

Bailey Road School Newsletter: # 6.



TERM 1 Wednesday 11 March- 2015:

New Rata Team Leader Appointed:

We are happy to announce that we have appointed a new Year 0-2 Team Leader. Her name is Amy Donnelly and she is at present a Junior School Leader at Redoubt North School in Manukau. Amy will commence her new position in Room 6 and leading Rooms 2-3-6-7-8-9 from Monday 20 April 2015. Amy is very creative, artistic and is a senior staff member who leads by example. We are looking forward to working with Amy utilising her abundant skills and abilities.

Walking School Bus:

Our last Walking School Bus meeting was so successful that routes are already underway.

The routes are: **Portman Road**- Meets at the corner of Portman and Penrose Rd at 8.15am - (Operates Thursday / Friday) Meet at Hall at 2.45pm for the return trip home (Thurs / Fri).

Ruawai Road: Meets at the corner of Johnston and Ruawai Rd at 8.00 am on Mondays ONLY.

Hamlin Road: Stop 1. Meets on the corner of Wilson Way and Penrose Rds at 8.10am Monday to Friday. Stop 2 Meets on Hamlin Rd by the Hamlin Park entry at 8.15am. Stop 3. Meets up with the Penrose and Jarman routes by the dairy at 8.25am.

Jarman Road Route: Stop 1 Meets on the corner of Jarman Rd and Penrose Rds at 8.10am. Stop 2 Meets up with the Penrose route by the lights on Penrose Rd opposite Barrack Rd at 8.15am.

Panorama Route: Meets on the corner of Panorama Rad and Leonard Rd at 8.15am. Monday to Friday. Returns in the afternoons of Thurs and Friday only. Meet at the Hall at 2.45pm.

Please see my Principal's BLOG (www.baileyroad.school.nz) for maps of the routes, Walking School Bus Route Co-ordinator's contact details and two YouTube Clips of how WSB's work and finally there is a photo of our first bus underway last Friday.

Saturday Football Kick Around:

Amol Maharajah's dad Aresh would like to organise a Saturday morning football kick around at school between 10.00-11.00am. for Year 5-6-7-8 children, boys and girls.

Simply meet on the field at 10.00.a.m if you would like to take part this week Saturday 14 March. Contact details 5277558 or 0223027374.

Child's Time Penrose:

We have had complaint from staff at the Early Childhood Centre behind Bailey Road School about our parents and students.

The complaints are about the use of the walkway between the School and the Centre. I understand that some of our students are climbing over gates and along the retaining walls and endangering themselves.

Parents are waiting for their children after school on their property and around the carpark area creating further Health and Safety concerns.

I must remind our community that the Centre is built upon Private Property and they lease the playground area at the back of the school off Bailey Road School. We want to maintain our strong relationship with the Staff of the Centre and therefore request that users of the walkway do so with safety in mind and in keeping with our School HEART Values and School Expectations - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Aim High.

Whanau Goal Setting Meetings:

Our staff enjoyed meeting with whanau to set learning goals for our students last Thursday. This is so important as we need to have parents involved in their child's learning.

If you were unable to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) on Thursday, please ring the school to organise a suitable time to meet and discuss the child's learning pathway.

Contact Details- Permission Slips:

For the safety of our students, we have called for two Information Sheets to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Please check that you have returned the Contact Details and Permission Slips to the school office by Friday 13 March in order that Mrs Ward can update her records.

EXPO Presentation:

As you are aware, all of our students have been studying about World War 1 through the theme of Sacrifice.

On Wednesday 1 April, we will be holding an open evening for whanau to visit Bailey Road School from 5.15-6.30.p.m. to see what our students have been learning and discovering about Gallipoli and 1915.

All classes will be open for families to stroll through.

2015 Bailey Road School Charter:

Please visit our school website to view our 2015-2017 Charter.

The Charter outlines our Learning Goals and School Developments that our Board is aiming to achieve over the next 3 years.

It makes interesting reading and informs our Bailey Road Community about the planned directions of our school.

New Sandpit:

Our new sandpit in front of Rooms 21-22 is now ready for use. On Saturday, members of the Samoan Church wheelbarrowed the sand into the pit. Please see the photograph of the completed playground feature included with this newsletter.

Again, many thanks are extended to Dean Griffiths (Emily-Rose's dad) for his super efforts to create this area for our Year 3-4 students in particular.



Whanau Reading Information Evening:

On Thursday 19 March from 5.15-6.30.p.m. we are holding an evening to inform parents about how we teach student's reading and how you can help your child/ren at home.

