

Bailey Road School Newsletter: # 39.



TERM 4 Wednesday 3 December- 2014:

New Staff at Bailey Road School:

We have two vacancies at our school to fulfil before the end of our 2014 school year. Both positions are in the Junior School. The first is a major appointment, that of Team Leader to replace Mrs Leah Arcilla. The second is a Long Term Relieving Position just for 2015. This position is teaching a Year 1 class in Room 6. Our Interview Team meets this evening to interview prospective candidates. See our breakdown of teams below.

2015 School Organisation:

You will notice quite a change around of staff for 2015. Each is a strategic move with the aim of raising student achievement.

RIMU TEAM: (Year 7-8)

Room 15 - Ms Vanita Narsai - Technology

Room 13 - Mr. Dave Muir -Year 7-8

Room 12 - Mr. Chris Stuart (Term 1) / Mrs. Yesmeen Rassool (Term 2 onwards) Year 7-8

Room 11 - Mrs. Batmini Dass (Year 7-8) Team Leader.

You will notice that in 2015 there will only be 3 classes and each is composite. (A mixture of Year 7 and 8 levels.) Our Junior school numbers are high so we have placed another teacher into this area. This has been enabled due to the fact Michelle Strickland will be on maternity leave for 2015. (See Room 6) We can have higher class numbers with older students.(1: 28+)

KOWHAI TEAM: (Year 5-6)

Room 14 - Ms. Claire Hudson -Year 6

Room 16 - Mr. Vincent Naidoo - Year 6-Team Leader

Room 17 - Mrs. Norma Raman - Year 5

Room 18 - Ms. Vila Cheng - Year 5

This team is technologically strong. Strategically, we would like to send our Year 8 students on to their High Schools, with strong Information and Communication Technology skills AND where possible with their own device. (i-pad) for the 2017 School year. This team has an added goal of starting this process by lifting computer skills in preparation for their Intermediate school years.

KARAKA TEAM: (Year 3-4)

Room 19 - Mrs Prem Sharma Year 4 - Team Leader

Room 20 - Ms Mary Dizon - Year 4

Room 21 - Ms Karrie Sampson - Year 3

Room 22 - Mrs Preba Moodley - Year 3

Room 10 - Mrs Iris Neighbours - Year 3

You will notice that the Karaka Team is larger in number than in previous years due to some 70+ Year 2 students we have in 2014.

As students move into years 3-5-7, the curriculum tends to step up in its requirements. This team is strong in Mathematics and Literacy to build skills with these students early in the process.

RATA TEAM: (YEARS 0-2)

Room 2 - Mrs. Gretchen Jarman - Year 0-1

Room 3 - Mrs Cassandra Torrey - Year 0-1

Rooms 4-5 - Vacant for roll growth.

Room 6 - Long Term Reliever (Mrs Strickland's position)

Room 7 - Ms Rachel Stiers Year 1

Room 8 - Ms. Sarah Gundesen - Year 2

Room 9 - TBC -Year 2 - Team Leader.

As covered above, this Team is yet to be finalised and looks similar to the 2014 organisation. Ms Gundesen moves to the junior school as she enjoys working with 5-6 year olds.

Australasian Competitions:

Each Year BRS students are entered into the Australasian English and Mathematics Competitions.

Our top performing students were:

English:

Distinction = Nicholas Grant, Jacinta Taufoa Yr 3, Kaia Harvey Yr 7.

ICAS Maths:

Distinction - Alex Xue Yr 5

Australian Mathematics Competition:

Distinction = Alex Xue Yr 5

Science Badges- Zoology:

Diya Ciji & Kristen Grobler Yr 6.

The Warehouse Tokens:

Today, members of our Samoan Cultural Group, Julie Fonoti, Sherry Grant and I received a cheque for \$1700 towards the construction of a fale at Bailey Road School.

This has been possible thanks to the support of our school community and supporters placing cardboard tokens into our box by the checkouts.

The Warehouse staff have placed our school in for a second time and we will receive more funding towards the fall in February 2015.

