



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,

This week, Mr Nick Hill is attending the funeral of a much-loved principal from Ponsonby Intermediate, supporting their staff and wider school community during this difficult time. As a result, I have the pleasure of writing this week's edition. We extend our thoughts to the Ponsonby Intermediate community as they honour, and remember, a highly respected leader.

It is wonderful to see our students embracing every opportunity, challenging themselves, and stepping outside their comfort zones as they try new things. Recent weeks have once again shown their willingness to get involved, represent our school, and give their best across a range of experiences.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the incredible levels of participation we are seeing in our cultural groups this year. It gave me great joy to observe our 60-strong kapa haka group practising together on Wednesday morning, and then to hear our Top Notes Choir (also 60 strong) alongside our brand new boys' choir, the aptly named Treble Makers, exploring and performing a wide range of songs.

Last Friday our school stood together in a powerful visual display of solidarity for Pink Shirt Day. Seeing the turf transformed into a sea of pink was a heartening reminder of our collective commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for every student. We highlighted our theme of care, connection and collaboration and asked the kids to think how they are showing these actions on a daily basis. Every child has the right to feel safe at school. The more we, as educators and parents, can work together and reinforce these messages, the more our kids will thrive at school.

Continuing the pink theme, our staff enjoyed a breakfast yesterday to acknowledge Pink Ribbon Day and raise funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation. My thanks to Ms Emma Wildman for co-ordinating and leading both events.

A big thank you to all our parents, and staff, who are braving the cold winter mornings and afternoons to coach a large number of sports teams within the school. Your energy, time, and commitment is appreciated by us, our students, and their parents.

As we head into winter, please ensure that your child has a school jacket or hoodie. We also encourage the kids to wear closed-toe shoes for the colder, wetter months. Can we also ask that you please check that your children's uniform items are named? We are seeing a spike in lost property, so it is helpful when students' uniforms are named so that they can be returned.

At the start of term 2, we introduced a new award for our students - the Academic Pin - recognising exceptional skill and effort in their academic work. We congratulate the following students who received this award at assembly: Henry Yu, Willa Shapiro, Yan Lu, Beth Reed, Chris Salus, Anna Nguyen, Hazel Singh, Joel Wong, Sylvia Peng, Zac Loh-Chua, Jayden Chen.

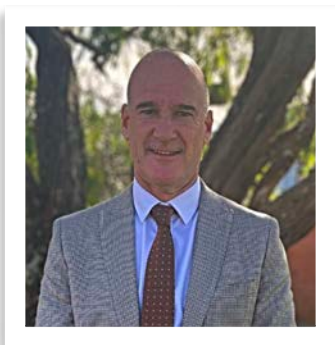
Congratulations to these students who received a Principal's Certificate at Formal Assembly: Sehasna Munugoda Hewage, Emily Gray, Inguumel Tsogtgerel, Emily Moore, Nellie Homer, Aria Kingi-Kita, Molly Lin, Arabella Thompson, Lucia Morrison, Yufei Wang, Elizabeth (Missy) Renall, Alisa Li, Sadie Robertson, Alice Jiang, Josh De Koh, Otto Buckton, Ava Morreau, Nora Zhang, Timothy White, Claire Knight, Zach Wehrle.

Congratulations also, to our newly elected AV Crew: Tom Newman, Jasper Brant, Will Chipper, Laura Wang, Alisa Li, Eva Delaney.

Ngā mihi nui



Tim Oldham
Deputy Principal/ Tumuaki Tuarua



Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

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Week 6	Mon, 25 May	Board Meeting
	Tues, 26 May	NH Rugby Zone Day (Boys)
	Wed, 27 May	AIMS Ripa Callbacks (Boys)
	Fri, 29 May	Year 7 Auckland Museum Volcano Incursion
Week 7	Mon, 1 June	Kings Birthday - School closed
	Wed, 3 June	Year 8 Museum Trip Auckland Champs Girls Football
	Thurs, 4 June	NH Waterpolo Zone day
	Fri, 5 June	BIS Dance Off NH Rugby Zone Day (Girls)

