



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.

I am writing this newsletter from the deck of the Waipu Surf Club on a stunning Autumn morning. I am looking forward to jumping into the water and watching our kids boogie board, swim and surf for the rest of the day. Many years ago I could have shown the kids how it is done, but they will now be showing me up very easily. The weather over the last two weeks has been the best in the 11 years we have operated these camps. It makes a huge difference and has enabled the weeks to run smoothly. Thank you to the large number of parents who gave up their time to support our students at the two Year 8 camps and our Year 7 EOTC weeks. These events can not run without your enthusiasm and support. I have also appreciated the way in which many of you encouraged all of our students to take risks, conquer challenges, and give everything a go. I would also like to acknowledge our teaching staff and the commitment they have shown to their students over the last two weeks.

Camps at this time of year are a wonderful opportunity for our kids to establish and strengthen friendships within their respective classes and year groups. I hope you enjoy hearing them recount every special detail of their camp adventure. It is a great time of growth and they will all be proud of their achievements. In particular, I would like to thank our Deputy Principal, Mr Tim Oldham, for the hours of preparation and coordination for both events. Tim takes a huge amount of pride in ensuring that our students have memorable experiences in a safe and supportive environment that challenges them in a number of ways. To Bianca Steyn, Sarah Bothamley, Leanne Sharman and Charne Botha, thank you for your work behind the scenes and your support of Mr Oldham. Finally, to our entire teaching staff thank you for your energy, commitment and encouragement of the kids over the last two to three weeks.

Activity Fee and Donation

Thank you to all the families who have already paid the donation and activity fee for 2026. This support makes a huge difference to the operation of the school, allowing us to offer choices and opportunities to our students in a well-maintained, well-resourced environment well above the standard that would be possible if the school relied only on Ministry of Education funding. With the end of the tax year fast approaching, if you have not yet paid the donation or activity fee, we would strongly ask that you consider doing so. A reminder that the activity fee is not a donation and needs to be paid. The donation has been set at \$375 and the activity fee set at \$165 for 2026, however, we understand that it can be a lot of money to find at one time, so instalment options are available on our Online Shop. Donations to the school are eligible for a 33% tax credit which can be claimed at the end of the tax year, and if paying through the Online Shop, donation receipts are available for downloading or printing at any time by logging into your account and selecting 'My Orders'.

Regarding Zone Days at Belmont Intermediate, we offer a wide range of sports throughout the school year. We also have a growing roll of more than 630 students across two-year levels. We have made it clear that students can attend only two zone days per term. We will adhere to this to ensure that all students are given the opportunity to represent their school. I would ask that our community respect this and understand that all children need to be given equal opportunities at school. For more information regarding zone days, please visit our website.

We are delighted to welcome Lee Lim as our new International Student Director, starting at the beginning of Term 2. Lee joins us from Auckland Grammar School, bringing a wealth of experience in supporting international students. We look forward to working with her and benefiting from her expertise as we continue to provide a welcoming and enriching environment for all our students.

A reminder to our parent community that the first of two allocated teacher-only days for our work on the mathematics curriculum will take place on Tuesday, 28 April. The school will be closed for instruction on that day.

Enjoy your weekend and the wonderful weather.

Ngā mihi nui



Nick Hill
Principal/ Tumuaki



Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar		
Week 7	Tues 10 March	NH Swimming Zone Day
	Wed 11 - Fri 13 March	Year 7 EOTC Programme
	Fri 13 March	NH Triathlon Zone Day
Week 8	Mon 16 March	NH Boys Tennis Zone Day
	Tues 17 March	NH Girls Tennis Zone Day NH Auckland Champs Tag
	Thurs 19 March	NH Orienteering Zone Day Year 7 Boostrix & HPV Vaccinations
	Fri 20 Mar	Formal Assembly
Week 9	Tues 24 March	NH Girls Cricket Zone Day



Individual & Class Photos - Orders close 15 March

If you have not yet placed your order for individual and class photos, a reminder that orders close on 15 March.

