

# Bailey Road School Newsletter: # 17.



## **TERM 2 Wednesday 4 June- 2014:**

### **School Donations:**

Education in New Zealand is free and unless attending a private school fees are not charged. Most schools however request a donation towards the running of the school activities. Your donations go towards Sports, Arts and Reading materials and resources for our students. Bailey Road School donations are very low at \$15.00 per child per term. We urge those parents who haven't donated this year to please do so in the next fortnight.

### **Student Learning Catch Ups. (Reminder)**

Our staff are holding optional meetings with parents TOMORROW 3.00.-7.30.p.m. in the Computer Room, Library, Rooms 11-12.

The purpose of these meetings is a 'catch-up' on your child's learning and how we can work together on their progress prior to Mid year Report Forms being sent out in another 5 weeks.

If you have not already received an interview time, please contact Sonnie Ward as soon as possible.

### **Welcome Gretchen Jarman:**

Yesterday we re-opened Room 4 to accommodate the growing number of 5 year olds arriving at Bailey Road School.

Mrs Gretchen Jarman is our newest staff member and she looks forward to welcoming new arrivals in June.

Gretchen is New Zealand trained but has spent most of her career teaching in England. She has had a successful career working with 5-6 year olds.

She has recently returned to NZ with her husband.

### **Rimu Team Disco:(Reminder)**

On Friday 6 June, The Rimu Team will be holding a multi-day and a disco to raise funds for their Term 4 outdoor education sessions at Camp Adair in Hunua. Glow bands ( 50 cents) and ice blocks ( \$1.00) will be on sale. Entry to the disco / mufti is \$2.00 per student.

9.00-10.30.a.m. - Rata and Karaka Teams.

11.00-12.30 Kowhai Team,

1.00-2.30p.m. Rimu Team

### **Teaching of Mathematics:**

Thank you all once again for the outstanding attendance at last Wednesday's Mathematics Information Evening.

We counted 76 adult attendees and the staff are so impressed with how our parents wish to support their children's learning.

The feedback that we have received is; that parents wish us to break our next evening in Term 3 into year groups and allow parents to observe how staff go about teaching Years 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8.

We will set a date in early Term 3 and announce this soon.

### **Drum Lessons: ( Years 4-8)**

Mrs Grainger has organised for the teaching of drum lessons by a private drum tutor after school. The cost is \$10.00 per half hour for each session with students learning how to play the drums in pairs. The lessons will begin on Wednesday 18th June, then continue into Term 3.

Students will need a pair of drum sticks for the lessons. These can be obtained from the drum teacher at the first session, costing \$5 for a pair or students can buy their own from a music shop.

If you have a child who is interested in drumming, this is a great opportunity for them to learn. If you would like to know more, or register your child, please leave your name and contact details at the school office and Mrs Grainger will ring you to assist.

### **Pasifika Achievement:**

I have data showing how Pasifika are achieving New Zealand wide and specifically in the Tamaki / Maungakiekie region.

I am happy to share this data with you and explain what Bailey Road School Staff are doing to raise achievement in Reading, Writing and mathematics for our Pasifika Students.

I will be available at our Student Learning Catch-Ups on Thursday evening. We need your help and input.

### **My BLOG:**

This week's BLOG is based on Reading and why parents' assistance and modelling is vital. The BLOG includes the draft drawings of our library deck area.

## Auckland Library Bus:

The Auckland Library Bus will visit next Monday 9 June to enrol students in Year 5-8 and begin supplying library cards. We would like as many students to sign as possible especially as we think our library refurbishment will commence in Term 4 and we may need to shut our library down for a long period of the term.

Library Bus visits will begin at the beginning of Term 3 and community members are encouraged to use the service as well.



## Reading Together:

Our third session of Reading Together takes place next Wednesday evening 11 June from 5.00.p.m.- 6.30.p.m.

## Valuable Items at School.

Over the past two weeks we have had two cellphones go missing. This is very upsetting of course for the owners and all staff members.

We suggest that valuable phones, toys and items are NOT brought too school at all as we do not see the need to do so.

If the items or toys add to the class programme, staff members should be handed the items for safe-keeping until they are used and returned to the owners at the end of the day.

## Upon Coming Events.

\*Friday 13 June -School Assembly hosted by Rata team. Our ukulele Group will perform.

\*Bailey Road School's Got Talent. Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 June -Years 5-8 auditions. Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 June Years 1-4 auditions at Lunchtime in the hall.

\*Wednesday 18 June - PTA Meeting 7.00p.m. in the staffroom.

## Rata Snippet:

The children of the Rata Team have been writing exciting stories about Space. Here is a sample of Ziyaad's (from Room 7) story:



I went to Mars with Roi and Ethan. We went to Mars in a rocket. On Mars, there were aliens. We saw Mercury. There is a little bit of gravity on the moon. Roi, Ethan and I took toys. We drank hot chocolate on the rocket ship. When we saw the aliens, they were funny. The aliens put their heads in the toilets!

## A request please:

In Room 2 and 3 we are going to spend some time discovering through making, creating, pondering, tinkering and collaborating every week. We would appreciate donations of the following items which can be placed in the labeled bins in the cloak bay between Room Three and Four;

- clean plastic items like bottle tops
- paper and cardboard, cardboard tubes, newspapers and old magazines (NO egg cartons please due to allergies)
- scraps of fabric
- leftover bits of wool, string, pipe cleaners, sequins and other craft materials
- unwanted dress up items
- unwanted cars, lego or other building equipment
- items for our sandpit play
- things like old landline phones that would be safe for us to dismantle
- tools like hammers, screw drivers, nuts & bolts, hand saws and clamps

## Student Leaders' Corner:

Last Thursday, the student leaders attended The National Young Leaders Conference held at Manukau Telstra Clear Centre. We had speakers that encouraged us to be better leaders. Some of the speakers were Jamie Fitzgerald, Laura Langman (Mystics Netball Team), Cam Calkoen, Charlie Taumatia and for our entertainment were ... The Laughing Samoans! We had a lot of fun and we learnt ALOT. Please encourage your Yr 7 child to become a 2015 student leader as they will benefit and learn more about being a good role model from this event. *By Marcaill & Linda*



We We We appreciate anything you can collect and share with us.

If you would like to come along and help us please contact Mrs Cassandra Torrey (Rm 2) or Mrs Leah Arcilla (Rm 3). We will be having 'Discovery Time' on a Tuesday from 11 am - 12.30 pm.

*Rata is having a Team assembly this Thursday in the hall at 12.00, you are most welcome to come and join us.*

## Karaka Snippet:

Students will be visiting the Auckland War Memorial in Auckland Domain. They will be learning about:

1. How some animal adaptations and machine structures make flight possible and that flying is controlled movement through the air.
2. To recognise and describe different types of Fossils.

This trip is on Tuesday 10 June 2014 and the cost is \$8.50 – we would appreciate it if payment for this trip is made as soon as possible. We are needing some parent help on this trip – at least 3 parent helpers. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help – if you haven't already done so. Students will depart school at 9:15 am and arrive back at school by 2:45 pm.

## Kowhai Snippet:

Kowhai team would like to wish the year 5 and 6 netball teams all the best for their Tamaki Cluster competition today (Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June) at AMI Netball Centre, Stonefields. Teams will compete against other schools in the area and have been practicing hard at lunchtimes. Good Luck results to come next week.