



Welcome to
Bainesse School Country

BAINESSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

A very warm welcome back to school for the start of the new term! After an extra-long and eventful holiday, it is great to see everyone here and ready for what I'm sure will be a very busy, short term. We weren't exactly spoiled with the weather over the break, but now that we are all at our desks, I'll bet it turns out to be amazing! I want to start by extending a huge welcome to our new staff member, Mrs. Stewart, and to all of our new students and families joining our community today. It is wonderful to have you with us as we hit the ground running together.

As we settle into the new term, we have made a few changes to our daily routines to ensure our school runs smoothly and our students are well supported.

Hats inside

We have decided that hats are no longer to be worn inside. We see this as a sign of respect for our learning spaces, and as an added bonus, it will make our classroom photos look even better! It's much easier to see those wonderful smiles without a cap in the way.

New Class Names

With our growth to four classes, we wanted to refresh our classroom titles. We have chosen to name our rooms after New Zealand trees, moving from smaller trees to the forest giants:

- **Kōwhai:** Mrs Matti
- **Pōhutukawa:** Mrs Stewart
- **Rimu:** Mrs Peffers
- **Tōtara:** Mrs Reid

Morning Van Run

As we currently do not have a driver for the Palmerston North van, we are bringing the route closer to home for the remainder of Term One.

The van will drive down Rangiotu Road, stopping at the Himitangi turn-off at 8:30 am (on the school side of the highway). This is a **morning-only** service at this stage. Spaces are limited so please let me know if you are interested (first in, first served). If you or someone you know meets all the requirements and would like to volunteer some time to be our van driver, please get in touch.

Lost Property

On Wednesday, we will have all the lost property displayed downstairs at the front of the school. Please come and have a look for any missing items. It's a great chance to reclaim those jumpers and containers before they are cleared away!

REMINDERS

Swimming: Remember to pack togs/swimwear every day!

School Camp: all camp notices/forms are enclosed and **due back Friday 13th Feb!**

Sports: We need your input! See the Sports Notice to suggest activities or sign up as a helper.

Lunchtime Structure

We are changing the structure of our breaks to bring more focus and respect to our mealtimes. By playing first, students can burn off energy and then sit down to eat without feeling the need to rush.

Morning Tea:

Play from 10:30 - 10:50am, then meet on the deck to eat together till 11:00am.

Lunch

Play from 12:30 - 1:00pm, then eat together on the deck till 1:15pm.

House Competition Update

We have made a slight change to our House names! Pūkeko will now be known as Takahē. While we love all our native species, we wanted our houses to be represented by birds that don't wreak quite as much havoc on our local farms! This ensures all our House birds are native to New Zealand.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Sun Smart

With the sun starting to make an appearance, we want to make sure everyone is protected. We have sunblock available at school, and we will be ensuring students apply it before breaks and before swimming.

- **Hats:** It is very important that students bring a hat so they can make the most of their playtime without having to stay in the shade. We currently have very few spares. It's often easiest to leave one at school so it never gets forgotten.
- **Swimming:** Rash vests are not required for swimming this term, but they are highly recommended for extra sun protection as students will be swimming daily.



**Welcome to our
new students**

Upcoming Events

We have attached a new school calendar to this newsletter with all the key dates for the term, but here are the important events coming up over the next few weeks to keep on your radar:

- 10th & 11th February: **Life Education** – The Harold Assembly will be on the 11th February at 2:45pm
- Monday, 16th February: **Kelly Swimming Lessons** Begin
- Thursday, 19th February: **Bainesse School Swimming Sports** (Foxton Pools)
- Friday, 20th February: **School Assembly** – Hosted by the Senior Room (2:15 pm) - Please note the earlier than usual time.
- 25th – 27th February: **Whole School Camp**



Growing Together with Our Sponser & 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.