in Room 3. Keep it up! For consistently contributing valuable ideas to group work and listening respectfully to the perspectives of others. You are an asset to any team you are in, Esmee!
Room 4	Charlie Palmer Ella Willis	For consistently working hard and having a positive attitude towards learning Maths this term. Your effort, focus, and willingness to take on challenges have been outstanding. Ella always strives to do her best and shows persistence in her learning. Her effort and commitment are truly commendable. Kai pai, Ella!
Room 5	Miller Jewell Vida McNatty	For being such a responsible and helpful student in Room 5. Thank you for all that you do to support your peers and the wider school around you. Nga mihi nui. For being super supportive, resourceful and displaying excellent leadership in a wide range of contexts. Nga mihi nui.
Room 7	Jushya Mahantesh-Gilmour Lulu Burge	For showing outstanding leadership as a class captain, taking responsibility with classroom jobs, and consistently completing work on time. For being a dedicated student who demonstrates balance in all areas - academics, relationships with classmates, and respect towards teachers.
Room 8	Hunter Waldron Lily Moerdyk	For the strong effort you have put into your narrative writing and your noticeable growth in developing a Growth Mindset. Tino Pai! Lily can be congratulated for quickly adapting to BIS and for the effort she puts into all of her learning. Ka pai tō mahi!
Room 9	Deckan Taikura Sameul Morunga-Low	Declan showed compassion and leadership in organising a farewell, demonstrating what it means to be a true friend while honouring his culture. Ka pai, Declan! Samuel has demonstrated remarkable resilience and courage, consistently facing challenges with a positive attitude. He is a kind and compassionate classmate who cares for others.

Merit Mentions

Room 10	Bonnie Robinson Hunter Bruce	For her dedication and effort in mathematics. Bonnie, you are achieving your goals and progressing so much this year, ka pai! Hunter, you're an absolute pleasure to teach. You consistently bring positive energy to the classroom and never hesitate to help out a peer when needed. Haere tonu!
Room 11	Beau Casey Jasper Brant	Beau's enthusiasm and constant positive energy are brought to class every day. Ka pai Beau, on being such a valuable member of our class! For continually striving for excellence and demonstrating a growth mindset that ensures success in all you do. Ka pai!
Room 12	Miles Datt Daniel Mcliver	Miles has worked hard to achieve his learning goals and is consistent with the standards he sets for himself. Kap pai, Miles! Daniel is consistent when engaging in mathematics discussions. He is eager to contribute his answers and is willing to help others. Tino pai, Daniel!
Room 13	Nate Clissold Zephyr Lane	Nate has been a pleasure to teach every single day. Your valuable contributions to the classroom environment do not go unnoticed, but more so, your kindness! Keep it up! It has been extremely satisfying to observe Zephyr grow in confidence this year! Your classroom contributions are valuable and insightful! Keep up the good work!
Room 14	Albert Zheng Dean Zhang	For always being willing to lend a helping hand when a peer is struggling with maths. Thank you for your kindness and patience. For always endeavouring to do the right thing and showing maturity in class. I appreciate your calm approach to learning and social interactions.
Room 15	Miguel Dias Teo Ivanoski	Miguel's consistent efforts and open-mindedness truly stand out, influencing those around him and fostering a positive learning environment. Teo has grown in resilience over the past year, he has developed strategies for his learning and applied them to make progress.
Room 16	Room 16	Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and positive attitude towards your learning. You should all be very proud of your efforts. Have a fantastic and well-deserved holiday, and I look forward to seeing you next term.
Room 17	Finn Moore Isla Downie	For approaching your work with creativity. Fantastic effort so far this year, Finn. Well done! For your positive attitude and approach to her learning. Fantastic work so far, Isla! We are very lucky to have you.
Room 18	Nella Jones Kenzie Cu	For your hard work and dedication in class. You are quick to catch up on work missed and have taken on extra leadership responsibilities with a positive attitude. Ka Pai Nella. For your positive attitude when taking on new challenges and remaining committed even when it gets hard. Thank you for the hard work you bring to Room 18.
Room 19	Orlando Reps Juliette France	For settling in so well! Welcome back to BIS, Orlando! We love having you in Room 19. For your hard work and dedication in everything you do! Ka pai, Juliette!
Room 20	Henry Ryder Dominic Reed	For still prioritising his learning despite all his other sporting commitments! Great effort, Henry. For contributing so well in class discussions and sharing your learning. Ka Pai Dom
Room 23	Nicole Rossi Charlie Brown	For your hard work and dedication in everything that you do. Thank you for your kindness and for consistently demonstrating the BIS values. For his endless wit and humour in the classroom. Thank you for always bringing your positive energy to Room 23.
Room 24	Mia Gao Mathieu Richeux	For always putting in such hard work into everything you do. Thank you for being a role model in Room 24. Keep it up, Mia! For consistently displaying the BIS values and coming into school with a smile on your face. Mathieu, you are such a joy to have in Room 24. We are very lucky to have you!

