



# Belmont Intermediate School

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the School,  
Tena Koutou Katoa Nga mihi nui Ki a Koutou Katoa,

I trust you all enjoyed some valuable family time over the break. I had a relaxing, yet productive holiday fitting in some DIY with some much needed family time. It is good to be back with my colleagues and students as we look to finish the year strongly as a community. We have a further eight weeks of the 2018 school year to complete. A full schedule of events for the remainder of the year is available on our website calendar.

During our Monday morning assembly I impressed upon our students the importance of continuing to embrace the many opportunities that are afforded to them at Belmont Intermediate School. I encouraged the students to continue to take risks with their learning, be aware of their current levels of attainment in reading, writing and maths and have a clear understanding of what steps they need to take to reach expected levels by the end of the term. I made it clear that academic achievement and progress need to be their focus for the next month. In addition, I encouraged all our students to be 'feedback hungry'. This means that our students need to seek constant feedback from their teachers based on their goals, essays, inquiries and any other assessments they are working towards. I would ask for your support as parents over the coming weeks to reinforce these messages with your children.

As always, I have asked our teachers to ensure that their communications to you continue to be proactive and informative. You should be receiving weekly emails from your child's teacher outlining expectations for the week ahead along with key dates. Please feel free to email the classroom teacher with any questions you may have concerning the progress and achievement of your son or daughter.

In terms of uniform, we have made it clear that our policy is for all children to wear a cap or bucket hat during morning interval and lunchtime. Our expectation is that all students will have their hat at school by next Tuesday. Furthermore, I have made it clear that the wearing of t-shirts under shirts is not part of our school uniform, along with the tendency of some students to wear Takapuna Grammar School branded uniform. I would appreciate your support with these expectations to finish the year.

We have our final 'Big Question' for the term: 'What causes change?' Our year 7 and year 8 classes are embracing this with varied approaches. In year 7, **Team Motutapu** will be investigating how Auckland has changed over time in terms of transport, art, architecture, education and ecology. Team Motutapu's key questions include: 'What has caused the change?' (necessity/opportunity/skills/cultural/migration)?; 'What are the implications of these changes?' (side effects, cause and effect, positive and negatives)?; 'What could have been an alternative and what future predictions or assumptions can we make?'. Students will create a photo board using staged photography, landscape photography and visual language to translate their chosen area in its past, present and future forms. **Team Rakino's** focus for this term is centred around technology, learning that problem solving, empathy for the end user and design/redesign can affect significant change. They will be taking part in across team technology challenges as well as creating their own products using the Design Thinking Model.

In year 8, **Team Rangitoto** will explore the question 'What causes change?' through innovation and inventions. The focus being on creating tested prototypes and exploring the overall big idea using a Design Thinking Process. **Team Motuihe** will look at the question from the perspective of 'How has technology been a catalyst for change?'. The team will consider various aspects of technology in both a historical context and how it is used today to positively enhance our world and our lives. They will then look at how technology integrates with careers and how it has impacted on various sectors of the working environment.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the following students who have received Principal's awards this week; Zara Singer, Brodie Crowther, Emily McNamara, Bailey Flavell, Ariel Hopkins, Alice Casement, Jasper Nowaczek and Lucy Mason.

