

# Bailey Road School Newsletter: # 38.



## **TERM 4 Wednesday 26 November- 2014:**

### **Rimu Team Camp:**

Our Year 7-8 students who have attended camp have done themselves so proud by displaying such amazing 'can do' attitudes. Their teachers and attending parents have really enjoyed their 4 days at Camp Adair due to the manner in which these 11-13 year olds conducted their attitudes and behaviour. The support they showed for one another was exemplary. Camps allow staff to view students in such different circumstances and my BLOG this week covers our initial ideas for our Outdoor Education plans in the near future.

### **End of Term Countdown:**

At the point of publication of this newsletter, there are only 14 school days remaining until the end of our 2014 school year. The teachers have completed making their final assessments about the students progress and report forms are being completed.

### **REPORT FORMS:**

These will be sent home with your child on Monday 8 December. If you would like to discuss anything in your child's report, please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher before Friday 12 December.

### **GRADUATION:**

The Year 8 Graduation will take place on Friday 12 December in the hall from 6.00p.m. Rimu parents will receive specific information from Mrs Dass about the organisation of this important school event.

### **JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING:**

The Rata and Karaka Prize-Giving takes place on Monday 15 December from 11.30.a.m. in the hall.

This will be followed by the Annual Street Party in the area between Rooms 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10 at 12.30.p.m.

### **SENIOR PRIZE-GIVING:**

The prize-giving for Kowhai (Rooms 17-18-19-20) & Rimu (Rooms 11-12-13-16) will take place from 1.15.p.m. in the hall on Tuesday 16 December.

### **SCHOOL CLOSES:**

School closes at 2.45.p.m after the prize-giving.

### **PTA Meeting:**

The PTA meets this evening from 6.00 -7 .00pm. to discuss their plans for 2015. The PTA have been so fantastic this year in raising over \$7,000 for our shade sail, provided food and drinks for the Film night, Cultural Festival and Athletics Sports as well as organising such a great clean up of the pool complex for our Summer Swimming Season.

Come and add your ideas and support for 2015 at this meeting. See you in the staffroom.

### **Term 1 2015.**

The School Office opens on Tuesday 27 January from 9.00.a.m. - 3.00p.m. daily.

Whanau are invited to come to school for any enrolments, stationery purchases, payment of the school donation or to have any queries about your child's education answered.

The office will also be open on Monday 2 February for the same hours as mentioned above.

Bailey Road School opens for instruction on Tuesday 3 February at 8.45am.

### **Term dates for 2015:**

Term 1= Tuesday 3 February - Thursday 2 April.

Term 2 = Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July.

Term 3 = Monday 23 July - Friday 25 September.

Term 4 = Monday 12 October - Thursday 17 December.

### **Newsletter via E-mail:**

The usual story is that whanau missed a notice because the newsletter was sitting at the bottom of a school bag and not discovered until after an important event had taken place.

Please remember that our newsletter is available from the school website and Mrs Ward is always happy to include you on her list for those parents wishing to receive the newsletter by e-mail.

### **Plant Nursery:**

As you can see from the photographs above our Plant Nursery is well underway thanks to the enormous help of the Eilerslie Rotary Club and Bill Clark of Savory Construction.

It is our intention to germinate seeds and be supplying plants and produce by the end of term 1 2015 as a school wide goal for our Enviro Warriors as they steer towards a Green- Gold Accreditation in the next 12 -24 months.

### **Child's Time Penrose:**

Justine Johnson from Child's Time Penrose has confirmed her opening date for 2015, being Tuesday 27 January. She will hold two Open Days for parents to have a look through the centre, Monday 19 and Saturday 24 January.

Have you booked your place for your under 5 yet? Please phone Justine on 580 -0043. I hear she is offering the first week free if parents book before 24th January 2015.

### **School Lunches:**

School lunches will stop on Friday 12 December after our usual sushi order.

No lunches will be ordered on Monday 15 nor Tuesday 16 December 2014.