Specialist Merit Mentions

Science	Adam Wilson, Vedant Vinod, Shay Legarth, Lucas Park	For showing diligence by studying the Science Vocabulary List on Google Classroom.
Food Tech	Toby Woodhead, George Hua, Georgia Wensor, Harry Wilson, Jasper Brant, Charlie Palmer, Theo Thomas, Sienna Yang, Dana Kim, Chloe O'Neill, Dalton Smith, Sena Vieira	For their impressive start to food technology, displaying a positive, focused and hard-working approach to all tasks.
Languages	William Tham, Poppy Buisson-Hiriart, Vaan Hopwood, Lana Sawyer, Leon Sowman, Junny Na, Harriet Phillips, Ali Khaled, Kassidy Yuan	For outstanding effort and engagement with Chinese Language & Culture. 很棒!
Visual Art	Rose Taingahue, Phoebe Rose Stewart, Gwyneth Flanagan, Zoe Fraser, Hunter Waldron, Corina Chew, Chloe Nicholls, Elena Stephenson, Lily Moerdyk Janice Zhang, Seah Eim, Gina Kim, Forra Zhu	For great effort and focus in sculpture-making sessions. For their outstanding commitment shown in painting the awesome Kapa Haka banner!
Hard Tech	Minato Kai, Finn Kelly, Yuyao Chen, Wawa Eiamsirirak, Vivian Lee, Isabelle Crawford, Victoria Lu, Milan Johnson, Taylor Robson, Leon Xu, Woody Bently.	Consistent productivity with a "can do" positive attitude. I would hire them.
Music	Zac Everett, Finn Atkinson, Noah Bryson, Finn de Vrij, Arya Fernandes, Georgia Wensor, Renzo Fontana, Filippa Walden, Harry Crankshaw, Erik Havranek, Milla Holland, Ada Rowe	For their outstanding engagement and valuable contributions in class. Their positive attitude and consistent effort inspire those around them, enriching the learning environment within their respective classes.
Dance/Drama	Domi Gyarmati, Elshaya-Kaye Enoka, Michaiah-Dawn Hollows, Dominic Drew, Lucas Lee, Isla Fletcher-McGrevy, Victor Koelsch, Ellie Williams, Aurelia Jones, Louis Mansell, Thomas Jephson, Aroha Withers	For their excellent effort, positive attitude, and significant contributions during dance and drama lessons. Well done!
Kapa Haka	Eva Delaney, Mikaela Topolsky, Sam Heard, Isla Fletcher-McGrevy, Awanui Faulkner, Wiremu Catterall, Thomas Allan	For their dedication and energy they bring to our Kapa Haka Rōpū, your efforts don't go unnoticed! Ka rawe koe!

School News

Quiz Nation is here!

This week kicks off Quiz Nation – our biggest school fundraiser of the year, created by our BIS school leaders!

Here's how it works:

📖 **Pre-Test:** This week (Week 10, Term 3) students will be given 72 questions across a range of fun topics.

🔍 **Research Time:** Between now and Week 3 (Term 4), students must learn as many answers as they can, and collect sponsorships or donations from whānau, neighbours, and the BIS community.

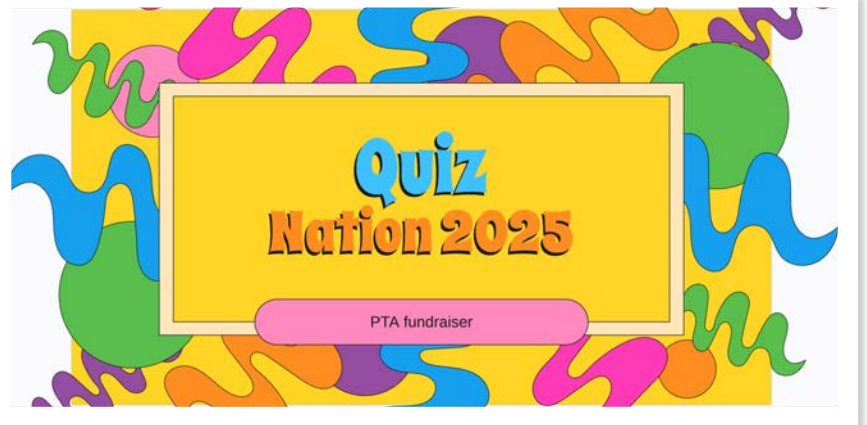
📝 **Post-Test:** In Week 3 (Term 4), the whole school will sit the quiz again. The more answers each student knows, the more money they can raise!