Merit Mentions

Room 1	Clara McPherson Valentina Cabrera	For her positive attitude and determination when approaching new skills. She is demonstrating a care for her learning and is striving to achieve personal excellence. For her polite and respectful approach in the classroom. She shows respect to others, works diligently, and is striving to do her best.
Room 2	Otto Loveday-Rhodes Violet Gunn	For his continual perseverance and dedication to helping his classmates. He approaches every challenge with determination and always strives to do his best. For her quiet determination and consistently showing a positive attitude, working hard, and always being open to improving her skills and knowledge.
Room 3	Claudia Macdonald Mila Gladwell	For developing confidence and self-reflection, and asking for help when it is needed. Claudia is becoming an independent and active learner. Well done! Mila takes a huge amount of pride in her work, ensuring that she takes care and time to present her learning well. Her writing in particular has shown an excellent author's voice.
Room 4	Oscar Unkovich Charli Nikkel	Oscar is an active listener and learner. His ability to look at things differently, offering thoughtful and original perspectives enrich our class discussions. Kai pai! Charli is a dedicated and thoughtful student who consistently approaches her learning with a positive and determined attitude, always giving her best effort to every task.
Room 5	Vera Skarping Emme Wild	Vera is a respectful and dedicated member of Room 5. She consistently gives 100% and produces high-quality work. Emme continues to show creativity in all her literacy learning. Her confidence in sharing this with her peers is growing, which enhances her peers' understanding.
Room 6	Cole Blincoe Karlia Dunne	Cole is a dedicated student who consistently applies a strong work ethic to every task. He also displays remarkable maturity through his proactive willingness to support his peers. Karlia is a joy to have in class, consistently enriching our discussions with her contributions. She is a diligent student who approaches every task with enthusiasm.
Room 7	Meyka Helyer-Akhara Arash Azizi	Meyka has shown great resilience and a positive attitude towards learning. She is a wonderful example that hard work and perseverance lead to success. Arash is a kind and focused student who approaches his learning with diligence and care. He consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic in the classroom.
Room 8	Eloise Gladding Ethan Barrett	Eloise has shown excellent work ethic and dedication across her maths and reading work this term. She consistently talks through her work and helps her peers. Ethan displays a great amount of respect and teamwork in PE. In our ball games and technical work he is always willing to help those around him. Keep it up!
Room 9	Vincent Lawrence Nellie Rais	Vincent consistently shows a positive attitude towards schoolwork and always demonstrates the school values. Keep up the great effort, Vincent. Nellie has demonstrated excellent resilience and a determined approach to learning. She is a wonderful example of how hard work and positive self-belief lead to progress.
Room 10	Oscar Elliot Violet Wilkinson	For your hard work and dedication this term. You consistently incorporate feedback to improve your writing. I am so proud of you! For consistently working hard and applying feedback to your work. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. Ka pai!
Room 11	Summer Naiker William Hayward	For the genuine care and positivity you bring to our classroom. Your bright personality lifts those around you, and you are always looking for ways to include and support your peers. William, for your deeply caring personality and the empathy you show every day along with your kindness makes our classroom a better place!
Room 12	Jay Zhuang Aria Lin	For having such a positive attitude to his learning and stepping out of his comfort zone to ask questions about his learning. Ka pai! For making so many new connections in Room 12 and being so engaged in your learning. Your effort in understanding work on your terms is wonderful to see! Ka pai!
Room 13	Scarlett Riddington Johnny Yuan	For consistently delivering a work ethic you can be proud of! Scarlett, it is only a pleasure to teach you! For your willingness to step out of your comfort zone and speak more English every day! Room 13 enjoys having you as part of our classroom environment!

Merit Mentions Cont.

