

# Bailey Road School Newsletter: # 35.



**TERM 4 Wednesday 11 November 2015:**

## Tamaki Cultural Festival:

We enjoyed a wonderful evening last Friday in hosting the Tamaki Cultural Festival, the first of which we hope will be a regular event. I would like to congratulate our PTA for their marvellous work in preparing the food and drinks as well organising the truck and pallets for the stage. Huge thanks are also extended to our students who performed and to our community members and staff who joined with us to marvel at the entertainments. Our final and most important thanks go the communities of St Pius X, Glen Taylor, Tamaki Primary and Stonefields Schools for joining us.

## Bailey Road School Library-2016:

We are expecting our library to move closer to completion this week with the Vertiface wall coverings being glued into place and the arrival of more library furniture.

Please remember to cast your vote for the naming of this new learning space.

Voting closes on Friday 13 November.

## Property Developments:

Visitors to Bailey Road School will notice that the Builders have commenced construction of the new toilet block by Room 17. The footings will be poured this week and soon after the boys and girls areas can be created.

And the interior of the Swimming Pool is being repainted along with the lane markers. Although this was completed early in 2015, the paint delaminated and at the contractors cost. Years 3-6 Children will need to bring their togs to school for their swimming programme commencing Monday 23rd November.

Finally, the shade sail for the junior playground is being made this week and we should see this erected next week.

The poles to hold the two sails in place have already been concreted into place.

## Bring Your Own Device (Yr 5-8):

As you are aware we are encouraging Year 5-6 and Year 7-8 students to bring their own i-pads to school for their learning in 2016.

We have been negotiating Bundle Deals for our Bailey Road School students interested in having their own device for 2016. I have placed the Noel Leeming Flyer to parents on My BLOG this week 'as a heads up' for our parents to see what the deals are like and the two choices of i-pads chosen for use in classrooms next year. The purchase period is from November 24 - December 24th 2015.

We remind all parents that having an i-pad in Years 5-8 is NOT compulsory and we will provide easy access to devices for all Year 5-8 learners in 2016 as we have done over past years. (In 2015 our ratio of students to devices is approximately 1:4)

We know how much students enjoy using technological devices in their learning and a BYOD, 1: 1 ratio will have significant positive impacts on student's learning and progress.

Please contact myself, Vincent Naidoo or Dave Muir if you have any questions or queries.

## School Athletics Day: (TOMORROW Thursday 12 November):

If you are free please come and cheer the students on as they compete in our 2015 School Athletics Sports.

We commence at 9.00am on the main field and then the Learning Teams will rotate around the athletics disciplines with each child getting the opportunity to try running, jumping, throwing and some tabloid sports for fun.

Can I remind everyone that the students are requested to compete in their School House Colours.

As we move deeper into warmer weather, can I again remind parents that students will need to wear sunscreen, a hat that covers the face, neck and ears.

Why not place your child's water or juice bottle in the fridge or freezer tonight so they have a lovely cold drink available as they make their way through the activities.

Bring along your running shoes if you would like to join the parents versus, teachers versus students relay race to conclude the day. The weather forecast looks good but if it is too wet to have the sports tomorrow we will aim for Friday 13 November.

## Rata Team School Wide Assembly:

Our Junior School students will lead our school wide assembly in the hall from 2.15-2.45pm. You are so welcome to join us for the afternoon.

## Road

### Safety:

#### **Back for the Future**

Take special care when reversing. Look out for all children. Know what is behind before you go back.





## Upcoming Events:

- \*Friday 12 November -School Athletics Day from 9.00am.
- \*Friday 13 Nov-Saving Day for School Athletics Day.
- \*Friday 13 Nov Rata Team led School Assembly
- \*Monday 16 November Museum staff visits to Rooms 14,16-17/18.
- \*BOT Meeting - Monday 23 November 6.30pm - Staffroom
- \*PTA Meeting - Wednesday 25 November - 6.00pm - Staffroom
- \*Friday 27 November - Final Session of Bible in Schools in the hall from 9.00-10.30am.

## End of Year Countdown:

This week marks the halfway point of Term 4 and the countdown to the end of our 2015 School Year.

I am placing the important dates in the newsletter to keep you informed and to give you a 'heads up' in case you would like to apply for time off work to join us for any event of interest to you.

### Week 7

Swimming Programme commences for Years 3-6 Monday 23 November

### Week 8

Tuesday 1 December-Rainbows End Care Day for students who have played leadership and important supporting roles around BRS in 2015.

### Week 9

Thursday 10 December-Legacy EXPO-where we show our Term 4 learning to our community.

### Week 10

BOT Meeting Monday 14 December - 6.30pm.

Wednesday 16 December-Rata and Karaka Team Prize-Giving and Street Party - 11.00am -1.00pm.

Wednesday 16 December - Senior Graduation Ceremony

Wednesday 16 December -End of year Report forms are sent home.

Thursday 17 December- Kowhai and Rimu Team Senior Prize-Giving 1.00pm.

## School Closes for 2015 at 2.45pm

## 2016 DATES.

The school Office is open 9.00am - 3.00pm from Wednesday 27 January - Friday 29 January.

Monday 1 February - Auckland Anniversary Day.

Tuesday 2 February - Bailey Road School commences at 8.50am.

## Lateness / Absences:

Please remember to call in if your child/ren are either late or going to be away. When leaving a message please state the reason that they are away, and when they will be back. If we do not hear from you your child will be marked as Truant.

## Rata Team:

Last week on Thursday, Room 8 got to practice with a variety of fun activities. This is for the preparation for our school Athletics Day which is all happening this week.

There were seven stations set up, each with a specific task such as to step (hikoi), run (oma), jump (peke), turn (huri) and walk (ata haere). Before we started, we were given a small demonstration of what to do. Some of us found it challenging at first, but after a few attempts and encouraging support from our friends, we became confident and always trying our best.

At the over and under race, Mason said "This is like a pattern", moving from one action to another. "I really enjoyed the sack race, because it was so much fun" said Destiny. Alex also liked the sack race too, because "I hopped to the very end". One of the things we took away from today is to show wonderful sportsmanship. Avichal said "At the sack race, I wanted to win. But I had fallen down and the winner was Jesse. I clapped for him".Thank you to Mr Muir for organising the activities and Room 13.

## Karaka Team:

Students of Room 21 enjoyed their experience of being volcanologists during the visit from tutors from Auckland Museum. Room 19 learnt so much about volcanoes from our museum educators, Josh and Iwi. Thank you for teaching us new facts about volcanoes and sharing your knowledge. We loved learning about the volcanic rocks!

## Kowhai Team:

As you are already aware of our EOTC (education outside the classroom) programme. A reminder of the cost is below.

The cost for these activities are as follows and it would be appreciated if payment can be made as soon as possible:

Rooms 14 and 16 – YEAR 6 \$45.00

Rooms 17 and 18 – YEAR 5 \$39.00

Wishing all our families that celebrate Diwali, a very Happy Diwali.

## Rimu Team:

Diwali -Wednesday 11 November.

Diwali is a festival of lights and colours. Many Hindu Indians celebrate the festive occasion with joy, happiness, lights and fireworks. They make lots of sweets (too many in fact!) and have a special thanksgiving prayer in the evening to pay their respects to Goddess Lakshmi.

Happy Diwali to all those who will be celebrating tonight.

*Priya and Sharleen Room 11*