Plant Nursery:

I have included updated photos of our completed Plant Nursery supplied by Savory Construction.

We are now ready for planting seeds for Term 1 2015.

Huge thanks are extended to the Ellerslie Rotary Club for their involvement and support of Bailey Road School.

My Blog:

My BLOG this week discusses our initial ideas to improve our school playground and facilities for the betterment of our students.

Unicycles at Bailey Road School.

Sherry Grant from the BRS PTA organised for 8 pupils from Bombay School to demonstrate their prowess on their unicycles at lunchtime on Friday. This of course coincided with our Wheels Day.

The BRS students were amazed at how clever the Bombay students were and we will try and secure some unicycles for our students to learn to ride in 2015.



Swimming Pool:

The Board of Trustees has allocated funds for the re-painting of the interior of the swimming pool and placing a new surface on to the floors of the changing sheds during the school holidays.

We are sourcing quotes for these two jobs at present. We hope the pool will be ready for the students return to school in February 2015.

Ukelele Festival:

Mrs Grainger took our ukulele group to the Kiwilele Festival on Saturday. It was a lovely day, and wonderful to have a number of parents and family along as well.

And the festival made the news! See the link below. Thank you Kowhai team for the lovely students from your syndicate. They were so well behaved and it were a credit to the school.

<http://tvnz.co.nz/national-news/big-day-ukuleles-video-6179809>

Snippets:

Rata:

Rata Outdoor Cooking Information

Outdoor cooking is on Wednesday, December 10th. If it is raining, it will be on Thursday the 11th. It will be held behind Room 19 from 11am to lunch time. Please ensure your child is dressed in closed shoes, with a hat, and old mufti clothes, preferably old t-shirts and shorts that can get dirty.

If you are bringing your toddlers or babies, please make sure that they are always supervised, as there will be hazards around and the teachers will be supervising their classes.

Your child will bring home a notice from their teacher about what they need to bring.

The food needs to be pre cooked (sausages, nuggets, etc), as the children will just be heating it up over the fires. Please inform us immediately if your child has any allergies or dietary restrictions so that everyone can be safe.

We need parent helpers! Please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible if you are able to come and help on the day.

Karaka:

Many classes have been celebrating 100 days of maths this week. We started counting part way through Term 2. As part of our celebrations, some students dressed up with their 100 themed outfits. Room 21 also made loom band necklaces using 100 bands - then we figured out that since there were 24 students present, we had used up 2400 bands!

Kowhai:

Kowhai Team is starting it's EOTC this week.

On Thursday the year 6's are going kayaking and the year 5's are going ten pin bowling. On Friday the whole team is going to the Panmure Pools for the day.

We are still needing parents to support the teachers in supervising our students on these days. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help.

Rimu: Eastern Zone Athletics

Last Thursday Year 7 & 8 students attended the annual Athletics day at Lloyd Elsmore Reserve in Pakuranga.

Farhan Mohammed 1st in Year 8 Boys Long Jump and 3rd in the 100 metres sprint.

Year 8 Boys relay team was 2nd - Jerome Heleta, Missionare Pereti, Isaiah Silinu'u and Farhan Mohammed.

Student Reports:

A reminder that students end of year reports will come home with your child(ren) on Monday 8 December in their school bags.

Should you wish to clarify anything on the report form, please make an appointment with your child's teacher by Friday 12 December.

Missionare Pereti was 3rd in the Year 8 Boys shotput.

Via Taufua was 3rd in the Year 7 Girls 100 metres sprint.

Year 7 Girls relay team was 1st - Jezaya Peyroux, Stella Penberthy, Aneka Maca, Via Taufua.

18 students from Bailey Road School attended the meet and all competed to a very high level.

The students named above will attend the Auckland Inter Zone Athletics Championships to be held at Mt Smart Stadium on Thursday the 4th December. We wish them all the best.

Jarrett Sanchez and Jairon Getalado lining up for the Year 7 100 metres



Flyers :

Included in this weeks newsletter are two flyers:

1. Water safe
2. Control Lousy Lice Naturally