Room 14	Cooper Bishop Yitong Xu	For demonstrating a noticeable increase in his academic effort and focus this term. His improved dedication to his daily work is reflected in this steady progress. Keep it up. Despite being an ESOL student, Yitong consistently approaches every lesson with a wonderful eagerness to learn. She always tries her best. Well done, Yitong!
Room 15	Akansha Chand Harry Wilson	For an amazing effort in your school work and demonstrating the school values in the classroom. Your diligence and attitude contribute so positively to Room 15, well done! For having a positive can-do attitude to school! Harry, you are a role model to others in the classroom, keep it up!
Room 16	Ellie Williams Maya Schick	For demonstrating initiative and focus in all aspects of your learning, and for being kind, thoughtful and responsible in class. Thank you, Ellie, for being a wonderful student to teach. For an excellent effort in all aspects of your learning at school. Your maturity and kindness towards others make you a valued member of Room 16. Thank you.
Room 17	Sena Vieira Kobe Marsh	A huge shout-out to Sena this week! I'm so incredibly proud of your resilience and determination. Kobe is a dedicated student who approaches every task with a strong work ethic. He consistently produces excellent work while demonstrating outstanding time-management skills.
Room 18	Mohammad Ayas Mohd Johar Gus Francis	For the effort and dedication he shows to his learning. He is working hard to produce his best and collaborates well with his peers. For being a strong and active independent learner. His inquisitive nature helps deepen his learning, and offers thoughtful insights into class discussions.
Room 19	Sienna Yang Fletcher Ansley	For having a very focused start to Term 2. Sienna is a collaborative and humble achiever who is a great role model for Room 19. For his improved effort and dedication towards his writing. Fletcher has demonstrated a growing mastery of writing newspaper articles.
Room 20	George Scarfe Sophia Mako	For your organisation and efficiency when setting up your digital working space each day. George, ka pai on your dedication and commitment! For her excellent progress since the beginning of term. Sophia is setting up her bookwork more efficiently, and can be extremely proud of her efforts!
Room 23	Declan Takuira Jahanara Khan	Declan displays a strong work ethic in all subject areas. He always strives to make personal progress and approaches all tasks with a growth mindset. Jahanara works diligently across all subject areas. Each day, she brings a positive attitude and strives to complete all work to the best of her ability.
Room 24	Sol Kim Maddie Gaylard	Sol has shown growth in his self-awareness throughout the year. His positive mindset and increasing maturity have been wonderful to see. Maddie has shown great improvement in her work ethic and participation this year. She is becoming a more confident and engaged learner. Well done, Maddie!

Specialist Merit Mentions

Science	Jake Kim, Maddie Eagles, Isla Lee, Margaux Sumner-Brown, Isla Lee, Franko Hansen, Aila Ibbotson, Flynn Hunt, Vera Skarping, Belle-Edite Richardson, Han Yu, Cole Archer, Louise Lancelot, Marcus Auger	Congratulations to these students for excellent recording on the Particle Stations activity. The year 7s have made a great start to science, and these students have put a lot of effort into recording and explaining their observations.
Food Tech	Leon Zhu Lulu Burge, Keri Oh, Samuel Zhang, Frankie Seeque, Scarlett Riddington, Jahanara Khan, McKayla Tuba, Dawn Wang, Jaime Chambers, Zoe Curtin, Jay Zhuang	For his thoughtfulness, kindness and willingness to help out during food tech sessions, whatever the task might be. For their impressive start to food technology, displaying a positive, focused, collaborative and hard-working approach to all tasks.
Languages	Colette Taylor, Noah Eiam, George Kennedy, Estel Chou, Gia Bakersville, Sean Harel-Brad	For showing tremendous effort and enthusiasm to kick off your Chinese studies. 很棒!
Visual Art	Alan Zhang Alice Jiang, Cassidy Yuan	For his wonderful commitment to finishing his creative clay sculpture. For excellent creativity in their sculpture planning.

Specialist Merit Mentions Cont.

Music	Estel Chou, Evie MacFarlane, Elizabeth Renall, Meiyen Li, Stella McQuoid, Javier Tan, Beth Rigby, Rebeca Stoll, Ellen Rosen, Leon Sowman, Keri Oh, Henry Watt	For having made an excellent start to the new music module. Your polite manners and fabulous engagement in class has been a joy to watch. Keep it up, everyone - you are doing a great job.
Dance/Drama	Maisie Barber, Mireine Eiamsirirak, Nico Lampen, Claudia Macdonald, Sienna Vernon, Winter Dustin, Hadley Milligan, Isabella Lusty, Arlo Western, Eiliyah Fatimah, Greta Smith, Cailey Moore	For their outstanding commitment, positive mindset, and valuable input throughout dance and drama lessons. Keep up the wonderful work!
ESOL	Ruby Moon, Meiyen Li, Seth Fu, Alex Liang, Sena Vieira, Shundai Nakamura, Ethan Zhu, Jerry Hu, Danny Xu, Leon Zhu	For actively participating in reading practice by using Y-Chart predictions before, during, and after reading to make thoughtful ideas and connections to the text. Well done!

