

Board of Trustees Meeting: Our BOT met on Monday and reviewed our 2015 National Standards results and set targets for our 2016 Achievements.

Only 50% of our boys (Maori (51%) and Pasifika (55%)) are writing at an age appropriate level. 64% of our Girls have met Standard. Overall 58% of all students meet the New Zealand Writing National Standards.



Lifting Writing Achievement is our major focus this year and Anna Voyce and her Literacy Team (Georgia Reid Rata, Rachel Stiers Karaka, Ella Folkard Kowhai, Yesmeen Rassool Rimu) will be visiting classes from next week and developing best practice writing programme across Bailey Road School.

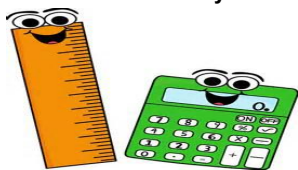
Our Reading results for 2015 were slightly better. 60% of all students met the National Standards. (Boys = 55%, Girls = 64%) 57% of all Maori and 55% of Pasifika Students achieved their reading standard.

The above Literacy Team have plans set to continue to raise our Reading Achievement in 2016. It was great to see a good number of parents taking the opportunity to join the Reading Together Programme to learn how they can help their children at home last week.

In 2015, Mathematics was again our Professional Development focus to raise achievement. This emphasis really paid off with our staff meeting all targets set.

Overall 66% of our students met the Mathematics National Standards including 66% of Boys and 64% of Girls. 61% of our Maori and 63% of Pasifika students met the Standard of their year group classification.

Please see the website for the full 2016-2018 Charter that describes our 2016 targets and how we will achieve success. (Look under Community)



BOT Meeting: Our Board of Trustees next meets on Monday 21 March at 6.30pm. All meetings are open to the public.

Life Education Caravan visits Bailey Road School: From next Monday 29 February the Life Education Caravan will be parked in our car park near the Whare Ahuru Mowai. Each class is booked (depending on class levels) for between 90 minutes and 180 minutes tuition about our Term 1 Inquiry Topic Mauri Ora. Students will seek answers to questions such as 'What does the body need to stay healthy and happy? What makes me a good friend? How does self-esteem affect our Mauri Ora? How can I take control of my life to create and sustain a healthy future for myself?' with our facilitator Nicole Founa. Whanau are very welcome to visit the caravan, have a look around and chat to Nicole at any stage up to Friday 18 March.

Bible in Schools Programme:

Our Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 students will commence their 30 minute Bible in Schools Programme on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 March in the first block of the day. If there is any reason that you do not want your child to take part in these sessions please make contact with their teacher as soon as possible in order that an alternative programme can be organised for them.

Music at Bailey Road:

A number of students have been asking about music this year. All classes will have a half hour music/singing class every week with Mrs Grainger starting in Week 6 after the swimming programme has finished.

Performance Groups:

Senior (Y 7/8) Vocal Group
Auditions - Week 4 and 5 ready to start weekly rehearsals in Week 6.

Senior Guitar/Ukulele:

Starting in Week 4. This is for students Year 6 and up who have already had some experience playing these instruments.

Choir:

Do you like singing? Do you want to improve your singing? Please take the opportunity to join our school choir run by Mrs Chrysaiffs. Practices are on Monday lunchtimes.

Rata: Are really trying hard to improve their Mauri Ora. We have challenged ourselves to eat healthy, drink water and to be kind to ourselves through 'positive self talk'. You can help us with this by saying something positive when you see us making good choices.

Karaka: Have been learning about statistics in mathematics. Did you know we use this maths knowledge in our everyday lives. See if you can find some graphs, charts or data displays that you use and bring them along to share with us.

Kowhai: As you have gathered by now all students NE – to Year 8 at Bailey Road School are engaged in the 100 day Maths Programme. A lot of fun activities are built into the Maths programme in each class, to target student's learning of number. It would be much appreciated if you could come on board and support your child's learning of number every day. This will culminate in a whole school/class celebration of 100 Days of Maths. You are invited to part of this fun/celebration as well.

Rimu: Last Friday Bailey Road School had 7 teams in the Mt Wellington Rugby Club's schools' competition- four Year 5 & 6 teams, and three Year 7 & 8 teams. Teams competed against Sylvia Park, Panmure District, Stanhope, and Pt England Schools. The games were fast, showcasing our students speed and skills, with even our first timers impressing. The teams are coached at lunchtimes by Mr Muir, Mr Slade, and Miss Folkard. The competition runs every Friday from 3.45-4.40pm at Hamlin Park.

Annual Contact Details and Consent Form Update:
Attached to this newsletter is our Annual Information and Consent Form. This gives our office updated

addresses and cell-phone numbers especially in emergency situations. We also request your consent to take students on trips .We aim to ask you once for permission for your child to attend school events rather than send forms out each time we are looking at educating students off site.

Please return these sheets back to school by Monday 29 February.



Cell-phones:



Teachers have discovered some Year 5-6 Students with cell-phones at school. Our Policy is that, with parental permission, ONLY Year 7-8 students can bring a cell-phone to school and then they must HAND the cell-phone to their teacher for safe-keeping for the day.

Any cell-phones discovered will be taken by teachers and will need to be retrieved by a whanau member after school.

i-Pads: Bring Your Own Device-(BYOD): Our Policy for iPad use is clear. Year 5-8 students who bring their own device to school are permitted to use their devices from 8.45am - 2.45pm.

Devices are not available during interval times unless under the supervision of a teacher. At the end of the school day, BYOD's are to be placed into bags and they are to remain there until the student arrives at home. Devices are not to be used during After School Care times at the hall.



Upcoming Bailey Road School Events:

*Rata Team School Wide Assembly-Friday 4 March in the hall from 2.15pm. All Welcome.

*The Reading Together Session #2 takes place tomorrow from 5.30 - 6.30pm in the Whare Ahuru Mowai. You are so welcome to attend.

Mufti Day - Fiji Disaster:

All students are invited to wear mufti on Friday 26th February, for a gold coin donation in support of the Fiji Disaster.

Cleaning Position at Bailey Road School:

Real Clean has a cleaning vacancy. If this is of interest to you please call Trish on 021533571 or email trish@realclean.co.nz