

KIDZ BIZZ

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e Leilei, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Talofa Lava, Bula Vinaka, As sala'amu alaikum ,Greetings.

WELCOME TO THE 2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back for term one 2011, and a special welcome to all our new pupils and families. It is great to have enrolled more than 50 new children this year. I hope that you will all enjoy your time at Bairds Mainfreight Primary School.

We also welcome some new teachers to BMPS. Miss Carly Owen is teaching in Room 17 and Miss Jo McKinnell is training as a Reading Recovery Teacher.

Thanks Mainfreight

Mainfreight have made another significant contribution to the ICT needs of the school and we appreciate their generous gift.

Christchurch Earthquake

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Christchurch as they struggle to come to grips with shattered lives and homes following last week's massive earthquake and the aftershocks.

Along with most of New Zealand BMPS observed two minutes silence at 12:51pm yesterday in recognition of the trauma, bereavement and destruction that has been suffered in Christchurch in the past week.

Tomorrow BMPS will be fundraising to support the people of Christchurch. Please help by supporting the following:-

- A mufti day with red and black as the theme
- TLC doing a \$5 car wash-you can book your cars in with me-Glen Innes Police Station have already booked some police cars in!
- A cake stall
- Bring and buy stalls
- Sausage sizzle at Lunchtime
- Ice blocks
- Face painting
- And the bit they will all love...A SCHOOL DISCO!!! (after school)

Building Refurbishment

Thank you all for your patience while the alterations to the office area are being completed.

We had hoped to be back in that building by the time school opened again but there have been some unavoidable delays. I hope that we will be able to start moving back over there in the next few days. We should be operating in the refurbished office by the end of next week.

It's HOT! HOT! HOT!

As you are all aware it has been extremely hot most days since school started this year.

Mainfreight sunhats are part of our uniform this term and in term four. All children must wear their Mainfreight hats at playtime and at lunchtime.

What is on at BMPS

Many interesting programmes have been planned for this term and they have started already. Here are just a few of them.

- Friday 4 March. Year 4 to 6 Trip to Waiheke to visit Uncle Bruce
- Thursday 10 March. Meet the Teachers Evening
- Tuesday 15 March BOT Meeting
- Saturday 2 April Soapbox Derby Heats
- Tuesday 12 April BOT Meeting

Collecting Children After School-

The school bell rings for the end of the day at 2:45 and parents are expected to take responsibility for their children by 3:00 o'clock. SKIDS do operate a great programme here after school. The SKIDS programme is a good option. If for some unforeseen reason you are delayed your children will be waiting for you on the deck by rooms 3 & 4. No children will be waiting in the office area.

It's a New Look Staff

The school staff for 2011 is:

Junior Syndicate

R13 Naomi Ezekiel
R15 Fiona Mafileo-Henderson
R16 Helen Holdem
R17 Carly Owen
R18 Wendy Thomas
R19 Catherine Bowes

Middle Syndicate

R3 Peter Forsyth
R4 Karen Farland
R7 Michelle Gilmore (AP)
R20 Jane Boothby
R21 Laura Setefano

Senior Syndicate

R8 Stuart Reddrop
R9 Candice Wilson
R10 Tanya Heraud
R11 Sheryl Thompson
R12 Tara Taylor-Jorgensen

Reading Recovery:

Joanne McKinnell
Sonya Hetherington

Social Worker in Schools:

Mereana Herangi

Principal-Alan Lyth
Deputy Principal-Kim Benjamin
Deputy Principal-Fiona McAree Ngaau
PA/ Property Manager -Val McKee
Admin Manager-Sandra Harnett
Finance Manager-Rex Pennalligen
Librarian- Katy Otikore
Teacher Aide-Perise Armstrong
Teacher Aide-Jackie Kaipō
Teacher Aide- Terau Tuakana
Tuck shop-Monica Talapule
Caretaker-Gavin Spencer

Please come and talk to us at any time. we have an open door policy. We know we have your support in the education of your children.



Term One 2011

Health-Promoting Schools Newsletter

COUNTIES MANUKAU DISTRICT COUNCIL
A Community Partnership

Student Leadership at Bairds Mainfreight Primary

Bairds Mainfreight Primary School in Otara has recently achieved accreditation as a Kowhai Health-Promoting School. The schools student leadership group, The Leadership Children, has been influential in the schools growth into a well developed HPS and demonstrates the successes that can be achieved through meaningful student involvement.

The Leadership Children is comprised of fourteen year 5 and 6 students, a teacher, the Principal and Deputy Principal and the focus of it is split between the 'Always a Leader' programme and HPS. In relation to HPS, the group has concentrated on three key needs; healthy food, playground activities and recycling, which show a commitment to holistic health.

The students from the group identified that healthier food was needed in the tuck shop and then managed the process required to change the menu. This included meeting with the schools finance manager, to understand the financial implications of the tuck shop, and working with the food provider to come up with healthy alternatives to what was being sold. As a result students have healthy lunch options to choose from and the financial returns from the tuck shop have actually improved.

A friendship bus initiative, developed by the group, has involved setting up areas in the playground where students can go if they do not have anyone to play with. Senior students monitor this area and involve those that come to it in activities. As part of this initiative senior students also look out for the junior students during break times.

