

BAILEY ROAD SCHOOL

# HOLIDAY CHEER

24 December 2023

Kia ora koutou,

2023 has been quite a year. I looked back at the calendar and noted we lost six days right at the beginning of the year through the cyclones and terrible flooding that occurred. Soon after we had a strike day so it was not an ideal start to the year. However, we got our heads down and have worked hard on achieving great social and academic outcomes. I will publish our results on the BRS website in the new year.

My fingers are crossed that there will be no unexpected surprises in 2024 to get in the way of our learning, but whatever happens we will be prepared.

I am happy to say that there will be a lot of construction activity in the junior school area in 2024 as we will be renovating classrooms and continuing with our playground enhancement plan. We will adapt what we do to work around these necessary interruptions but are happy to have these major projects in the pipeline.

It has certainly been noticed that some of the 'uniforms' being worn by our tamariki are not the uniforms specified on our uniform procedure [can be found on our website]. We will be paying particular attention to uniforms next year, from day 1. This will include wearing hats, because February and into March are extremely hot months and we do not want our tamariki harmed with potentially dangerous ultraviolet radiation.

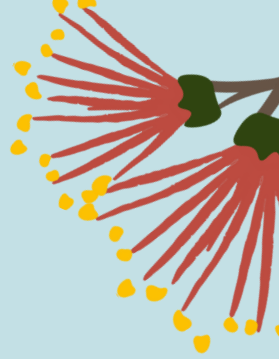
Swimming will commence from day 2 of our first week back. Please allow your children to swim as our pool is a resource not every school enjoys and, in New Zealand, learning to swim can literally save lives.

Our last week of school we enjoyed our prize givings and senior graduation, a special time of the year for our ākongā - particularly those moving onto college next year. We send with them our best wishes for a great start to their college years.

I wish everyone a wonderful, warm, summer, where we each take the opportunity to enjoy time with friends and family. We are excited about 2024 and look forward to seeing all those returning next year, happy and healthy.

Happiest of 2024s from the staff and Board of Trustees at Bailey Road School.

Ngā mihi nui  
Ray Kelly  
Tumuaki



## TERM ONE 2024

Tuesday 30 January  
First day back at School

Friday 2 February  
Pōwhiri at 9.15am

Tuesday 6 February  
Waitangi Day - public holiday

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 23 January  
Wednesday 24 January  
Thursday 25 January  
9am - 1pm

Open for in zone enrolments  
and stationery orders.

## UPDATES

Check out our website,  
Facebook page, app and  
Seesaw for 2024  
information.

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