Your child would have brought home an order form. Please order via the instructions on the form, we do not process payments or orders via the school.

Merit Mentions

Room 1	Jacob Horner Orletta Rowe	For your increasing confidence and ability to ask questions. You are trying your hardest in all of your work. Well done, Jacob. For your positive attitude towards learning. You are striving for your personal best in every subject, approaching everything with a growth mindset. Well done, Orletta.
Room 2	Eva Barber Eli Little-Codling	For always striving to do your best in everything you do. You consistently approach your tasks with a smile and a genuine openness to learn. Well done Eva! For consistently working at a high standard. Your sense of responsibility and the positive example you set for others have not gone unnoticed. Well done.
Room 3	Willa Shapiro Bailey Kent	Well done Willa for showing so much care and respect to your peers. You are constantly looking out for, and after others, and work so hard in class. You should be very proud! Bailey has made sure that he always tries his hardest, and ensures excellence in his work. He cares about his learning, and makes sure he gets the best out of all lessons.
Room 4	Aayushi Chand Ryan Zhang	For showing courage and determination during EOTC Week by giving new challenges a go. Your perseverance and positive attitude were fantastic to see. Kai pai! For sharing thoughtful and perceptive responses during our poetry lesson, analysing extended metaphors. Your ideas helped deepen our class discussion. Well done!
Room 5	Jayce Pilkington-Nunn Sienna Vernon	Jayce, you have been such an asset to our EOTC week! Your helpfulness, involvement and enthusiasm has ensured Room 5 has had an amazing week. Ka rawe Jayce! For the hard work and focus you have been putting into your learning. Your positivity and care is evident in the high quality work you have been producing! Keep it up Sienna.
Room 6	Jack Darragh Gia Baskerville	Jack consistently applies himself with focus and determination in class. His positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning make him a valued member of our classroom. Gia is an exceptional Class Captain who leads with integrity. She embraces challenges with a strong growth mindset, strives to learn, improve, and set positive examples.
Room 7	Chris Salus Scarlett Wang	For your consistency in your studies and for always following the classroom expectations. You show care and service to others and contribute positively to our class community, well done! For your commitment to your learning and for demonstrating kindness and respect towards others. Your willingness to help and support your classmates makes our classroom a better place.
Room 8	Saoirse Mcleod Vinh Do	Saoirse, you consistently produce work to a very high standard. Your depth of thought and attention to detail is amazing. Keep it up! Vinh, your methodical thinking in maths in Term 1 has been excellent. Your long division and multiplication working out shows a great care for your work. Well done!
Room 9	Frieda Hutchings Maddison Byrne	You consistently show care and respect towards your peers, always looking out for others and making sure they feel supported. Ka Pai! Thank you for consistently showing care and respect towards your peers. You always look out for others and go out of your way to support them. Ka pai!
Room 10	Thea Neville-Wilson Toby Avery	For your hard work in class and for the courage you show by always contributing ideas with confidence, Room 10 is so lucky to have you. Keep up the good work! For your enthusiasm for learning and on the sports field. Thank you for always contributing to class discussion respectfully. Keep up the good work.
Room 11	Bella Morrah Ruby Moon	For demonstrating excellence and creativity, Bella, you make sure every piece of artwork is to the best of your ability. Your artistic dedication and determination are truly amazing! For your consistently positive attitude and the 100% effort you put into your learning every day. Your dedication and determination are truly impressive — Ruby, you are amazing!
Room 12	Samuel Morunga-Low Pippa Van Shaik	Samuel you were amazing on Camp, pushing yourself all the way and being such a positive team member! Pippa what an amazing camp week you have had! I'm so proud of how brave you have been! An excellent example of the school values!

Merit Mentions Cont.

