

20th – 24th 2013

Tinatanggagap, Bienvenue

Happy Birthday:

The following students have either had or are going to celebrate their birthday this week.

Congratulations we hope that you enjoy/ed your special day.

Kathleen TATLONGHARI Rm20

Elizabeth WILLIE-APE Rm07

Rahil SINGH Rm19

Matthew FIAAVAE Rm17

Taki LAVULAVU Rm21

Fynix KAPA Rm11 11

2013-2016 Board of Trustees:

Bailey Road School received 5 nominations for the 5 places required to form our next Board. We therefore do not need to proceed with an election and thus send our congratulations to:

Max Guptill
(Ariana Rm 11)

Maua Kamuhemu
(Blade Rm 16, Charlie-Kaige Rm 20 & Thorne Rm 21)

Mark Leadbetter
(Natasha Rm 20)

Kerry Bell
(Rhiannon Rm 22)

Sarah Moses
(Mikey Rm 2)

The BOT meets next Monday 27 May from 6.30.p.m. in the staffroom.

The agenda will include:

- *Property Developments
- *Emergency Procedures
- *Te Ao Maori Action Plan
- *Staffing

Student Lead Conferences:

I am reading educationalist John Hattie's Book 'Visible Learning.' You may remember it was this book that lead to the Government mentioning that they were going to increase class sizes across New Zealand in 2012.

What John was actually stating was 'That class size was not the most important factor in determining a student's progress

but the Learning Relationship they formed with their teacher and the quality of the Feedback that the teacher gave them about their learning.

Hattie firmly believes in students taking ownership of their learning (aided by passionate and informed teachers).

Our student lead conferences are our steps towards this.

In last week's newsletter I was requesting parents to contact their child's teacher if they could not make the meetings last week.

PLEASE call Sonnie Ward on 579-4619 so that an appointment can be made if you have not already had recent conversations with your child's teacher.

We want the best educational outcomes for your children.

We need a partnership with you to meet this goal.

Music at Bailey Road School:

We know how much our students enjoy The Arts at our school.

In 2013 we have commenced a programme by which ALL Year 5-8 students have a music lesson taken by Jillian Grainger.

A similar system operates with the Juniors with Mrs D-Souza running the programme.

It is our intention that ALL BRS students will leave the school being able to play an instrument.

To aid the student's creative skills Mrs Grainger organised for a mobile recording studio to visit the school and this occurred yesterday.

Several of our students got to record their compositions.

Well done to Jordan and Jermaine, Ephraim, Zac, Charlie Kaige, Justyce, Gracie, Caitlin, Hannah, Jenna, Sala, Lynda, Praise and members of the BRS choir who were all recorded.

Whole School Assembly:

We invite community members to our next whole school assembly this Friday 24 May (2.15-

2.45.p.m.) when the Karaka Team will be our hosts.

Kapa Haka Training:

The Kapa Haka boys spent Monday at Edgewater College Marae learning about Mau Rakau and perfecting their haka skills.

Thanks to Courtney Bennett for organising a great day that was enjoyed by Zac, Jerry, Michael, Kauri, Isaac, Hemi and Ryan

Up Coming -Events:

Wk	Date	Event
3	Fri 24 May	Karaka Syndicate Assembly 2.15.p.m.
4	Mon 27 May	BOT Meeting at 7.00.p.m.
4	Mon 27 May	Life Education Caravan at BRS
5	Mon 3 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
5	Fri 7 June	Rata Syndicate Assembly 2.15.p.m.
6	Fri 14 June	Enviro School Waste Audit
7	Fri 21 June	Rimu Syndicate Assembly.
8	Mon 24 June	BOT Meeting 7.00.p.m.

Permission Slips.

You will remember rather than sending home continual permission slips to parents we requested information about school trips and displaying your child's photo or school work on the website and places outside of the school boundaries, we sent home a blanket permission slip last term.

Approximately 200 of our 400+ students have returned their slips.

To speed things up I conclude that if we have not received your form that you are happy for your child to travel on all trips and that their images and school work can be displayed publicly.