🏆 **Prizes up for grabs:**

- Top 3 fundraising classes → 🎬 Private movie screening at The Vic Cinema 🍕🍷 Pizza + a movie at school 🍦📖 Ice block + a whole block with NO schoolwork!
- Top individual fundraisers (Y7 & Y8) → 1st choice from our awesome prize pool 🎁
- Spot prizes → for everyone who returns their sponsorship money on time 🎉

💡 **Why?** To help the PTA raise funds for brand new Hard Tech equipment 🛠️ — a legacy that future BIS students will enjoy.

🔥 Last year we raised a record-breaking \$23,800... Can we beat it this year?



Mad Flight - Countdown to Curtain

With October drawing closer, rehearsals for our school production, The Mad Flight are soaring ahead!

The buzz in the studio is building each week, and our performers can't wait to showcase their talent on stage. This is a show you'll definitely want to mark on your calendar! Held in the school hall.

Entry is Free! 🎟️ Show Dates:
Thursday, 23 October – 7:00pm
Thursday, 30 October – 1:45pm

Out of Zone Enrolments Now Open

The Belmont Intermediate School Board has determined that a limited number of out of zone places will be available for Year 7 in 2026. Applications for Out of Zone Enrolments for 2026 are now open and will close at 4pm on Friday, 10 October 2025.

To enrol your child as an out of zone applicant please complete the 2026 Online Enrolment Form on the website, stating your Priority Number. Out of zone places will be allocated in order of priority, please visit our website for the list of priorities.

If there are more applicants in the second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth priority groups than there are places available, selection within the priority group will be by a ballot conducted in accordance with the instructions by the Secretary under Section 11G(1) of the Education Act 1989. If required, the ballot will be held on Tuesday, 14 October 2025 and the results of the priority placement and ballot will be communicated to applicants by Friday, 17 October 2025.



Kia ora e te whānau, nau mai, haere mai ki Te Wiki o te Reo Māori!

This week, Belmont Intermediate's kapa haka rōpū proudly took part in Haka Up, a community event marking the start of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. The celebration brought together schools from across the peninsula to Windsor Reserve in Devonport. Each kura performed their own haka before joining in a powerful combined performance of Ka Mate.

After an inspiring and heartfelt powhiri by Vauxhall Primary School, BIS had the privilege of opening and beginning the event with Tika Tonu, a haka composed by Waimarama Puhara for his son. Tika Tonu carries the powerful message of being true to yourself. It acknowledges the struggles and challenges of growing up, while encouraging perseverance and the strength to find answers within. This was a fitting way to start the day, as our performance aimed to inspire the younger tamariki and kura to be brave during their own haka, and as they move forward into their next school year.



We would like to give special thanks to Jo Holsted, Community Activator South, and the Devonport Navy for their support, hospitality, organisation, and for hosting such a meaningful community celebration.



Art Volunteers

We want to acknowledge a team of students who gave up lunchtimes and many extra blocks to help create a banner for our Kapa Haka group. The banner will be used at festivals and performances and was proudly flown at the Haka Up performance on Monday.

Janice Zhang, Forra Zhu, Gina Kim and Seah Eiem put in many hours producing an eye-catching and special artwork. We thank them for their awesome dedication and sharing their talents!



Year 7 Science Extension – Wonder Project Power Challenge

Our Year 7 Science Extension students have been busy taking part in the Wonder Project Power Challenge. They've been exploring aerodynamics, drag, lift, and the role of geometry and measurement in wind turbine efficiency.

Right now, students are in the midst of creating their prototype wind turbines. Important decisions are being made around size, shape, and materials, with lots of testing and adjustments along the way.

We're very fortunate to have the support of Wonder Project Ambassador Simon Wilson, who brings an engineering background and extensive experience in New Zealand's power generation industry. His expertise has been invaluable in guiding the students through this exciting challenge.

Stay tuned – we'll share more updates soon, including the announcement of the winning team's wind turbine!



Glow in the Dark Disco a huge success!

With glowing lights, packed dance floor, and special guest performances from our very own school bands, Sweet as Candy and Neon Soul, the energy was electric.

A massive thank you to our amazing PTA, teachers and volunteers who made the night possible. Together, we raised almost \$4,000 - funds that will go directly towards supporting school initiatives for our students.

We're so proud of our tamariki for bringing the spirit and fun, what an unforgettable night!



