



Middle School Newsletter Term Two 2018

Welcome back. Term 2 is underway and the classrooms are humming with the excitement of learning! Thank you for preparing the children so well for a new term.

Topic for Term Two

This term our integrated topic continues around the theme of “*Treasuring*”. Learning activities are planned around a social science focus on cultural practices and a science focus on natural resources.

Middle School Events for Term Two

EOTC trip Rms 12, 13 & 16 (half)	<i>Monday 7 May</i>
EOTC trip Rms 14, 15 & 16 (half)	<i>Tuesday 8 May</i>
Swimming starts for Rms 11 & 28	<i>Tuesday 22 May</i>
Swimming starts for all other rooms	<i>Friday 25 May</i>
Middle School assembly	<i>Friday 25 May</i>
Trip to Fo Guang Shan Temple	<i>Thursday 31 May</i>
Teacher Only Day	<i>Friday 1 June</i>
School Disco	<i>Friday 8 June</i>
Sausage sizzle	<i>Friday 29 June</i>
3-way Conferences	<i>Wed 4 & Thurs 5 July</i>
Wacky Hair and Hat Day	<i>Friday 6 July</i>



Fitness training

We are once again building up to the cross country run with skipping as our fitness training and have asked you to supply a skipping rope for your child. It's wonderful to see so many children with these at school every day. Regular skipping sessions are happening throughout the week with fitness and skill levels improving! If your child is genuinely unable to

participate in any sports or fitness activities, a written note or email is required to excuse them from these.



School Uniform

All children should be in winter uniform by now. Please ensure that every item of your child's uniform is named as they all look very similar and end up in different places when they get changed into their PE uniform! Coloured T-shirts, long sleeved shirts and leggings are not to be worn under the uniform. The red polar fleece should be worn to keep children warm. School shoes need to be worn to and from school and also need to be named as they too often get removed.

Activity Fee

Thank you to all who have paid part or all of this. The fee is used to fund trips outside the classroom and visiting groups who come to school such as the Life Education Caravan. While our swimming lessons are free, thanks to the John Walker Field of Dreams Trust, we do pay a contribution towards the bus. The google apps subscription, allowing your child access to google docs, is also covered by this payment.

Middle School Staffing

A big welcome to Mary Reardon who is working in Room 30 alongside Gemma Drummond while Heather is on leave. And sadly we farewell Lauren Ripper from Room 12 who is moving to Tauranga near the end of May. We wish her and Matt all the best as they establish themselves in the Bay of Plenty and know what a lucky school Bellevue is to be getting such a high quality teacher! We welcome Kerry Mooney back to the Middle School when she takes over from Lauren in Week 5.

*Kind regards,
Middle School Teachers*