If this is NOT the case please contact the school office immediately so that we can amend your child's records.

Jerome Edwards:

BRS Chairperson Max Guptill supported by ex Chairperson Russell Grainger have organised a Resource Teacher of Maori to work once a week at our school to support teachers in raising Maori Student Achievement.

Educationalists know 'What is good for Maori is good for ALL students.'

Jerome is a trained teacher and is working at Te Papapa School in a similar role.

He has worked there for 3 years now and has really enjoyed his time working with the community and all students successfully boosting pride, independence, knowledge of The Treaty of Waitangi and importantly Te Ao Maori in our bi-cultural Aotearoa.

Jerome and I have spent many hours putting together an Action Plan 2013-2015 to raise Maori Student Achievement at Bailey Road School under the headings:

1. Student Achievement
2. Te Ao Maori
3. Wairua / Environment
4. Community Involvement.

We want your input too.

Next week's newsletter will contain an insert of the draft plan for your comment.

Please take this opportunity to have your say and offer your ideas and suggestions.

Rata Syndicate Snippet:

Rata team recently had great trips to Ambury Farm to experience making cream and interacting with the farm environment.

On Friday we went to Ambury Farm and we had to shake the cream. There was a ball in the cream and the cream made butter. We had some butter and bread. We went into the woolshed and we saw the sheep get shorn. It smelled stinky.

By Lazarus Room 6

At Ambury Farm I fed the sheep. They were soft and they eat fast. The two sheep were happy. The goats they were soft and they were smooth and they said "maa".

By Riya Room 6

Karaka Syndicate Snippet:

The Life Education Trust will be at Bailey Road School over the next few weeks. Room 9, 10, 21 and 22 will be engaged in two 45 minute sessions each, where they will learn about "I'm Different". The key messages being:

- We are all unique
- It's OK to be different
- My brain is the boss of my body
- My personality is in my brain and it makes me, me!

Karaka Team (Room 22) will be taking the School Assembly this week and you are invited to join us for this assembly which starts at 2:15 pm – 2:45.

Another reminder that your child has to pay \$6 for our Te Tuhi (Creative Stories) trip to Pakuranga.

Kowhai Syndicate Snippet:

Rooms 17, 18, 19 and 20 have been enjoying learning soccer skills for the last three weeks. We have been having great fun learning from our soccer instructors Sport Auckland and students from the New Zealand Institute of Sport. We have been learning dribbling, passing and team work skills. WE have been playing different games to help us learn these skills. Ask us about them and we can play them with you at home.

Rimu Syndicate Snippet:

This term, as part of our science inquiry, Room 11 has been working on 'preserving food'. While we were doing that our teacher made us think about how people in the past and people from various cultures kept food from spoiling or moulding. We have been asked to find answers to questions such as 'What is mould? What is needed for

mould to live? and How does mould grow.? We have also been doing some investigations such as what is the best way to stop apple from oxidising. Students used different techniques to preserve their share of the apple! This science inquiry topic is really fun because you get to do experiments with the whole class and do different things with the investigations.

Written by: Fynix Kapa Rm 11

Trash to Fashion Raffle.

Our 2013 Trash to Fashion Show takes place on Thursday 11 July (second to last day of Term 2)

Each year we run a raffle to raise funds to help cover the costs of putting the show on.

Can you help us?

We would appreciate each child donating an item to be placed in hamper boxes for raffling.

We would love items such as soaps, nuts, disinfectants, toothpaste, biscuits, air freshener, packets of pegs, candles, crackers, potato chips, shoe polish, cans of food, beetroot, fruit, spaghetti, baked beans, cereals etc etc.

Children can bring the items to their class teacher who will record their names.

The class that brings in the most items on a per capita basis will receive an extended break time.

Invitation to participate – Become a newsletter sponsor

We are in the process of updating the School newsletter cover and have 2 spaces left!

The newsletter covers are designed and delivered free to the School, which is made possible by the support of local businesses.

If you would like to support and promote your services to the local community then please contact Sue Leonard at Redgate Newsletters on 0800 639753 (0800 newsletters)

Regards