## Holidays in 2015:

Term 1 = Friday 6 February -Waitangi Day, Friday 3 April  
= Good Friday. ( 9 Week Term)

Term 2 = Monday 27 February - ANZAC Day, Monday 1  
June- Queen's Birthday. ( 11 Week Term)

Term 3 ( no holidays - 10 Week term) Term 4 = Monday 26  
October -Labour Day (10 Week Term)

## Bailey Road School Sickbay:

Mrs Ward has been working to create a warmer and more homely feel to our school sickbay. The walls have been repainted and with the inclusion of new sheets, pillow coverings and bedspread, the environment has been transformed. The inclusion of motifs and cuddly toys makes this room far more inviting for those students who feel unwell. See the photograph below.



## A December Kid's Market at School: (FINAL Reminder.)

An opportunity for your children and families to make/create or sell some of their stuff! To raise money for themselves over the holidays!

Held at Bailey Rd School for 2 hours on Saturday December 13th. If you are interested contact Sherry Grant ASAP ph.5795056 / 0274886103 or email sherradon@gmail.com

## Swimming Pool:

Please ensure that your child brings their togs and towel to school on their rostered swimming days over the next two weeks.

This is a vitally important part of the School Curriculum especially when we view our New Zealand drowning statistics.

Swimming programmes build students water confidence and then focuses upon building swimming skills.

The New Zealand Swimming Council states that by the end of Year 8, all students should be able to swim 200 metres independently.

## Snippets:

### Rata:

There are many important dates coming up over the remainder of the term!

Wednesday, December 10: Outdoor Cooking

Thursday, December 11: Outdoor Cooking (rain day)

Monday, December 15: Junior Prize Giving and Rata Street Party

Further information will be sent out in a notice. Please check your child's book bag regularly for notices.

## Karaka:

Here are some Poems from Room 9:

Sunflower

Bright and Yellow  
Cool and awesome  
You will need a seed  
To grow sunflower  
I love sunflowers....  
By Ethan Waddel

My Lily Flower

Lily I love how you float in the water  
In the wind you flow  
Lovely smell of your beautiful flower  
You make my day...  
By Jaylah

Our swimming programme has started for the Year 3 and 4 students. Please make sure that your child has his/her swimming togs daily to participate in the swimming programme.

Swimming is an important part of our PE curriculum and every student is required to take part in the programme. If your child is unwell and cannot take part, please send a note to your child's class teacher.

## Kowhai:

Next week we start out EOTC activities. We need all the money in as soon as possible and we need parent helpers, so please let your child's teacher know if you can help.

Also we are swimming every day this week and next. Please send your children with their togs, towel and a plastic bag. We have swimming instructors here to accelerate swimming ability and we need to have our students swimming everyday. Thank you for your support.

## Rimu:

### The High Beam

*My legs begin to shake  
My eyes burn with stinging tears  
My palm lines are beaded with sweat  
My fast heartbeat is all I can hear  
My instincts are telling me not to move.*

*But I have to.*

*I have to get to the other side  
I have to do it for my tribe  
I have to show fear that I am not  
backing down.  
That I will not let fear consume me.*

*I won't let it. I can't let it.  
Only one way to get down  
Only a few more steps away  
Just one last jump until my turn is over.*

*Three...*

*Two...*

*One...*

*I did it!*

*By Karlana Latu Room 11*

## Wheels Day on Friday 28th November

This Friday students are allowed to bring their scooter, roller blades, skates, or bike.

This is a fundraising initiative for the school and is being run by the Student Councillors.

Cost: \$2.00 for your wheels  
\$1.00 for mufti

The PTA will also be selling ice lollipops for \$1.00

9.00am - 9.40am Years 7 & 8

9.45am - 10.25am Year 2

10.55am - 11.35am Years 3 & 4

11.45 - 12.25pm Year NEs & 1

1.15 - 2.00pm Year 5 & 6

Some parents will be available to check gear, as will Student councillors.