

24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2013

Kia Ora, Talofa lava,

### **Happy Birthday:**

The following students either have had or are going to celebrate their birthday this week. Congratulations, we hope that you enjoyed your special day.

**Rishab PRAKASH** Rm04

**Livalosa MELELOSA** Rm20

**Danya ALATIMU** Rm07

**Jermaine SMITH** Rm13

**Renee BIRD** Rm20

**Mata-Michelle POUMALE-**

**TAHAFA** Rm09

**Rhiannon BELL** Rm22

**Aastha MAHARAJ** Rm22

### **Parent Hui TONIGHT:**

A reminder that we are holding our first Whanau Hui this evening. This takes place in the staffroom between 6.00-7.00.p.m. this evening in the library.

Come and hear about the Board of Trustees Plans for Bailey Road School 2013-2016.

We value and need parental support to achieve our goals.

Please come and give us some feedback and add your ideas to YOUR child's education.

*If you cannot attend this meeting please use our school website to supply your ideas. We have a dedicated feedback section for parents.*

*My BLOG this week is about Challenges to Achievement. Have you got any ideas to feedback?*

*What challenges does your family face in achieving at National Standard levels?*

**Simply, what can BRS do better to assist your child to achieve?**

### **School Disco:**

Congratulations are extended to our wonderful PTA who ran a very successful Disco on Friday Evening.

This was their first event for 2013 and they are so pleased to have raised over \$1,000 towards their plan of providing

more shade in the playground for our students.

Thank you parents for your help in helping run the disco.

### **Well Done Everyone:**

I have mentioned in previous newsletters and speeches the minimum requirement of each child attending school at a 90% rate for the year to achieve academically.

At the end of 2012 school wide, we returned an 89% result. Just short of half way through 2013, we have achieved a 91% attendance rate.

This is fantastic! Student achievement is always our focus. If the students are not attending, how can they retain and utilize their learning?



### **Head Lice:**

Head Lice is making its presence known again at school. Please check your child's hair and act accordingly.

A leaflet is enclosed in this newsletter on how to tackle the problem.

### **Up Coming - Events:**

Wk	Date	Event
9	Fri 5 July 2.15	Kowhai Syndicate Assembly
10	Wed 10 July	Trash Fashion Dress Rehearsal
10	Thurs 11 July	Trash to Fashion 6.30.p.m.
10	Thurs 11 July	Student's Reports come home
10	Fri 12 July	Final day of Term 2

### **Te Kaha Visit:**

The Community will be well aware that Bailey Road is the affiliated School for the Naval frigate Te Kaha. Each year naval staff are involved in a number of school events.

Last week, eight members of Te Kaha's crew visited our school and spoke to the Year 7-8 students about a career in the navy. After that, year 5-8 students played a number of games that the crew of Te Kaha play on board to keep fit when out at sea for up to several months.

At present Te Kaha is undergoing a refurbishment and will undergo sea trials at the end of the year. It is hoped that Bailey Road School students might get to go on board and cruise around the Waitemata Harbour at this stage.

We'll keep you up to date with any developments. There is some rumour that Te Haka's helicopter might land on the school grounds before the end of the term!



### **BRS Kapa Haka:**

Last week to celebrate Matariki, members of our Kapa Haka performed at the Pakuranga Mall. Huge thanks are extended to our tutor Courtney Bennett for arranging the performance and to those parents who were available to attend the performance. The Kapa Haka team's performance was superb.



### **Rata Team Snippet :** **Rooms 1-2-3-4-6-7- 8)**

Talova Lava!!! What an awesome disco we had last Friday. Thank you very much for the PTA. The children all dressed up for it and they danced their hearts out, it was a wonderful experience for the Year 1 and 2 children to attend a school disco! We all had plenty of recounts about this exciting event and they will be shared with you next week.

At a more serious note, all the Rata teachers have noticed many children with head lice. Please check your children for head lice. If they do have lice follow the instructions given with this notice and make sure that your child's hair is clean before he/she returns to school, this would be greatly appreciated!! It is not fair to spread lice around the class when it should be treated at home.

### ***My First Dragon Story*** ***By Phoenix O'Brien Rm 2***

Big Dragon lived by the sea in New Zealand. He is a giant. He is beautiful. And Big Dragon came and put some fire on the barbeque. The Dragon had its' first baby. Someone came to its' house and took it. He was flying and looking everywhere. The Baby Dragon was lost! The mum was looking for the Baby Dragon. She found him in the cave. She was happy.

### **Karaka Team Snippets:** **(Rooms 9-10-21-22)**

Te Tuhi Arts Centre visit - 27 and 28 June 2013, cost \$6  
**(Now Due!)**

We require at least 3 parent helpers per classroom on this trip. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help on the trip. Note: The class will only be away for about half the day.

Karaka team are learning about "Technological Systems." We discovered that a technological system must have an input, output and a transformation

process somewhere in between. Here is Room 22 enjoying the benefits of a familiar technological system YUMMY!



### **Kowhai Team Snippets:** **Rooms 17-18-19-20)**

#### **Rugby League Tournament**

On Wednesday 19 June some students from years 5 and 6 went to the Tamaki Cluster Rugby League Tournament. There were 2 teams; one was under 45kg and the open grade was over 45 kgs. The under 45 kg team played Panmure Bridge first and won 4 – 1. Then they played Glen Brae School and won 4 - 1 again. The third game they played was against Tamaki Primary School and they won 10 – 1! The team was really proud of their results. But sadly they lost the next two matches. They were placed 3rd overall. However, the open grade did really well in all their games and won all except one. They were placed second in the Tamaki zone and qualified to take part in the Regional Championship.

***Written by Shukrullah Reazie***

### **Rimu Team Snippet:** **(Rooms 11,12,13,15,16)**

#### **2013 Bailey Road School** **Waste Audit:**

On Friday the 14 of June, we had our annual waste audit. All of Thursdays waste was sorted and weighed. We found out that our landfill waste was reduced by 41% from last year.

#### ***Paper from Homes***

Did you know that we received \$504.99 from our Paper from Homes initiative? This is only with a handful of students bringing paper and cardboard

from home. Imagine what we could receive if more students contributed to this. We are now recycling 3 times the amount from last year.

#### **Chippie Bags**

Our school collected 2kg of non-recyclable packaging and 1.36kg of this was chippie bags. We had the same problem last year and it is still a problem this year. 300 chippie bags were collected and 400 students were present. That means that 75% of our students are bringing little packets of chips to school. You could buy a big packet of chips and bring a little each day in a container. It is cheaper and you will get more value for your money. Even better if students eat fruits instead of chips then the remains will end up in the worm-farm.

#### **Litter-less Lunches**

Our school is trying really hard to promote litter-less lunches. Thank you to those that are not using glad wrap. There was less filmy plastic compared to last year. Foil is a better option that can be recycled but more expensive. The cheapest options will be: reusing bread packets, margarine containers, take away food containers, ice –cream containers etc. The best option will be to buy a lunch box and reuse it over and over and over again. Students could earn house points from their teacher or enviro monitor.

#### **Trash to Fashion Raffle.**

We would appreciate each child donating an item to be placed in hamper boxes for raffling.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June is the last day to bring in items.**

The class that brings in the most items on a per capita basis will receive an extended break time.

Tickets will be on sale in the office from Monday morning for \$3.00 each or \$5.00 for 2.

Tickets can also be purchased on the night.