

Bailey Road School Newsletter: # 7.



TERM 1 Wednesday 18 March- 2015:

Reading Information Evening:-(See My BLOG.)

We look forward to informing whanau tomorrow night about Reading. This is the most important curriculum area at school and the staff wish to discuss how we teach this subject. We commence our presentation in the hall at 5.15.p.m. with story time before sending families off with our School Leaders to different stations covering using the library, apps and reading computer activities, resources that we use to teach reading, how we test students' reading progress, Reading Recovery and reading in Technology and The Arts. Come and join us.

The Church Car Park.

I am reminding whanau that we do not have permission from the Catholic Church next to Bailey Road School to use their car park.

Our community can park on Bailey Road, Commissariat Road, or Cotswold Lane.

A further reminder that the NZ Police will be visiting school to check upon Booster Seats before the end of Term 1. If your child is less than 148cm tall then they must be transported in a booster seat.

Parent Teacher Association Meeting AGM:

On Wednesday 25 March, The PTA will meet in the staffroom from 6.00.p.m.

This is a great opportunity for parents to assist their child's education by contributing their time to the PTA.

The PTA meets monthly for an hour. You do not need to attend every meeting. Come and join us for this meeting.

Gladiators of Change:

On Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 March at the Otahuhu Town Hall, the Gladiators of Change sessions are taking place.

This is a great Parenting Programme that promotes family relationships and working together.

The Programme covers 10 key points-GLADIATORS

G = Giving - Giving to one another.

L = Listening - Listen actively to one another

A = Affection - Showing care & kindness to one another

D = Discuss -How , why, when to follow through with children's behaviour

I = Initiate -Having fun as a family, getting out and about

A = Appreciation - admiring and appreciating each other

T = Trust - Building trust within the family

O = Organisation - Routines in the home,Finances, Family time

R = Respect -How families treat and talk to each other

S = Success - Celebrate the family's journey & successes

Please call ATWC ph 276-3729 / info@atwc.org.nz

Reading Together:

Our final Reading Together Workshop for the term will be held tonight in the library from 5.00-6.00.p.m.

I know the parents who have attended these hour sessions have really enjoyed the interactions with other parents and learning how best to support their child's reading. If you could not attend this term, keep an eye on the newsletter for upcoming Reading Together meetings.

Walking School Bus:

Huge thank you and applause is extended to Penny, Dean, Roslyn, Liz, Sherry, Edward, Andrea, Umu, Natalia and Rebecca for their support of our Walking School Buses. You are all just awesome. Please check out my Week 6 BLOG for full details and ideas about how the WSB operates.

Board of Trustees Meeting:

Our BOT Meets next Monday 23rd March from 6.30p.m in the staffroom.

The Board will discuss our programming for Spanish and Careers Education for our Year 7-8 students.

The main focus of the meeting though is to plan strategically for our development of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT - Computer use) at BRS across 2015 / 2016.

Meetings are open to the public.

Positive Behaviour for Learning: (PB4L)

As you will be aware, Bailey Road School is a PB4L School where we teach students how to monitor their behaviour in order that they can learn and not disrupt others.

Our School expectations are that all students will grow to Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Aim High in their learning.

Our PB4L Data indicates that we have 4 incidents in February and the Same in March where students' behaviour required teachers to act sternly. With nearly 440 students at our school, we are proud of having so few behaviour problems to deal with.

Well done students and teachers for having a positive attitude and focussing upon achievement, improvement and progress.

Rata Team Assembly:

Our final School Wide Assembly takes place on Friday 27 March from 2015-2.45.p.m. in the hall.

Please support our 5-6 year olds in their leadership of the assembly by joining us for the activities and sharing of notices and students' learning and achievement.

Sacrifice EXPO:

We open up our school on Wednesday 1 April from 5.00p.m. for parents to visit our classes and view the learning that has taken place across the term for our World War 1 Inquiry Topic- Sacrifice.

Come and visit our classrooms and see the students' work.

This is the first time that our students have learnt about a topic as a whole school and as a staff we are pleased with the depth of learning of our students.



Our Term 2 Inquiry Topic is 'Peace.'

Next week's newsletter will indicate some of our possible areas of inquiry.

This unit will have a scientific focus.

Mufti / Disco Day:

This Friday 20 March, we are holding a Mufti / Disco Day to raise funds for hungry children in Bangladesh. This event has been organised by our Enviro Warriors and links so well to our 'Sacrifice Inquiry Unit' this term.

Entry to the disco and to dress in mufti is \$2.00

Glow bands and Ice Blocks are for sale at \$1.00 each.

The timetable will be:

9.15-10.15am. = Rm's 2,3,6,7,8,9,10

11.10am-12.10pm= Rm's 14,16,17,18,19, 20,21 & 22

1.25-2.25pm = Rm's 11,12,13.

Upcoming Events:

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

Thursday 19 March - Reading Information Evening- 5.15-6.30pm.

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

Wednesday 1 April - EXPO Presentation of our Sacrifice Inquiry Learning Topic. 5.00-6.00pm.

Thursday 2 April - School closes at 2.45pm as we break for the term 1 School Holidays.

Monday 20 April- Term 2 2015 Commences at 8.50am.

Saturday Football Sessions:

Mr Maharaj will hold his Saturday morning football sessions between 8.00-10.00am weekly. All welcome.

Rata Snippet:

Kalani found the NZ soldier at the Museum on Tuesday.

What did a soldier have to carry?

Infantry men carried a rifle, ammunition, bayonet, water bottle, entrenching tool, haversack, and a pack containing over 30 kilograms of extra rations, water, firewood and clothing.

A big thank you to all the parents who accompanied us on our trips. Tumeke!

Karaka Snippet:

Written by Jack Crump-Leys

World War 1

Soldiers dying.

Soldiers trading.

Tanks shooting.

Soldiers camping.

Grenades exploding.

Men soldiers.

Spades shovelling.

Rats nibbling.

Dogs eating.

Kowhai Snippet:

A Dream Come True

It had been a dream for Emily Rose to have a sand pit in our area. Emily has been talking to her dad about this. Early this year Dean (Emily's dad) took his precious time out to build this. Now that it is complete, students thoroughly enjoy playing in the sand pit. Thanks to Dean for making your daughter's dream come true.

Rimu Snippet:

Technology Fee's, there are still a number of fee's unpaid. Your attention to this matter would be appreciated. \$10.00 per term or \$40.00 for the year. This can be paid to the class teacher or office. Thank you to those parents/ caregivers that have already paid.

Yr 7/8 Swimming Carnival:

Monday 23rd March, 2015

In our school pool.

9.00 - 10.30am.

Parents of year 7/8 students are invited to join us.

Permission Forms:

If you have not already done so, please return the form asap. As Mrs Ward is updating the system. This safe guards you and the school.

Also remember that if you change address or phone numbers, also let us know.

Absence / Lateness:

There are still far too many students arriving late. Please try to get them to school on time, so as not to disturb class. If they are unwell please notify the school, when leaving a message please state the reason, otherwise it is marked as Explained but not justified.

If they arrive late please make sure that they sign in at the office or you will receive a text message.