School News

We're Warming Hearts Across Our Community

Last week, our school was proudly presented with a Certificate of Community Awesomeness from the Bald Angels Charitable Trust in recognition of the incredible support shown by our community.

As part of the Coats4Kids Community Drive, a huge collection of donated pre-loved items was gathered from our students, families, and wider community. These donations will help keep vulnerable tamariki across Auckland and Northland warm throughout winter.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to this worthwhile cause. Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference for many families this winter.



BIS: Our Community That Cares



As a school, we are fortunate to be part of a generous and caring community that supports many fundraisers and charitable initiatives throughout the year. We realise this may sometimes seem like a lot, and we also understand that families are not able to support every cause. There is absolutely no expectation that families take part in every initiative.

We warmly encourage families to contribute where they can and to support the causes that are especially meaningful to them. Whether it is a donation or simply helping spread awareness, every contribution is valued and appreciated. We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing kindness and generosity shown by our BIS community, and the positive difference it continues to make both within and beyond our school.

Supporting Cans for a Cause

Rotary's national Cans for a Cause programme is returning this year to help support families facing the rising cost of living through a community-wide food collection and distribution initiative.

Locally, Devonport Rotary is once again partnering with the Shore-based Good Works Trust food bank. Donations collected will be sorted into food parcels and distributed to pre-registered families across the North Shore. Sadly, the need for support is even greater this year, making this initiative more important than ever.

Last year, our school donated an incredible 636 cans. The response was so generous that Melissa even had to call Rotary for extra boxes to hold all the donations! It's no surprise that our school was high on their list to take part again this year.

A collection box is located in the main office, and donations will be collected by Devonport Rotary on 5 June.



The poster features the Rotary logo and text: "Rotary Combined Districts of New Zealand", "ROTARY CANS FOR A CAUSE", "Many families across New Zealand are struggling to put enough food on the table for their whānau and are in urgent need of support.", "The Rotary Clubs of New Zealand are committed to collecting cans of food to support local food banks in our communities.", "You can help! Donate your food items between 1st - 8th June 2026 and help us collect for our community.", "A community project organised by: Rotary Combined Districts of New Zealand".

Items most in need:

- Canned fish
- Baked Beans and Spaghetti
- Canned veges
- Canned fruit
- Soup
- Diced tomatoes
- Spreads
- Rice
- Pasta
- Cereals

National Young Leaders Day

On Thursday last week, our school council attended the National Young Leaders Day for 2026, held at Mount Eden's LIFE Event Centre. Every year, schools gather their promising young leaders for a nationwide conference. This year, the theme was leaning into fear - a skill that has helped many young people thrive.

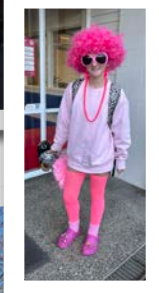
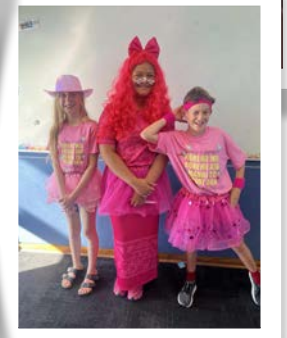
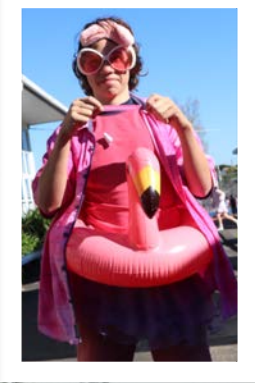
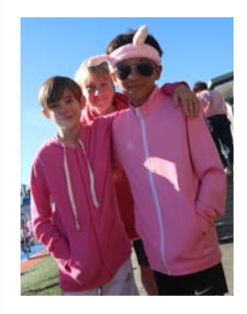
Five talented speakers took to the stage and gave insight as to how we can overcome our fears. These speakers included: William Pike, Eteroa Tusipepa Lafaele, Riley Elliot, Lola Fisher, and Graci Kim. All of these leaders have had to overcome some form of fear in their lives. For example, William Pike lost his leg in the devastating Ruapehu eruption, yet still managed to face his fear and make it to the hut where the accident occurred.