🎵 Redesigning Record Albums

Mrs Steyn's class wrapped up their elective last week with a creative twist on music history. Each student brought in an old vinyl record and reimagined the album cover for their chosen artist or band. The results were full of colour, imagination, and personality — a fantastic way to blend art and music while giving classic records a fresh new look.

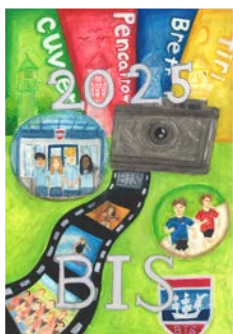


🎨 Yearbook Cover Designs 2025

On the subject of designs, our students have also been busy creating artwork for the 2025 yearbook cover. We are proud to announce our winners:

- 🥇 1st – Jessica He
- 🥈 2nd – Seah Eiem
- 🥉 3rd – Chloe Zhang

A huge congratulations to our winners and finalists, their designs are stunning.



BIS Idols 2025 Shining Stars on Stage

Wow! The Idols Finals had it all - big voices, awesome stage presence, and a whole lot of energy. Our performers gave it everything, the crowd was loving it!

And the winners are...

- 🥇 Gold - Juliette France
- 🥈 Silver - Fletcher McGhie
- 🥉 Bronze - Maia Davis, Maisie Wu & Jessica He

A huge cheers for everyone who got up on stage. You were all amazing and made it a night to remember. BIS has serious talent!



Room 9 Farewells Nick Neugebauer 🇩🇪💚

On Thursday, Room 9 gathered to farewell their classmate, Nick Neugebauer, as he prepares to head to Germany. In a moving gesture of friendship, Declan Takuira presented Nick with a pounamu - a matching piece to his own, blessed in the South Island to help keep him safe on his journey abroad.

The class then performed a powerful haka and sang Te Aroha, creating a heartfelt send-off that celebrated both friendship and culture.

Kia kaha, Nick, your BIS whānau wishes you all the best for your exciting adventure! 🌍✨



Sports News

Lunchtime Sport Update

As Term 3 comes to a close, the competition is heating up! Here is the current scoreboard for lunchtime sport, with Pencarrow in the lead.

With just one term left, there's still plenty of time for your house to climb the ranks and claim victory.



Boys & Girls Volleyball Zone Days

What an awesome week of volleyball this week!

Girls Results:

A Team – 2nd place, after a hard-fought final against Westminster

B Team – 14th overall, and ranked the 2nd best team in the tournament

Boys Results:

A Team – 2nd place, also narrowly missing out to Westminster in the final

B & C Teams – both finished 13th, showing grit and determination

A huge well done to all our teams for their effort and sportsmanship. Special thanks to Mr Simpson for his coaching and to all the parents who supported our players on the day, we couldn't do it without you!



Success Outside of School

Spotlight on Joel Wong

Congratulations to Joel Wong who has achieved Credit Awards in the Australian Maths Competition (AMC), ICAS Maths, and ICAS Science. Joel has set his sights even higher for next year and is aiming for a Distinction. Ka pai, Joel — we're proud of your dedication and success!



Community News

Holiday fun!

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OUR KIDS ONLINE



Educating Communities, Keeping Kids Safe

Parenting in an Online World 101 - Parents Evening

Monday 20th October: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

We all want our school and community to be a safe place for our tamariki. But in a rapidly changing digital world, the risks our children face online are growing - more frequently, and more seriously. Belmont Primary have invited filmmaker, author, and speaker Rob Cope, producer of the powerful documentary *Our Kids Online*, to deliver a humorous, eye-opening evening talk for our parent community.

The talk will be held at the Belmont Primary School Hall on Monday 20th October from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Tickets are \$20 per attendee. Please note this talk is for adults only and is not suitable for children or teens to attend. Tickets are available <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2025/our-kids-online/auckland/belmont>

Check out the promo video for [Our Kids Online Parent Evening](#).

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An 8-week safe return to exercise program for all mums returning to exercise postpartum and beyond

Next intake starts:
Wednesday 8th October - 11:30am
The Rose Centre, Belmont

Sign up online today!

- Class Duration: 45 minutes for 8 weeks
- Focus:
 - Rehabilitating and strengthening the deep core
 - Emphasis on pelvic floor and transverse activations
 - Implementation into basic movement patterns
- Weekly Structure: Slowly builds from low to moderate impact, preparing mums for transition into Boss Mama Bootcamps with ease
- Class Size: Maximum of 6 mums for personalized 1-1 support
- Cost: \$150
- Eligibility: Must have 6-week clearance from a doctor or medical professional to return to exercise

BOOK ONLINE:

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