

Bailey Road School Newsletter: # 22.



TERM 3 Wednesday 29 July 2015:

Maori Language Week: 'Arohatia te Reo – cherish the language'

Tēnā koutou katoa. Each class will extend their knowledge of Te Reo and share in traditional and contemporary Maori stories throughout the week. Our Kapa Haka Teams are going strong and readying themselves for the Term 4 Tamaki Cultural Festival to be held at Bailey Road School and run by our Parent Teacher Association. (PTA) Keep Friday 6 November from 4.00.p.m. to join us.

Parent Interviews:

We look forward to meeting with you all tomorrow from 3.00.p.m. to discuss your child(ren's) learning.

Rata Team:

(Mrs Jarman, Mrs Torrey, Ms Hayes, Ms Stiers, Ms Gundesen, Ms Ferris.)

Rooms 2-3-6-7-8-9 All meeting their teachers in THE LIBRARY.

Karaka Team:

(Ms Papuni, Ms Dizon, Mr Black, Ms Sampson, Mrs Moodley)

Rooms 10-19-20-21-22 All meet together in ROOM 14.

Kowhai Team:

(Ms Hudson, Mr Naidoo, Ms Cheng, Mrs Raman)

Rooms 14-16-17-18 meet in ROOM 16

Rimu Team:

(Mrs Dass, Mrs Rassool, Mr Muir, Mrs Kay.)

Rooms 11-12-13-15 meet in the COMPUTER SUITE.

A final reminder that members of One Tree Hill College will be in attendance in the LIBRARY to enrol both in and out of zone students in Year 9 for 2016.

(Year 8 parents please bring your child's Birth Certificate, their report form and proof of where you are living such as a power bill showing your address if this applies to you.)

Building Refurbishment:

You will see that our Block 1 Building Plans are now underway. We apologise for the disruption that our million dollar refurbishments will create over the next 6 months.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE GATE 1 car parks as we will have high traffic use -'comings and goings' of the builders, electricians, plumbers, carpet layers, painters and decorators, waste bin operators and supervisors right through terms 3 and 4 2015.

We are all looking forward to the bright new environments that eventuate for our students learning.

A further reminder that our school library is now closed and students will not be able to borrow books until further notice.

Spare Uniforms:

If you have any spare uniforms that your child/ren are no longer requiring the office would be very grateful of donations, for when children have accidents especially in the cold, wet, muddy weather.

Term 3 Art Trail:

I mentioned in last week's newsletter that the Rata, Karaka and Kowhai Teams are making Trash to Treasure Art Sculptures and Displays this term.

Please could you send washed milk bottle tops (of all colours), twist ties, hose pipes, plywood, exterior paint, wire, buttons, aluminium cans, old bicycle wheels, wheel caps, old cups / saucers, old CD's, bamboo poles, 2 Litre ice-cream containers, old tyres, different sizes, glass jars, twine for our projects.

Walking School Bus Drivers needed.

Our Walking School Bus Team is going well and we have a group of very dedicated 'drivers' who walk to and from school regularly with our students.

The routes that are operating are:

- *Hamlin Road
- *Panorama Road
- *Penrose Rd
- *Aranui / Commissariat Roads
- *Portman / Aranui Roads

We require more drivers to assist so if you could help as a regular, part time or even 'relief' driver for a day or two if one of our drivers is unavailable, we would love to hear from you.

Please call the office and let Mrs Ward know. 579-4619.

Please visit the WSB tab on our website on the main page and see the link towards the bottom of the page.

Upcoming Events:

- *PTA Meeting-Wednesday 29 July -6.00p.m.
- *Parent Interviews Thursday 30 July -3.00-7.30.p.m.
- *Friday 31 July Kowhai Team Assembly 2-15.p.m.
- *Book Week - Villains and Heroes 3-7 August.

Full School Assembly:

We will be holding a full school assembly this Friday from 2.15.p.m. in the hall where the Kowhai Team will be our hosts.



Attendance at School:

I am really happy that the vast majority of our students attend Bailey Road School over 90% of the time.

We have a small number that are below this vital attendance percentage and this effects naturally, the student's progress and achievement levels.

As of Monday 27 July Bailey Road School will send home a weekly summary of students' attendance to the families of those students who show high numbers of days away for the week.

It is so IMPORTANT that if your child is going to be away that you inform the school. Otherwise you may receive a note from us.

If your child is sick, you have appointments or a family circumstance prevents your child from attending school, we accept this and you will not receive an attendance letter from me.

Also, we are bringing in another policy that if your child is away from school for 3 days in a row, and the school is not notified of the reason for the absence, we will inform the Truancy Service immediately.

Term 3 Service Inquiry Topic:

Last week our teachers 'kicked off' our Service Unit with a number of team activities to get our students interested in the topic. Our students were just amazing and as the photographs in this week's newsletter show, were well supported by our parents. Students cleaned up the school grounds and local streets as well as the Rata Students dressing up as their favourite animal for their topic. They were just so cute!

See my BLOG this week for more photographs.

Naming Clothing etc:

Please remember to NAME your child/ren's uniform's etc. We have a lot of lost property that is left unclaimed, and unnamed. If you think that your child's clothing may be missing please check the lost property area's.

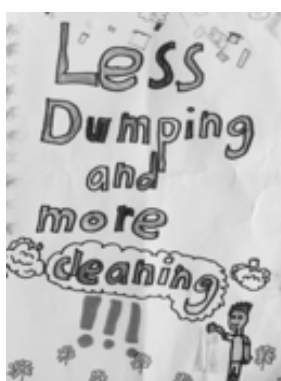
Rata Team:

Room 6 are working hard to find out about animals and how we can care for them. We started looking for some snails yesterday. We hunted and hunted and hunted but didn't find any.



Karaka Team:

This term our inquiry learning will focus on Service to our Environment. As a Hook-in activity, the Karaka Team did a big clean up of our school grounds, gardens and the streets around our school. They picked up a huge amount of rubbish. Thank you to those parents who came along to help us. Please help our children to collect plastic bottles, cans, ice



cream containers, china cups and saucers, old CDs, vinyls and bottle tops for our Trash to Treasure sculptures.

Kowhai Team:

Last week as part of our "Hook-In" to our topic, the Kowhai students were "Slaves for Half a Day". They were forced to follow strict rules and undertake duties such as making bracelets and cleaning up around the school. Their morning tea consisted of a handful of rice and a pinch of salt (if they were lucky). The whole idea of the exercise was to give them a taste of what some children unfortunately have to endure each day to earn some money for their families. It was also to try and make them more aware of where some products (such as fireworks) may come from and the true costs involved. "There are more than 80 million children worldwide under the age of 14 who work in conditions hazardous to their health. They work in a variety of industries where the products usually end up in the hands of someone in a richer country."

Rimu Team:

Bailey Road students participated in a Thursday after school rugby competition with Panmure District School students. The games were organised by Ana from Mt Wellington Rugby Club and were played during term 2 and the first week of term 3. Games were competitive with both teams showing great skills. At the prize giving each player received a boot bag with a chocolate bar, a tin of Milo and a rugby ball. Pizzas and a drinks were also provided.

In about 4 weeks the club will start a touch rugby module, so look out for the advert and join a team.