Throughout the day, we took notes on each speaker's experiences and advice. Each speaker encouraged us to reflect on moments when fear held us back and to imagine what we could gain by leaning into it.

One of the most interesting parts of the day was the Q&A with each speaker. Student leaders had a chance to ask the speakers questions about their path through fear. Their honesty about difficulties and resilience was inspiring. By the end of the day, we felt more confident in our ability to run it straight through our fears. It's important to know that every leader - no matter how talented - deals with fear along their journey.

- Eva Delaney and Vida McNatty





Year 7s Explore the Power of Volcanoes

Our Year 7 students have been erupting with excitement as they take part in a fascinating volcano incursion led by the Auckland Museum! Across three interactive sessions, students dive into the world of volcanoes - discovering how they form, exploring the powerful impact they can have on communities and environments, and learning how scientists study and monitor volcanic activity.

Through hands-on activities, discussion, and real-world connections, students develop a deeper understanding of natural disasters and connect their learning to Auckland's volcanic landscape. It has been a fantastic opportunity to bring this term's inquiry focus to life and spark curiosity about the dynamic world around us.



Celebrating the Incredible Creativity of Our Talented Students

Our hall foyer is quickly becoming a vibrant showcase of student creativity, with stunning artworks from our first modules now proudly on display. Visitors can admire an impressive collection of low-relief and freestanding papier-mâché sculptures, alongside beautiful Year 8 clay creations.

And there's even more to come — our two-dimensional artworks will soon be brightening the walls as well! If you're visiting the school, be sure to stop by the foyer and enjoy the amazing talent and imagination on display.

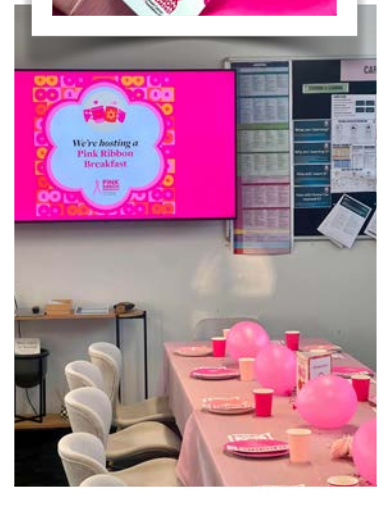
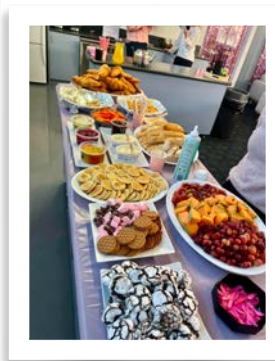


Have any old newspapers?
Please send them to school
for our art room, our
students can create magical
things from them.



Pink Ribbon Breakfast

Take a look at some of the pics from the Pink Ribbon Breakfast our staff hosted yesterday in support of all those affected by breast cancer. This is a cause that touches many lives in our community, and we are honoured to stand together to raise awareness and support.



Sports



Girls NH Zone Day Football Success!

Our Year 7 girls were outstanding this week at the NH Football Zone Day, finishing the tournament undefeated with an impressive 6 wins and 2 draws. Their fantastic efforts earned them 20 points overall, making them the winners on the day! They'll now head off to the Auckland Championships in a few weeks.

Our Year 8 girls also put in an incredible performance, not conceding a single goal throughout the tournament. Despite losing two penalty shootouts, they finished in a very respectable 6th place.

Great teamwork and sportsmanship were shown by both teams. A huge thank you to Mr Simpson, the parents and supporters who helped make the days such a success.



Notices & Community News

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