Warm regards,  
Nick Hill, Principal

## Merit Mentions for week ending 28 September 2018

Room 1	Kaan Aslankilinc Taisia Grigoryan	For focus and hard work in mathematics. For her beautiful performance in Team Rakino's celebration of learning assembly.
Room 2	Rianon Thomas  Charli Duncan	For being a valuable team player in AIMS and pushing herself hard to catch up on the work she had missed while she was away. For excellent group contributions in Integrated Studies and for a focused and determined attitude.
Room 3	Tomer Hirschauge Bruna Pezza	For being a good team member. For her effort in improving her learning.
Room 4	Max Tuttle  Nikki Lee	Displaying excellent leadership skills in his role as class captain with his encouragement, organisational skills and hard working ethic. For making great progress in reading - keep up the great work!
Room 5	Manaia Watson Mia Lennan	For her hard work in reading this term. For her dedication and effort in all she does.
Room 6	Elliott Hadler	Showing leadership and initiative in Kapa Haka.
Room 7	Nick Johnson Riley Clayton	For demonstrating ALL school values consistently throughout all areas of school. For showing initiative, humility and enthusiasm whilst participating at AIMS games.
Room 8	Audrey Yan Charlotte Reddecliffe	For effort and focus in class and her effort to engage in activities and take risks in her learning. For her sustained hard work in all areas of the curriculum and her wonderfully positive attitude to learning.
Room 9	Sophie Green Finn De Hora  Philip Huang	For her effort and engagement resulting in huge improvements in her mathematics. Well done! For coming back from AIMS and pushing himself hard to make sure he has caught up in all his school work and contributed equally in his inquiry group. For his enthusiasm in school and being a valued member of Room 9.
Room 10	Sylvie Ryan Bella Reinecke	For her effort and engagement resulting in huge improvements in her mathematics. Well done! For engaging in group work and contributing her fantastic ideas and thoughtful opinions more readily.
Room 11	Heath Barrett Harry Tu'isila Kianni Hooker	Leadership in Kapa Haka and giving up a week of lunches to ref touch rugby. For selflessly giving up numerous lunches to ref fellow students touch rugby trials. For selflessly giving up numerous lunches to ref fellow students touch rugby trials.
Room 12	Alice Casement Dalton Baard	Excellent attitude to her learning. Excellent dedication in gymnastics.
Room 13	Skye Lang Bella Jervis	For excellent research and presentation in Integrated Studies poster and diorama. For a great start to her Book Reports and excellent work in Integrated Studies.
Room 14	Scott Tuitupou Jason Heslop	For showing fantastic improvement in writing. For showing fantastic improvement in writing.
Room 15	Minseo Kim Esther Tshimanga	Working hard to get all of her maths tasks completed to a high standard. Always being willing to help and contributing to class discussions.
Room 16	Isla Skogstad Miller Barlow	For settling in well to BIS and jumping straight into her learning. For his increased effort and perseverance with his learning.
Room 17	Ilia Osipov Sofia Drew	For making a great start at BIS, working well with his classmates both inside and outside of the class. For demonstrating excellence when managing her group and coordinating the work on their diorama.
Room 18	Elise Clark Margot Pettitt	For her great organisational skills, managing to complete Rm 18 Yearbook class page. For her willingness to be a supportive class member and take her chosen responsibilities seriously.
Room 19	Charli Mundell Tahlia Bull	For her continuing effort in her learning and school work and yearbook. For initiative and creativity shown in her term 3 project and yearbook.
Room 20	Harrison Loretz Geri Sherlock Clara Hart	For brilliant leadership, communication and productivity with his term 3 project. For a consistent effort across the curriculum as well a dedicated effort towards her term 3 project. For great diligence and determination to excel in mathematics.
EHMT	Xavier St Cartmail R16 Natalya Brand R20	For making excellent progress in Reading and Writing this term. For her outstanding attitude and consistent effort every day.

## Merit Mentions for week ending 28 September 2018

Food Tech	Natasha Kowaczek Sophie Spooner Ava Cairns Sophia Walker Imogen Butcher Sophie Bridge Charlotte McVicar Rea Kearns Hayette Johnson Mia Harvey Bella Lovison	For commitment to role of food tech monitor, for turning up and carrying out duties every week willingly, capably and with a smile.
	Esther Carr Victoria Tenitskaya Olivia Free	For commitment to role of soft materials tech monitor, for turning up and carrying out duties every week willingly, capably and with a smile.
Art	Jun Sun Maia Scott Sasha MacDonald Sarah Bowden Nate Erskine Tina Zhang Cynthia Pan	Outstanding dedication in art. For her motivated approach in art. For her creative sculpture work. For excellent effort in art. For an excellent effort in his 2D art. Outstanding painting in art. Outstanding painting in art.
Science	Hugo Johnson R19 Reuben Lim R17 Scarlett Somerville-Ryan R9 Rocco Cunningham R18 Giselle den Breems R18 Seb Ness R18 Lenny Macdiarmid R20 Daisy Butcher R16 Lucas Zhang R16 Cortez Northam R8	Excellence in Science Pt 3 for all these students.
Hard Tech	Ryan Gillam	For commitment and outstanding contribution to the garden.

