

9<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

### **Happy Birthday:/ Welcome:**

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

Supriya KUMAR Rm09    Sunaina PAUL Rm21  
Leroy COPE Rm21    Gracie Jade DAWSON Rm20  
Donal WARID Rm10    Asipeli MAILE Rm18  
Sia MA'ASI Rm09    Ella DIPRAKHON Rm16  
Jayda SCANLON Rm09

### **The final newsletter for 2014.**

This will be our final newsletter this year. As you know, school closes at 2.45.p.m. next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December for the summer break.

Our 2014 school year commences on Monday 3 February at 8.45.a.m.

### **School Office Re-opening Hours.**

The school office and uniform shop will open prior to school commencing in 2014 as follows.

- \*Tuesday 28 January
- \*Wednesday 29 January
- \*Thursday 30 January
- \*Friday 31 January

The office will be open from 9.00.a.m.-3.00.p.m on each of these days.

Our office staff will be happy to help with enrolments, the purchase of stationery or uniform items and to answer any queries you might have regarding your child's education.

### **School Stationery Lists:**

Next Wednesday 18 December, year 1 - 8 students will get to visit their 2014 classes and meet their teachers where possible.

The stationery lists for each year group are attached to this newsletter. Please keep in a safe place for purchasing next year from either the school or stationery providers.

Copies of the lists are available from our website. [www.baileypark.school.nz](http://www.baileypark.school.nz) on the Community Page.

### **Fund-Raiser for Pearl-Marli:**

Debbie and Pearl-Marli wish to extend their thanks for assisting with the transportation, food and accommodation costs for the under 15 National Softball Championships in January. A total of \$275.10 was raised to assist Pearl-Marli's fees. Thanks for helping the Waetford family out.

Week 9: December 9-13.

### **Report Forms:**

Report forms for year 4-8 were sent home on Monday. If you would like an opportunity to discuss any aspect of your child's education optional interviews are available tomorrow,

Thursday 12 December. Please ring the school office for an interview time with your child's teacher. Some Year 1-3 students will receive report forms before school concludes in 2013. These are for 5-6 and 7 Year olds that have a December or January birthday.

This serves as a reminder to all of the parents of Year 1-2 and 3, that they receive reports on the anniversary of their 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> birthday. We send out 'interim' reports for them at 6 monthly intervals.

### **PTA Meeting:**

The PTA meets for the final time for 2013 TONIGHT at 7.00.p.m. in the Staffroom. We would love to see you there as we plan for 2014.

### **Glow in the Park Festival:**

On Sunday 22 December from 5.30.p.m. at Hamlin Park the Maungarei Community Christian Trust will be holding a Carols by Candlelight free event. Bring along a Glow Stick and be entertained by Sound the Ocean, Zkabby Jams, Sista Jacqui and many more. Enjoy the bouncy castles and other entertainments and join in with the Christmas carols.



### **Rata and Karaka Prize-Giving.**

The Year 1-3 Syndicates will hold their Prize-Giving Assembly in the school hall on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 11.00 – 12.30pm. Please come and join us and celebrate our junior school student's learning.

### **Week 10 December 16-18.**

#### **Monday 16 December:**

We farewell Diane Facon officially in the school hall from 1.30-3.00.p.m.

#### **BOT Meeting:**

The BOT meets to discuss our school results, budget and 2014 Charter.

#### **Tuesday 17 December.**

We hold our Senior Graduation from 6.00pm. A dance and supper format is planned.

#### **Wednesday 18 December:**

Students get to visit their 2014 classes from 10.00-10.30.a.m.

We hold our Kowhai and Rimu Syndicate Prize Giving Assembly from 1.30.p.m. in the school hall.

**School closes on Wednesday 18 December at 2.45.p.m.**

### **Term Dates for 2014.**

**Term 1** = Mon 3 Feb- Thurs 17 April

**Term 2** = Mon 5 May – Fri – 4 July

**Term 3** = Mon 21 July – Fri 26 September.

**Term 4** = Mon 13 October – Tues 16 December.

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

Malo lele!!!

Remember that Rata children are having their Outdoor Cooking tomorrow at 11.00-12.30 (Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>). Make sure your child wears old mufti clothes, as they will smell of smoke by the end of the day. Also for safety reasons make them wear closed shoes, like running shoes. NO JANDALS!! Come and spend this day of fun with us!

Have a safe holiday!!! Maligayang Pasko sa inyong lahat! (Merry Christmas to you all).

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



Throughout the year, Karaka Team have been part of the Bible in Schools programme and have been learning about values and how we should treat one another. At the final assembly we learnt about the origin and true meaning of Christmas – ask your child if they can remember what the letters stand for!

Some important reminders:

1. Rata and Karaka Prize Giving: Friday 13 December 2013 (11:00 – 12:30)
2. **Rata and Karaka** “Street Party”: Tuesday 17 December 2013  
(Your child needs to bring a plate of finger food for the party. For example sausage rolls, chicken nuggets, pizzas, savouries,

roast chicken etc. No chips, lollies or fizzy drinks please).

The teachers in the team would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your valuable support through the year, especially for those parents who helped out on our EOTC trips as well. We look forward to working with you again in the New Year. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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

This term in technology we have successfully finished our electronic concentration games. Our brief was that the teachers had been complaining that the students weren't concentrating enough in class so we decided to make games that would test their concentration. The aim of the game was to be able to take the switch from one end of the metal wire to the other without touching it. We have had a lot of fun this term making electronics and learning about circuits. It was great getting to play each other's games after we had finished.

*Jim Stafford-Bush*  
*Principal.*

My BLOG this week features:

Maintaining & supporting your child's education through the summer break.

*The Board of Trustees, Parent Teacher Association and Staff wish you all a happy and safe holiday season. Our Best wishes for your family in 2014.*



***MERRY CHRISTMAS***