

Farewell to Mrs Batmini Dass:

Mrs Dass is within her final two days of teaching at Bailey Road School after 14 years of service to the students of Mount Wellington. On Friday 8 July, the Rimu Team will farewell their Leader with a special assembly in the hall from 2.00pm.

We invite everyone to share in this special occasion. We would especially enjoy seeing Batmini's past students and parents to be in attendance.

Batmini says with pride that she is leaving the Year 7-8 Team in strong heart and with improved achievement levels due to the team approach she has engendered amongst her colleagues.

I remind the Bailey Road School Community that Mr David Muir has been appointed as the Rimu Team Leader as of Monday 25 July when term 3 commences.

Term 3 Staffing Changes at BRS.

We have organised for Mr Darren Slade to teach Room 10 for Terms 3-4 2016. Mr Slade is well known to our students as he has acted as a relief teacher from Room 1-21 across the past two terms.

Mrs Preba Moodley continues to recover from her concussion and will make a staged return to fulltime teaching throughout Terms 3 and 4.

To begin with and in conjunction with her Occupational Therapist, Preba will begin working at Bailey Road School for three half days per week on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays up to the middle of Term 3. We will meet to discuss how Preba feels and is progressing before increasing her hours of work.

As Preba's rate of recovery is uncertain and because we can increase the teacher / student ratio across the Year 3-4 Karaka Team, I have decided to place the Room 21 students across Rooms 7,8,9, 19 and 20 as of Monday 25 July. This is approximately 3 students per class.

This will allow Preba Moodley sufficient time to regain her strength before returning to full time teaching and to specifically ensure that all Room 21 students are receiving a consistent education without the continual change of teaching staff they have experienced across term 2.

I really appreciate the fabulous efforts that Lisa Pedersen and Sandra Dye have put into teaching the Room 21 students but each of these teachers have other commitments that are requesting their time and attention.

Term 3 Staffing Changes at BRS.(Continued):

Mrs Moodley will work with students who will benefit from one to one and small group assistance within the Karaka Team throughout Term 3. Room 21 will be not used as a fulltime classroom for the duration of next term at this stage.

As we end Term 2, half way through the school year, our school roll is sitting at 470 students. We concluded 2015 with 480 students! We have been increasing our school roll by a class per year over the past two years. As a consequence of the number of 5 year old arrivals we are experiencing in 2016, we are commencing a third New Entrant Class in Jessop House again starting on Monday 25 July. This class will be taught by Jaya Parasuraman who joins us from StanHope Road where she has taught in a relief position for the past decade.

We welcome Darren and Jaya to the Bailey Road Community.

Upcoming Bailey Road School Events:

- > Report forms sent home Thursday 7 July
- > Transportation EXPO open afternoon 1.15-2.45pm Thursday 7 July
- > Rimu Team Assembly and farewell to Mrs Batmini Dass.
- > Final Day of Term 2 Friday 8 July
- > Term 3 commences on Monday 25 July from 8.50am.

The Governor General's Visit to BRS:

Our school leaders enjoyed hosting Sir Jerry Mateparae last Friday in the Whare Ahuru Mowai. As we celebrate The Young Leaders Week in memory of Sir Peter Blake, His Excellency, discussed his own Leadership journey and encouraged our students to dream big! Sir Jerry presented three library books to our Whare and his special Governor General's Official Shield to Bailey Road School.

**Term 2 School Holidays:**

Bailey Road School closes on Friday 8 July at 2.45pm for two weeks.

We open for Term 3, a 9 week long term Commencing on Monday 25 July.

Term 3 is our Cultural Festival Term with our Show taking place on Tues 21 and Wed 22 Sept.



Your child's report form will come home with them on Thursday 7 July 2016. Years 4-8 See the note below -Yrs 1-3.

Maori Language Week: Te wiki o Te Reo Māori - 4-11 July, 2016 (Reminder)

Each morning we will be commencing and ending school with a karakia.

We have some fun activities organised for our children at lunch time after they have eaten. Please do come along and join in with them.

Monday - Rata team - Story time in Whare Ahuru Mowai

Tuesday - Karaka team - Rakau in the hall

Wednesday - Kowhai team - Tapuwae on the Junior courts

Thursday - Rimu team - Māori games in the hall

On Friday we will be winding up our week with an assembly in the middle block, then, at lunch time we will be serving up a small taste of māori kai, by way of a HANGI.

Can You Assist with our Hangi Preparations? (Reminder)

If you can help with the preparations of the hangi we will be working in the hall from 7:30am on Friday.

Or if you can donate vegetables

(potato, kumara, pumpkin, cabbage) please send them along with your child before Friday this week. If you can donate meat please contact Dave Muir - d.muir@baileyrroad.school.nz or come and see him in Room 15.

Nau te rourou, Naku te rourou, ka ora ai te hapori

With what you have and what I have our community will live. With co-operation and a combination of resources we will get ahead.

Principal's BLOG:

See my BLOG where I discuss our Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori Activities.

Please visit www.baileyrroad.school.nz and use the Principal's BLOG tab.

Term 3 Events:

Monday 25 July - BOT Meeting from 6.00pm.

Thursday 28 July - Year 7- 8 Eastern Zone Netball Competition.

Friday 29 July - Duffy Theatre Shows Yrs 1-4 at 9.30-10.30am and Yrs 5-8 at 11.30-12.30pm

Tuesday 2 August - PTA Meeting from 6.15pm.

Thursday 4 August - Parent Interviews on the Mid Year Reports from 3.00-7.30pm.

Mid Year Report Forms:

These will come home tomorrow for all Year 4-8 students. Year 1-3 student's report forms are sent home on the anniversary of the student's birthday and 'half birthday.'



Rata Team Snippet:

Kia Ora! Koutou Rata Whanau.

In Room 2 we have been experimenting with what makes a good monoprint.

We are learning to make many prints of the same picture. We used cardboard and string. Here is Leo's thoughts on our paintings.

Leo: I didn't use enough paint the first time. The second time my paper stuck to the card. I used more paint and rubbed really fast. We learned not to give up on the first go! A good artist keeps trying!

Karaka Team Snippet: What is Culture?

Karaka team have also been learning a little more about the Māori language and cultures as part of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. We are very excited about getting a small taste of Māori kai on Friday. We are still after vegetables to be sent to Room 20 and helping hands on Thursday afternoon in the hall from 2:45 to support us with preparing the hangi. Nau te rourou naku te rourou, ka ora ai te kura. With what you have and what we have, our school will prosper.

Kowhai Team Snippet: Should we continue having an expo at the end of each term ? I strongly believe that it is a good idea to continue having an expo at the end of each term.

An expo provides a place for students, teachers, parents and visitors to come and view our learning. Your parents will feel proud of your work on display and they will be very happy to see your progress. When you go to other classes to see their display, you get inspired by their amazing ideas and displays.

You can learn new things from their work and they can learn from yours too. You also get to know what they are learning in their class.

Therefore, I strongly believe that it is a good idea to keep having an expo at the end of each term. By Jasmine Kilgour Rm 17.

Rimu Snippet: Rimu Team's Inquiry this term has been all about Flight. On Friday, Ben Grainger brought his drone into demonstrate to the Year 7 and 8 students. Ben used to go to Bailey Road School and now works in the film industry. He uses his drone when he is working on some of his film jobs. We were able to see what the drone was filming on a screen we had set up as it was still up in the sky. It was really cool seeing aerial shots of the school and and all of us as it hovered over everyone. Thanks Ben!