



Welcome to
Bainesse School *Country*

BAINESSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**TERM 1: WEEK 3
2026**



Rural Excellence, Rural Pride, Rural +
Taiwhenua hiranga, Taiwhenua taonga whakahi, Tawhenua ahuatanga

Message from the Principal

It has been a busy few weeks here at school, and it's great to see everyone settling into their routines so well. Firstly, I want to say a huge thank you to all our families for your understanding regarding our school closure this past Monday. We are so glad to hear that everyone is safe. We know the weather hit some harder than others, and we hope that anyone dealing with damage or a messy cleanup is coping well. Please reach out and let us know if there is anything we can do to support you or your family during this time. Thank you to Paul Burr for taking away the branches that fell onto our classroom!

On a much brighter note, our swimming sports were a total hit! It was fantastic to see the students giving it their all in the water and cheering each other on from the sidelines. The level of participation and house spirit was wonderful to witness.

Back in the classrooms, the kids have been working incredibly well. There has been a lot of testing and learning of new routines lately, and it's pleasing to see our students showing such resilience and positivity as they adapt and dive into their new projects for the term.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we head into the next busy stretch of the term.

Sun Hats

With the sun still quite strong (sometimes), we have noticed a few students arriving without hats. We only have a very small number of spares available, and these are being snapped up quickly. To make sure everyone can make the most of their break times outside, please check that your child has a named sun hat in their bag each morning.

Swimming

Kelly Sports will be starting on Monday, and they will be taking our classes for swimming lessons through until the end of the term. Please make sure students continue to bring their togs every day, even on days when they don't have a formal lesson. We want to make the most of the pool while it is warm enough, and as the weather has been changing by the hour lately, it is important to have gear ready just in case!

School Lunches and Scraps

A huge thank you to Kelly Hughes for her help in taking away our food scraps at the end of each day. On that note, we often have spare school lunches left over. These are available for anyone to take home at the end of the school day in the box by the Senior Room. Please feel free to help yourselves to as many as you can use.

Lunchtime Structure and Community Action

We are continuing to refine our lunchtime routines to make things run as smoothly as possible. Our Rimu and Tōtara students have now taken on the role of Community Action Jobs. This new structure allows Kōwhai and Pōhutukawa more time to enjoy their eating break, after which they give back to our school community by helping to keep the deck area tidy. It is great to see the kids taking pride in our shared spaces.

School Camp

Camp is on this week! Notices have gone home with gear lists and food donation requests. These donations can be brought into school anytime before we head off. On Tuesday, parents who are joining us for camp will receive their information booklet to read over before we head away on Wednesday. A huge thank you to all those who have donated food and to the parents coming away with us. This is not possible without all the teamwork. Ensure a raincoat and good walking shoes are packed with our unpredictable weather. **A reminder that students turn up school in mufti for camp.** Uniforms do not need to be brought to camp.

Please **arrive to school no later than 9am** on Wednesday morning, as we aim to leave by 9:15am.

Kōwhai and Pōhutukawa will be arriving back at 3pm on Thursday afternoon.

For the rest of the school we aim to be back by 3pm on Friday for normal school pick up.

Hockey

Summer Hockey officially kicks off this week. However, since we are away at camp, our teams have been given a bye for the first round. This means our first games will actually start next Tuesday. A notice will be sent home on Monday morning containing team lists and specific game times.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

House Competition: Swimming Sports

A huge congratulations to Kea for taking out the top spot at our recent swimming sports. It was great to see some house colours on the sidelines, and we were so impressed with the effort everyone put in for their houses.

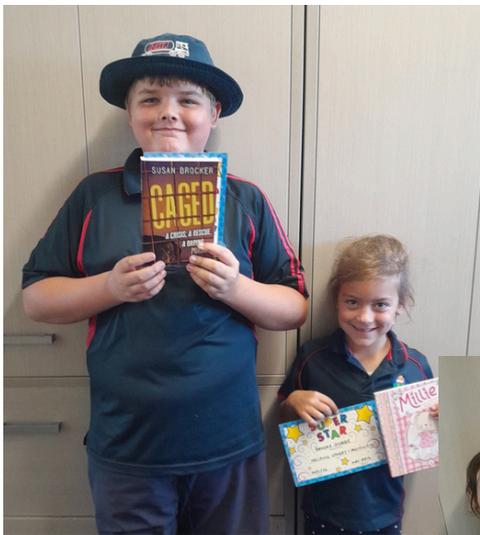
The final standings were:

- 1st - **Kea**
- 2nd - **Takahē**
- 3rd - **Piwakawaka**
- 4th - **Ruru**

Well done to everyone for the fantastic house spirit shown on the day. A special mention to the parents winning the final relay race!

Upcoming Events

- Monday, 23rd February: **Kelly Swimming Lessons Begin** (due to school being closed last Monday)
- 25th – 27th February: **Whole School Camp**
- Monday, 2nd March - **BoT Meeting** at 5:30pm
- Tuesday, 3rd March: **Manawatu Triathlon** - Selected Students
- Friday, 6th March: **School Assembly** at 2:15pm Hosted by Rimu



CLASSROOM AWARD WINNERS



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNERS
Harry McCrae & Brooke Slobbe



RURAL+ AWARD WINNERS
Kobie Roache & Thomas Fitzgerald



Growing Together with Our Sponsors & Supporters

Support Our School

As we refresh our newsletter design for the new year, we are looking to update our "Local Supporters" page!

We know our Bainesse community is full of fantastic local businesses, and we love providing a space to highlight those who support our tamariki and school.

Interested in a space?

Please contact Laura in the office or email officemanager@bainesse.school.nz to discuss how your business can support our school.