

Bailey Road School Newsletter: # 23.



TERM 3 Wednesday 5 August 2015:

This is Book Week:

We are in the middle of our Book Week where teachers have been reading to one another's classes and spreading the word that Reading is the most important subject. This is especially vital as our library is closed for the refurbishment; perhaps as long as to the end of the year. We are not only upgrading the library but also our Software package. Please share one of your childhood's favourite books this week.

Parent Interviews:

Thank you to all parents who could meet with their child(ren's) teacher(s) last week. This is so important in developing learning focused relationships with whanau.

If last Thursday did not fit with your timetable, please contact the office and Mrs Ward will be able to organise a more suitable time to meet with our teachers.

Lunch Orders:

As the library is out of action for the remainder of the term, we will be taking our lunch orders in the staffroom until further notice. Adrienne Alty is available from 8.00-8.45.a.m. to take your child's orders.

Term 3 Art Trail: (Reminder)

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 to school.

Kapa Haka Uniforms:

We are organising new kapa haka uniforms for our school. We seek your help in the overall design and, colours of the uniform.

Can you help? Do you know of anyone who can make the new Kapa Haka uniform? If so, please contact me 579-4619.

Mid Year Achievements:

My BLOG this week features our mid year results and progress towards the National Standards.

Our results are not as high as expected and mirror those of this time last year.

We need your help to work with your children at home and focus upon the goals set with your child's teacher at Parent Interviews.

We have another 5 months of school learning time and we will see good progress during this term, it is important that we accelerate our students over this time.

Please add to your child's school day by reviewing their spelling lists, checking on their recall of basic facts in mathematics and spending time reading with your child for 10 minutes each night.

Our teachers will be working hard to meet and beat our great levels of 2014 over this time.

Please keep in regular contact with the teachers and monitor your child's ongoing progress. Teachers will be assessing improvements in learning and finding the best ways to accelerate students achievements.

Computer Coding Classes:

We are commencing digital classes with our Year 6's this week where they will learn to do computer programming. This could lead to them making Apps one day!

Lucky Rooms 14 and 16. Coding classes will continue through Terms 3-4.

Caltex Fuel Your School Programme:

Caltex commenced a programme last Monday aiming to raise funds for schools to develop STEM. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.) These areas have been identified as skills for the future for our children.

The programme has 3 parts.

1. July 27-August 23- If you nominate Bailey Road School when you fill up your car, Caltex will donate 25 cents to our school.
2. August 24 - September 20 -Our school can apply for \$5,000 worth of STEM based resources.
3. September 21 - November 30 Cheques will be presented to the winning schools around New Zealand.

So please nominate our school when filling up at Caltex.

Visit <http://fuelyourschool.caltex.co.nz> for more information.



King's School Scholarship:

King's School is offering scholarships at the Year 7 Level for 2016. The application requires that the students need to sit General Mathematics and Reading Tests on Tuesday 18th August.

Please contact me if your Maori or Pasifika son would be interested in this scholarship.

Duffy Theatre Performances:

This Friday our students will enjoy viewing the Duffy Books in Schools Theatre Performances.

Students in the Rata and Karaka teams will meet in the hall from 11.00.a.m. to watch the show whilst students in Kowhai and Rimu will see the show from 1.40pm.

Whanau are welcome to join us for the performances.

Fun Run:

This year's Fun Run has an added incentive to Aim High.

We have set the Police Fitness Target for many of our Year 4-8 students, and that is to run 2.4kms in 11.00 minutes. Students need to practice out of school hours as well as whilst at school. I wonder how many of our students can achieve this standard? Sponsorship forms for the annual Fun Run will be sent home this Friday. Students and families have the next 3 weeks to collect as many sponsors as possible before the fun run around the school boundary on Friday 28th August at 2.00Pm. This year there will be one form per family.

However, if you fill up that form another will be given out at the school office.

A prize for the most money raised by an individual, and for a family, along with other prizes will be up for grabs.

Get out there - finding sponsors and training.

100 Days of Mathematics:

Tomorrow our students will have a special day celebrating 100 days of mathematics. The students have been studying numbers from 1 right through to a 100 looking at how special some number are such as 88 being significant to Asian Communities, 'legs 11, a bingo term, and equations such $33 = 16 + 17$ or $10 + 11 + 12 = 33$ etc.

Our students will dress up and do lots '100' activities tomorrow.

Upcoming Events:

- *Book Week - Villains and Heroes 3-7 August
- *100 Days of Mathematics -Thursday 6 August
- *Friday 14 August- 2.15pm School Assembly- Rimu Team
- *Monday 24 August - BOT Meeting - 6.30pm
- *Wednesday 26 August - Community Information Evening-Writing and Digital Learning from 5.00pm.
- *School Fun Run-Friday 28 August.

Vector Energy-Win a Solar-powered system for Bailey Road School.

We have entered into a competition to have a free solar-powered system installed at Bailey Road School in early January 2016. We need your help to vote for us so that we can,

hopefully be chosen as a winner. Please use the link below to vote for our school on line. Voting closes at midnight on Sunday 30 August 2015.

<http://vectorfutureofenergy.co.nz/page/baileyradschool>

Rata Team:

Room 7 has been learning about butterflies as part of our Service Inquiry. Here is one of our great stories. "First a tiny oval egg was on a shiny green leaf. It cracked and there was a small caterpillar. He ate and ate heaps of food and he got fat. Then he made a cocoon. After that he came out and he was a colourful butterfly." Solomon

Karaka Team:

Room 19 spent 15 minutes of quiet writing, and used the same story starter. This is what Isaac Wilkinson (Year 4) created in that time.

I looked around. The place was deserted. Suddenly, out of the corner of my eye I saw a glimpse of something. I went in for a closer look and saw a pyramid, it was made out of sandstone. I thought there must be a way in. I leant on the wall and pushed something. The doors slid open and I went inside. There were engravings of ancient Egyptians and spears and other weapons. I walked down a long hall and came to a dead end. I turned around to go back but the doors were closed and I was locked inside of the pyramid...

Kowhai Team:

All students from Room 14, 16, 17 and 18 will be involved in the following programme when St.John visits the school from the 10th to 13th of August. They will be learning about "Responding in an Emergency - and being an Emergency First Aider". We would appreciate it if your child could make a donation of \$2 to be involved in this programme. Also the Tamaki Cluster Netball tournament is coming up on the 12th of August and we are still looking for parent help on the day. The games are held at AMI netball centre so if you can attend and help supervise the students please let Miss Hudson know. The teams have been training hard but without your support the day can not go ahead. Thank you.

Rimu Team:

This term Rooms 11, 12 & 13 are researching information about disasters and the groups and organisations that provide support services during times of emergency.

Disasters can be natural or man-made. Natural disasters occur due to natural causes, for example: tsunamis, earthquakes and hurricanes.

An example of man-made disaster can be when someone were to light a forest on fire. That would be a man-made bushfire.

We are enjoying acquiring so much information about current and historical disasters.

How prepared are you if there was to be a disaster?

Ashley Rm 11