### 2018 Yearbook - Order Now!

The 2018 Yearbook is now available for pre-ordering. As the whole school is involved in making the Yearbook, there is something in it for everyone; it is a riot of memories and good times. We will only be printing the number of books that have been ordered and paid for therefore it is essential that you order and pay via the online shop by Tuesday, 13 November.

The cost is \$20 and may only be purchased via the [online shop](#). There will be no cash sales.

The deadline for ordering is: Tuesday, 13 November.

To avoid disappointment, please order before 13 November. No orders will be taken after this date. Last year we sold out, so don't miss out on this opportunity.

### Call for Donations for our new MakerSpace Initiative

We intend to transform part of our library each week into a MakerSpace environment for those students who want to spend their lunchtime being creative.

We are looking for donations, from our community, of anything that can be used for creating and construction. Some examples would be LEGO, Geomag, K'nex, Meccano or Nanoblocks. Due to the way our MakerSpace will be used and as we are hoping for it to be an ongoing initiative, we wouldn't be able to return these items. So if your children have outgrown anything that we may be able to use, we would love to give it a second lease of life!

If you are unsure about the types of items you can donate, please contact Trudy Byrne on [resource@belmontint.school.nz](mailto:resource@belmontint.school.nz) or 09 489 4878 ext 128. Please send any donations to school with your child to the Resource Room.

## Sports News

### School Athletics Day - Friday, 2 November

Our annual school athletics day will be held on Friday, 2 November on the Belmont Intermediate School fields. The events are due to commence at 9:25am and run through to approximately 2:30pm. We welcome parents, caregivers, family and friends to come along and watch. Students will be required to come to school in their PE kit. Please ensure they have a school hat and suitable sports shoes. All students are expected to participate, please email your child's class teacher if they are unable to take part for any reason.

Approximate timetable of events:

9:25am - boys track events and girls field events

11:50am - girls track events and boys field events

1:20pm - sprint finals followed by class relays (if time permits)



### North Harbour Volleyball Zone Days

During the last week of term three we took four teams to the North Harbour Volleyball zone days. Our girls teams did extremely well, with the both the year 7 and year 8 girls teams finishing in third place overall (the year 8 girls were narrowly knocked out in their semi final by Murrays Bay who went on to win the tournament). The year 7 boys finished in 5th place and the year 8 boys finished 7th. Well done to all the students who took part and many thanks to the parents who helped out on the day. Photos from the zone days can be viewed [here](#).

Pictured left, back row: Lucy Travers, Carlotta Read, Tataiarangi Baker, Nin Anderegg, Holly Isherwood, Lucy Mason, Jaimie Nimmo and Lily Murphy

Front row: Amelia Swarbrick, Laura Blick-Moroney, Lizzie McKendry, Manaia Watson, Amanda Everett, Maisie Bower and Jodie Nash

### Gymnastics

Congratulations to Jack Denny and Dalton Baard who competed in the 2018 New Zealand Gymnastics Championships held in Tauranga during the school holidays.

Jack Denny: Level 6  
2nd Place All Around  
1st Place Team  
3rd Place Parallel Bars

Dalton Baard: Level 5  
1st Place All Around  
1st Place Floor  
1st Place High Bar  
2nd Place Vault



Pictured: Jack Denny and Dalton Baard



### Irish Dancing

Congratulations to Gemma Leathley who competed at the Traditional Irish Dance Nationals held in Auckland on 4-6 October. Gemma finished in 6th place overall which has enabled her to qualify for the Irish Dance World Championships in April 2019. Well done Gemma, your hard work and passion for dance has paid off.

Pictured left: Gemma Leathley

### Roller Mills Rugby

Congratulations to Harrison Tu'isila who was selected as part of the tournament team at the recent Roller Mills rugby tournament that was held in Cambridge during the school holidays. The North Harbour team finished 6th in the competition but Harrison went on to be selected for the tournament team as one of the top 22 players out of 240 representative players from all over the North Island. Heath Barrett along with Harrison were part of the North Harbour team.

Congratulations to Heath Barrett who won the 2018 North Harbour Rugby Roller Mills Player of the Year, an amazing achievement Heath.

**Black Belt Success!** Well done to Rocco Conaghan who recently completed his 1st Poom/Black Belt Grading at Kumgang Martial Arts and successfully passed. A well earned achievement Rocco, congratulations!