The group members acted on the issue of a lack of recycling by writing to the Mayor of Auckland,

Len Brown, to ask for some recycling bins as the school did not have any. The Mayor emailed the students back and arranged to have bins delivered; he also made a visit to the school. To ensure they would be correctly used the group made a commercial to show to students in their classrooms. This was supported by the schools caretaker getting involved and visiting all the classrooms to provide learning around recycling.



The Leadership Team

The student members of the group state that they enjoy the opportunity to help people, make positive decisions together and see positive change happen within the school. One student said that as a result of what he had learned in the group he would be able to grow up and create positive change in his wider community. The staff involved say that they are learning alongside the students and that it has been wonderful to see them grow into amazing leaders.

The plan for 2011 is to build on the work from last year and address any new needs that may arise.

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OBF PARENTS NETWORK

26 January 2011

Bairds Mainfreight Primary School
Edward Avenue
Otara
Auckland

Attention: The Principal

Dear Sir/Madam,

Due to the continuing rise in complaints regarding illegal and dangerous parking at schools in your area, Auckland Transport Parking Services will be doing regular school enforcement patrols.

The stopping/parking restrictions around schools are designed primarily for the safety of children by ensuring that the children are able to see and be seen by moving traffic. Stopping even momentarily can compromise their safety, this being the reason a zero tolerance practice is applied, and this is also in line with the NZ Police enforcement approach of zero tolerance around schools.

"Definition of parking in the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 is as follows: "In relation to any portion of a road, the stopping or standing of a vehicle on that portion of the road, (includes a footpath and vehicle entrance and the picking up/dropping off passengers, when the driver is present and the engine is running)."

Parking Officers will no longer be asking parents/guardians to move vehicles from illegal parking areas which will include parking on foot paths, vehicle entrances, broken yellow lines, bus stops etc. but will instead be issuing infringement notices in respect of the offence and will then post tickets out to the registered owner of the vehicle.

Could you please advise parents/guardians of this on a regular basis throughout the school year via newsletters or any other forms of communication material.

If you are concerned at anytime please contact the Auckland City Council Call Centre on (09) 262-5104 and give details of the complaint to the Customer Services Representative, who will forward details onto Parking Operations for parking enforcement at the time.

If you have any queries regarding this letter please contact Peter Barfoot, Parking Enforcement on (09)262-5114.

Yours faithfully



Peter Barfoot
Team Leader Parking Enforcement
TRANSPORTATION

Parents Network starts again this week Friday 12 February .

All Parents are most welcome to come along and join us every Friday. Sessions will run for 8 weeks and held in Room 5 from 9.00am-11.00am.

18.02.11	Cookie making (Lead Parents Noovae)
25.02.11	Cooking (BMPS)
04.03.11	Quilt making
11.03.11	ESOL Home Tutors (Fiona Nicol)
18.03.11	Strengthening Families (WINZ, Housing, Inland Revenue) Ta Kahle
25.03.11	Literacy preparation
01.04.11	Easter preparation (lead parent)
08.04.11	Te Whakapapa & Break up

GOLD MEDAL 2011



COUNTIES MANUKAU JUNIOR TOUCH TEAM

Northern Juniors IPS Touch
Under 11 yrs Boys Champions

Played in Tauranga
last weekend

Congratulations to
Teariki Ben Iakimo
&
Team

Stationery: The school office is open for stationery sales from 8.30am to 3.30pm.

Thank you to all of you who have already purchased stationery for your children. The packs can be bought from the office before school. It is important for our children to have their books as soon as possible. Prices: Yr 1 \$19.00, Yr 2 \$18.50, Yr 3/4 \$18.50, Yr 5/6 \$23.00.

Uniforms: The school office is open for uniform sales from 8.30am to 3.30pm.

When your child started at Bairds Mainfreight you agreed to ensure that they would wear the full school uniform every day. A huge thank you to all of you who make sure that the uniforms are clean, tidy and worn daily. Some children are wearing very old uniforms with old flame emblem on the polo shirts. These have not been part of our uniform for many years and do not recognize our association with Mainfreight, and therefore need to be replaced as soon as possible. Wearing the proper uniform will help the children identify with our school and feel proud to be part of it.

If you have any concerns about purchasing stationery or the correct school uniform please talk to teachers. We know this is an expensive time of year for families, especially those who have more than one child.

School Hours

Please note the school hours for 2011 are

8.55am—2.45pm.

Morning tea: 11.10am—11.30am

Lunchtime: 12.45pm-1.30pm



NO SMOKING!

Bairds Mainfreight is a Smoke Free Zone
Please respect this by not smoking on the school grounds

Coming Up Events:

Fri 4 March: Waiheke trip to uncle Bruce, Senior Syndicate Rooms 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & Year 4 pupils.

Thurs 10 March: Junior Syndicate Rm 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 swimming 10.15am -12.30

Thurs 17 March: Junior Syndicate Rm 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 swimming 10.15am -12.30

Thurs 24 March: Junior Syndicate Rm 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 swimming 10.15am -12.30

Thurs 15 April: Last day of term 1

Fri 22 April: Good Friday

BOB MEETING DATES 2011

5.30PM START

15 March

12 April

17 May

14 June

12 July

16 Aug

13 Sept

8 Nov

13 Dec

These meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend at anytime.



Newsletter #1 2011 Prize Draw

Parents/caregivers please sign here to say that you have read this newsletter. Cut this section out, and have your child place it in the box in the office, and they may win a prize!!

Child _____ Room No _____

Parent's signature: _____