Room 13	Caleb Thumath Laura Liu	For being an amazing friend and support person to your tent buddy at camp. It does not go unnoticed, Caleb! Ka Pai! For your commendable attitude since joining BIS and Room 13. I hope your NZ experience was everything you hoped for! We will miss you as you head back to China.
Room 14	Scheherazade Boow Keann Pagtanac	For showing diligence in your work and for your caring nature and patient attitude in the classroom. You take pride in your work and your space, well done! For your positive attitude, in the classroom and on camp, and for your commendable manners. You have had a great start to the year, well done!
Room 15	Huxley Clarke Daisy Hart	For always giving his best effort to his class work as well as being a positive role model in Room 15. Keep it up Huxley! For demonstrating the school values inside and outside the classroom. Daisy, your hard work does not go unnoticed, keep up the good work!
Room 16	Maya Schick Samuel Zhang	For being an extremely kind, inclusive and thoughtful student, who always puts in tremendous effort to ensure personal excellence is achieved. Keep up the amazing attitude, Maya. For demonstrating diligence in your work, and for showing kindness in the classroom at all times. You have had a great start to the year. Keep it up.
Room 17	Howie Liu Micky Sloper	For demonstrating a commendable 'can-do' attitude and embracing every challenge at camp. I am very proud of you! For crushing your comfort zone and diving headfirst into every camp activity! Ka pai, Micky!
Room 18	Lennox Carew Nicole Garde	For being an amazing, thoughtful friend to everyone in class. Your care and connection helps ensure everyone feels included. Thank you. For having an excellent start to the year. Your commitment to road patrol and supporting others when they need it is wonderful to see and really appreciated. Ka Pai!
Room 19	Nora Zhang Jacob Scott	Both for being absolutely incredible on Team Rangitoto camp! They gave everything a go and lifted up everyone's spirits. We really appreciate the commitment and effort. Ka Pai!
Room 20	Mira Ataseven Kayden Luu	Mira has had a fantastic start to the year. She is kind, caring and supportive of others and has worked hard to take on new opportunities so far! Tino pai, Mira! Kayden has had an excellent start to Year 8. He is kind and considerate, taking on every opportunity at camp with excitement and perseverance. Ka pai, Kayden!
Room 23	Sophia Tian Claire Knight	Sophia has settled into Room 23. She is displaying resilience and a willingness to learn. It is wonderful to see her making connections and building relationships. Claire demonstrates dedication and enthusiasm for her learning. She is a supportive, encouraging member of Room 23 who helps create a positive classroom culture.
Room 24	Florian Tang Frieda Martens	Florian shows outstanding leadership. His curiosity and passion for learning inspire those around him to aim high and keep growing. Well done, Florian. Frieda expresses her creativity with confidence, bringing a spark to everything she does. She is unapologetically herself and I love having her in Room 24.

Specialist Merit Mentions

Science	Esmee Poole, Joanie Mackrill, Beth Rigby, Corina Chew, Daisy Keber, Finn Atkinson, Will Kingsley, William Hayward, Martin Hayward, Sean Harel-Brad	Good focus during quite complex experiments. Well done.
Food Tech	Blake Lee, Jasper Brant, Lilly Winslade, Doris Liu, Marcus Nguyen, Beth Rigby, Caleb Thumath, Emelia Kelly, Howie Liu, Micky Sloper, Isabelle Crawford, Leon Zhu	For their excellent focus, effort, engagement and application to all tasks in food technology.
Visual Art	Alisa Li, Vinnie Dahlberg, Jura Fletcher-McGrevy, Adam Wilson Marcus Auger, Lily Hunter, Ed Luxton, Mackenzie France, Sienna Vernon, Thawdar Han Win	For showing great effort in designing and sculpting imaginative clay sculptures For excellent focus and effort in sculpture creating sessions.

Specialist Merit Mentions Cont.

