



Rata Team Newsletter



Kia ora whānau!

We are halfway through the year!

We warmly welcome our new tamariki, whānau, and kaiako into our Bailey Road heart this term.

Mrs Jaya Parasuramen opened our second New Entrant class in Room 9 last term. Mrs Parasuramen or Mrs P to those that love her, has been teaching at Bailey Road as a Reading Recovery teacher and in recent times as a release teacher. Ms Noeline Marks is our new Year 2/3 teacher in Room 4. She joins us from Papakura Normal School and has been loving getting to know the children this week and enjoys being closer to home. Our Year 0/1 classes are steadily growing, and we have exciting plans to open a third New Entrant class in Room 1 later in the term. We have hit the ground running this week, with Takaro Sports day being a huge success. Our children loved spending time with their big buddy classes and experiencing the different rotation challenges on offer.

We have a lot scheduled this term – Discovery, an exciting and relevant CPW Inquiry focus **'Your Vote Counts!'** Cross Country, Gymnastics and more!

The social and parenting highlight of the term has to be the **BSLA (Better Start literacy Approach) Whānau Hui** on Thursday 27 July at 3pm in the Whare Ahuru Mowai. We will provide refreshments and raffle prizes just for coming along! See you there!



Mrs Henty and the Rata Teachers



Thank you Duffy Books in Schools
For our exciting delivery of books to keep!

DATES TO NOTE:

Week 2:

BSLA Whānau Hui Thursday 27 July 3pm
Whare Ahuru Mowai

Week 3:

Cook Island Language Week

Week 4: Math week

Class speech competitions

Week 6: Team speech competitions (Semi finals)

Tuesday 22 August

School speech final Thursday

24th August

Daffodil Day Friday 25 August

Week 7:

Teacher only day- Friday 1st September

Week 8: Tongan Language week

Week 9:

Te wiki o Te Reo Maori – Maori Language Week

Week 10:

Book Fair in The Whare Ahuru Mowai

Book week – Book character parade 22 September

Reminders:

- **Lost property** is in the Room 8/9 cloak bay
- **Correct uniform** needs to be worn and named please
- **Breakfast club** is daily from 8.30am in Jessop house
- **\$1 iceblock day** Firdays



COME ALONG TO FIND OUT HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S READING

Rata Team - BSLA
Better start Literacy approach
to Reading

WHĀNAU HUI

THURSDAY - WEEK 2
27 JULY
3-4PM

WHARE AHURU MOWAI

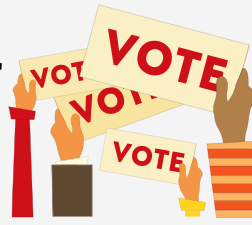
Enter to win

COME ALONG AND
CLAIM YOUR RAFFLE
TICKET AND THE
CHANCE TO A PRIZE!



CPW – Inquiry (Curiosity Purpose Wonder)

This term Our Inquiry is **'Your Vote Counts!'** Throughout this inquiry, students will understand that voting is a fundamental civic responsibility and an opportunity to have their say in a democratic society. Our voices and opinions help to shape our communities.



Literacy

Many of our pieces of work this term will be persuasive writing. We will be aiming to 'convince' the reader of an opinion or to change their mind on a topic. This fits well alongside our voting inquiry. BLSA (Better Start Literacy Approach) to teaching Reading is well under way. We have seen some great results after 10 weeks of teaching. You will have noticed your child coming home with a decodable reader on a Monday. This book, is the one they will read every day in class, so it is important that it comes to school each day in their book bag. You will see a post it note inside the book – this means that the group read up to that page during their lesson. You will also be sent a weekly newsletter explaining the new vocabulary being learnt as well as the letter/sound focus for the moment. If you have any questions about this, please come along to our Whānau Hui event on Thursday 27 July, speak to your child's teacher or send a message on Seesaw. Happy reading!



Tākoro Whānau
sports



Discovery on Friday mornings

Discovery has started with a focus/key competency on 'Thinking'. Discovery provides our children with opportunities to develop their social skills, interacting with different students outside of their classroom environment. This is carried out in a play based manner. Discovery is a highlight for our students each week. Child's Time daycare will continue to join us to discover as well!



Mathematics

In Mathematics we are focusing on **multiplication** and **division**. We approach these mathematical concepts through every day problem solving tasks. You can support your child's learning in this area talking about equal groups of things, for example 2 groups of 4 is equal to 8. Learning **basic facts** is a huge focus for Bailey Road tamariki. We want our children to learn these so they can be answered quickly. For some these are addition and subtraction facts, for others multiplication facts. Later in the term we will shift our focus to **Geometry**. This will involve learning about position and orientation.

The Arts

This term we will be having a school speech competition, children will be learning a poem, to perform in a class competition. Our Arts focus will be based around Drama and teaching the children how to use performance techniques such as; voice, gesture and posture to perform successfully. The children will be learning important skills for speaking publicly.

PB4L Positive Behaviour for Learning – Cool Schools

Teaching and using our Bailey Road HEART values remains a focus for us. This term we will be introducing a new rewards system for children demonstrating these values. We will keep you posted! There is a new buddy bench outside Rooms 7 and 8. This is a place where children that need a friend or someone to play with can go. We also have wonderful senior children being Peer Mediators during our break times. The children can visit them if they have a minor problem in the playground. This programme was created by the Peace Foundation and is facilitated by Miss Stiers.

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