## PTA Bloke's Night

A lot of fun was had by the 100 or so dads who attended the Bloke's Night on 21 September. It was a very successful evening with every auction item selling and, thanks to our generous sponsors, making a record profit of \$11,126 for the school. Congratulations to Peter Lord who, for the second time in a row, won the Brewer's Cup. The PTA would like to thank the organising committee comprising of Michael Swarbrick, Callum Gray, Tim Williams, Jane Wright & Steve Pleciak, Rachel & Scott Blackwood, Alastair Ness and Michael Brick. They worked incredibly hard to make this event a success. Also thanks to the parents who made pulled pork for the event and to the teaching staff who attended. Please take a moment to review our sponsors listed below and consider supporting their businesses where possible.

## Thank you to our Blokes Night Sponsors



### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 23 October	Touch Rugby Zone Day
Thursday 25 October	Otago Maths Final Challenge
Monday 29 October	Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30pm in the boardroom
Friday 2 November	BIS Athletics Day
Tuesday 6 November	Formal Dance Zone Day
Thursday 8 November	Boys Futsal Zone Day
Friday 9 November	Girls Futsal Zone Day
Friday 9 November	Cluster Kapa Haka at Belmont Primary School 9am - 2pm
Friday 16 November	Athletics Zone Day
Friday 23 November	Onepoto Cultural Festival 9:30am - 2:30pm Onepoto Primary School
Monday 26 November	Yatching Zone Day

## Annual Orienteering Day Sunday 4 November 10am - 1pm

Get a team together and register now for our annual Orienteering Competition which takes you and your team over a 90-minute course starting and finishing at BIS. No compass needed! Teams MUST travel on foot, with a minimum of two and maximum of five members per team. There are four categories: Individual, Open Team (two or more participants), 13 years and under and Family Team.

So get your mums, dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters and friends together and GO HERE TO REGISTER: <https://entryform.co.nz/belmont/> Cost is \$15 per person (not per team).

At the end of the event there will be a prize giving for the top-placed teams in each category, along with a raffle and a range of delicious home-cooked food and baking and ice creams.

We're asking all BIS families and businesses to support our Orienteering event by dropping a bottle (of your choice) or food item (non perishable) into the school office, for the raffle.

Please contact Michelle Millington on [michelle.millington70@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.millington70@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

A big thank you to Michael Swarbrick, our supporter of this annual event.



## Gourmet Goodies Raffle for Orienteering Competition

Every BIS student has been given ten raffle tickets to sell. This raffle is in support of the school's annual BIS Orienteering Competition which is just over two weeks away.

The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 4 November at midday. The main prize is a LUXURY HAMPER filled with gourmet goodies, deli specialities and bottles of beverages.

We are asking every BIS student to each sell ten raffle tickets to neighbours, family and/or friends. Tickets are \$2 each. This raffle represents income of \$6,000 and proceeds are going towards the new resources for the school.

The children are asked to write the buyer's details on the ticket stub and return the ticket stub and money to the school office by Friday 2 November at the latest. Unsold tickets should be returned to the office at the same time, but preferably earlier so other children can sell them. Mr Hill has promised a prize for the boy and girl who sell the most tickets! The class which has the most entries into the Orienteering Competition will also win a prize, as will their teacher.

More raffle tickets are available from Maggie in the school office: [office@belmontint.school.nz](mailto:office@belmontint.school.nz)  
Kids and families can enter the Orienteering Event via this link: <https://entryform.co.nz/belmont/>

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## **Pocket Rocket Dance at Belmont Intermediate School**

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3.15pm or contemporary  
at 4.15pm, Fridays @ BIS!

Last chance to join Pocket  
Rockets for this year, as  
next term we are preparing  
for our big 10 year  
anniversary show!

Contact Jane on 021 140  
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**HIPHOP  
3.15 - 4.15PM**



**CONTEMPORARY  
4.15 - 5.15PM**

26 OCTOBER - 7 DECEMBER  
(7 WEEKS) COST \$203

# ***TERM 4*** **2018**

LITTLECOOKS AT BELMONT  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

EMAIL  
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TO REGISTER  
YEARS 4-8  
LOCATION: FOOD TECH ROOM