Please keep this 75 minutes free next Thursday to learn more about the most important subject at school!

As a school, we have a goal of 80% of our students achieving their Year Level National Standard by December 2015.

Free American Hotdogs will be available from 4.45.p.m. for all of our community.

Upcoming Events:

Museum Trips- March 11 -Rms 2-6-8 March
12 Rooms 19-20-21-22.

Wednesday 18 March- Reading Together session 3 in the Library -5.00-6.00. p.m.

Thursday 19 March - Reading Information Evening- 5.15-6.30.p.m.

Wednesday 25 March- PTA Meeting # 2 6.00-7.00p.m. in the staffroom.

School Out of Hours BRS Netball Team:

I am happy to report that we have over 30 Year 6-7-8 BRS students who would like to play Netball for our school in the AMI Auckland Netball Centre in Tamaki.

The students will play netball on a Tuesday evening between 4.15pm and 6.45pm. Those playing netball will practice at our School on Thursdays from 3.15-4.30pm.

The competition commences on 12 May with Grading Matches. The last game of the season should be on 25 August 2015.

Registration fees are \$50.00 per player If you have a Year 6-7-8 BOY or girl who would like to play netball please contact the school office- 579-4619 by Friday 20 March.

Scholastic Book Club Orders:

Issue 2 - Orders are due back at school by 23rd March, 2015. {Please send orders with payment to Mrs Ginders in the office.

Playhouse Donated:

Yes, Dean's been at it again! Over the weekend Dean and family donated a Playhouse for the use of our Junior school students.

The playhouse has been sited behind Rooms 7 and 8.

Dean, you are awesome! Thanks so much.



Later this year we will be redeveloping our school library. It is our dream to have our community using our library and our cultures reflected in the redesign.

Now is the time to let Ms Hayes know if you would be willing to donate treasures you (or others you know) have created such as tapa cloth, harakeke kete, ceremonial items or anything else that has importance in your family. We need to know what these items would be at this early stage so we can plan our library layout around their significance. If you would like to talk to Ms Hayes about this she will be in our library at our school reading community evening on 19th March. Imagine what a wonderful space we can create together.

Rata Snippet:

Rata Team students have started their 'ready, set, go' PE program. We are learning movement skills including, throwing and catching, balancing, jumping and landing. We are having lots of fun learning new skills that will help us in everyday play and in sports.

Discovery Time is every Friday from 9am till 10am. Please come and join us. If you have a passion for gardening we will be getting into the gardens by rooms 7 and 8 this week. We have had some wonderful wood work created by our students. So if you would like to share your knowledge and skills, or your timber off cuts come and join us this Friday in the Rata team.

Karaka Snippet:

Karaka team are looking forward to our trip to the Museum on Thursday 12 March. Thank you to the parents who have offered to come with us, without parent help, education outside the classroom would not be possible.

As there is limited space to store bags at the museum we will be sharing bag space, one bag between 3 children. Please make sure your child comes to school with a healthy packed lunch and a drink. We cannot buy lunches at the museum. Karaka team are also in charge of this week's school assembly, all parents and whanau are welcome to attend.



Kowhai Snippet:

A group of students from Room 17 have been reading a journal story about Silas who was a "conscientious objector." If you are unsure of what this means, see if you can use the text below to figure it out. Here is part of a journal entry written by Grace from his perspective:

27 June 1917

Dear Diary,

I have just been conscripted into the army, but I am not going to carry a gun because I believe in the Bible and it says, "Thou should not kill." I am going into non-combatant service instead of fighting. I will join the medical corps and train to be a stretcher-bearer.

Stretcher-bearers are like paramedics or first aid workers. Soon I will go to training camp at Featherston, North of Wellington, where I am going to learn first aid.

Rimu Snippet: EX BRS

Students like Steven Masters and Pearl-Marli Waetford are soaring high in sporting codes. Steven has signed a contract to play rugby league for Saint George Illawarra in Sydney. Steven and his parents and sister Skye have moved across the ditch to Australia. Pearl Marli is trialing in the squad of 41 young women for a spot in the Junior White Sox Softball team. This will be cut down to 15-17 players. If Pearl-Marli is successful she will travel with the team to Florida, USA, in 2017.

Winter is nearing and it would be awesome if we could enter teams in to Netball competitions. If you are able to coach and manager a Year 5 and 6 team or a Year 7 team can you please get in touch with the school on 5794619 and ask for Mr Dave Muir.

Likewise, if you are able to coach a soccer team, rugby, or rugby league team can you please send a note with your child to school or leave a message using the before mentioned school phone number.