Languages	Stella Anderson, Charlotte Wong, Liam Wong, Imogen Gallagher, Angelo Vodanovich, Juno Donaldson, Orlando Bennett, Irène Alberio, Edie Coles	For outstanding effort and enthusiasm in engaging with Chinese language and culture. 很棒!
Hard Tech	Zoey Schmidt, Tom Mayer, Vinh Do, Eva Delaney, Victoria Lu, Fletcher Ansley, Tim White, Leila Fisher, Wolf Schroder, Veronika Schumeky, Vida McNatty	For determination to produce a quality product, being a team player, doing the hard work to get the best results.
Music	David Westwood, Amelia Nachat, Willa Rose, Summer McKnight, Elsa McKeever Sowerby, Lucia Morrison, Zack Leung, Gus Francis, Cleo Topham, Catherine Sturgess-Taylor, Harriet Phillips, Wiremu Catterall	For consistently demonstrating great manners and respect towards others, and thus contributing positively to a supportive and welcoming classroom environment.
Dance/Drama	Luna Ma, Leon Sowman, Toby Porter, Dalton Smith, Irin Anwar Aneth, Vedant Vinod, Poppy Buisson-Hiriart, Zoe Fraser, Will Chipper, Mackenzie Burrows, Ida McAlpine, Elijah Steytler	For showing excitement and a positive attitude during dance and drama lessons. Well done!
ESOL	Yuna Shimizu, Rachel Ling, Aria Lin, Johnny Yuan, Hazy Park, Joshua Yang	For participating confidently and asking questions to better understand camp expectations. Well done!

School News

Thank you New World Devonport

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to New World Devonport for the donation our school received earlier this month.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support from our local community, and this contribution will go directly towards supporting our students and school programmes. It is partnerships like these that make a real difference, and we truly appreciate New World Devonport's kindness and commitment to our school.



Art Room Supplies Needed

Our art room is in need of clean ice cream containers and lids! These are used for a variety of creative projects, and our previously plentiful supply has finally run out.

If you have any spare containers at home, please send them along with your child - your contribution will be greatly appreciated and put to good use in our art activities!

Year 7 EOTC & Year 8 Camp Highlights

Over the past two weeks, our students have enjoyed learning beyond the classroom. As part of EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom), our Year 7 classes took part in a series of adventure days, including treetop climbing and mountain biking at Woodhill, kayaking and raft building at Lake Pupuke, and campfire cooking followed by a visit to Narrow Neck Beach.

Meanwhile, our Year 8 teams headed north for their camps at Waipu, making the most of the outdoors while building teamwork, resilience, and lasting memories. We received an email from a fellow camper this week:

Could you please pass on to the Principal, staff and pupils our huge congratulations on the way you ran and organised your recent camp at Waipu Cove. As a fellow camper there for the week and a retired teacher of 40 years, I wanted to let you all know that your pupils were incredibly well behaved, considerate of others, respectful and friendly.

We were all impressed with the amazing organisation of such a large group and know that the cost of this must have been huge, but it was so well run and a great example of teamwork. Your pupils were a real credit to your school values and did you all so proud. All the best for the term ahead.

We've included a collection of photos over the next pages, to capture some of the highlights from these great experiences.

Year 7 EOTC Week

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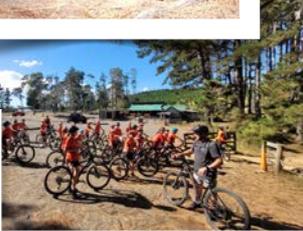
Year 7 EOTC Week

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Year 7 EOTC Week

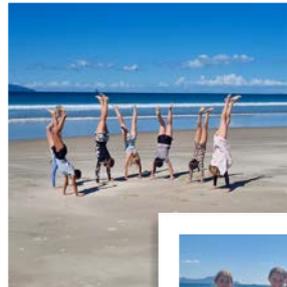
WOODHILL



Year 8 Camp - Team Rangitoto



Year 8 Camp - Team Motuihe



Sports

Tag Zone Day Success!

This week our teams headed off to compete at the North Harbour Tag Zone Day, and what a fantastic effort all round!

A huge congratulations to our Girls' team, who played brilliantly throughout the day and came away in 1st place. They now progress to the Auckland Champs in the next 10 days. We're so proud of you and can't wait to see you represent us at the next level!

Our Boys' team also gave it their all, finishing a very respectable 4th overall. A great achievement in a strong competition.

Well done to all our players for their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship!



Success Outside Of School

Two Wheels, Big Wins!

Congratulations to Eloise Gladding, who performed brilliantly again at the weekend's second biking event with the Pohutukawa Coast Bike Club, this time finishing 2nd. She's setting herself up for a strong overall result in the final race, scheduled for April.

Eloise is also taking on another enduro race this weekend, this one not affiliated with school sport, showing her dedication and passion for cycling both in and out of school.

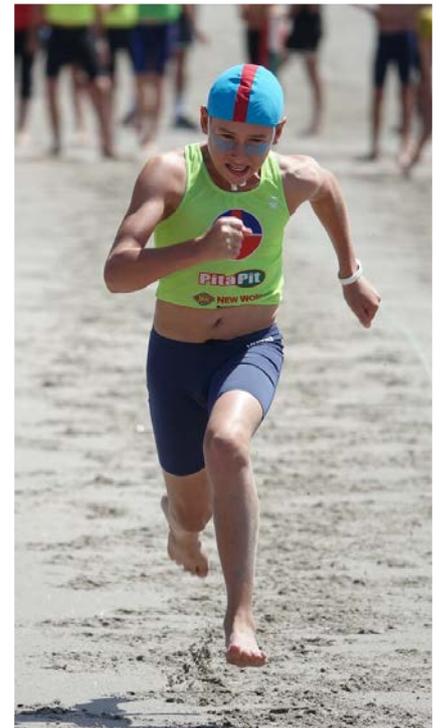


Riding the Waves: Our Students Shine at Junior Surf Lifesaving Nationals

Three of our students — Jasper Somerville (U12), Ezra Meredith, and Wilde Meredith (U13) — proudly represented Mairangi Bay Surf Lifesaving Club at the Oceans '26 Junior Surf Lifesaving Festival in Papamoa. Now in its 26th year, the festival attracted 730 competitors from 54 clubs nationwide.

Over four action-packed days, they took on Surf Races, Run-Swim-Run, Board Races, Beach Sprints, Beach Flags, Diamond, and the Grand Cameron Team Event, as well as Tube and Board rescues.

A standout moment came when Wilde Meredith secured 3rd place in the Beach Sprints, earning a national podium finish — an exceptional achievement and a proud moment for our school and club.



Notices & Community News

Part Time, Fixed Term Teacher Aide Position

Belmont Intermediate School is seeking a teacher aide to work with students who need extra support with their learning. Previous experience would be advantageous, as well as strengths in literacy and numeracy. Positions are term-time only and are covered by the current Support Staff Collective Agreement 2022 – 2024.

Fixed term 2026: terms 2, 3 and 4

Five days per week, 9:00am – 1:00pm, commencing Monday, 20 April 2026 (start of term 2)

While induction will be provided, the following experience and skills are necessary:

- Experience (or an interest in) working with young people
- An understanding of supporting young people with learning and communication challenges
- Excellent relationship building and communication skills
- A good working knowledge of digital learning platforms
- Patience, resilience and empathy
- Able to work well with others in a team.

Email your CV, names of referees and the position you are applying for to **David Nichol (Deputy Principal and Learning Support Liaison)** at dnichol@belmontint.school.nz

Closing: Friday, 20 March 2026 (unless an appointment is made sooner)



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DEPOT is excited to announce the launch of its new creative workshops and classes programme, led by accomplished artists, creatives, and makers.

Designed for adults, our 2026 term one classes support skill-building, experimentation, and creative growth in a welcoming and hands-on environment. We will be delivering term classes as well as one-off workshops. [Workshops & Classes](#)

And don't forget if you are a [DEPOT Collective](#) member, you get a 10% discount!



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Week 1: Tues 7th - Fri 10th April
Week 2: Mon 13th - Fri 17th April

