



Welcome to
Bainesse School *Country*

BAINESSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**TERM 1 : WEEK 5
2026**



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Message from the Principal

I cannot believe we are already over halfway through the term. The weeks are flying by and we still have plenty of exciting learning and activities planned for the remainder of the term.

Our recent school camp was an absolute success. Our students were fantastic and showed great resilience while trying out many new experiences. I was very proud of the way they represented our school. A massive thank you must go to our parent helpers. You were amazing and we truly appreciate the support you gave to make this trip possible for the children.

We have some fun times ahead with our Te Kawau swimming team representing our school at the pools this Friday. We then have the Te Kawau triathlon to look forward to the following week. It is wonderful to see our students getting involved in these cluster events and showing loyalty to our school.

Back in the classroom, the students have been incredibly focused. We have recently completed a range of testing and the results are very positive. It is pleasing to see the progress being made across the school in all areas and it shows just how hard both the students and teachers have been working.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for the **Te Kawau Swimming Team**:

Lilly Procter, Tama Gavan, Corban Stanley, Kael Rodie, Emilia Toscano, Kobie Roache, Corbin Shields, Leo Ellwood, Amie King, Carter Rodie, George Ellwood, Kaylee Corcoran, Piper Ferreira-Avery, Lucy McClenaghan and Lorenzo Neame.

A huge congratulations to Amie King for her incredible performance at the Oceans '26: Festival of Junior Lifesaving event this year. Amie showed amazing determination and reached the semi finals for both the sprints and the surf race.

We also want to shout out our ex-student Bobbi Jo Gavan who competed in her final Oceans event. Bobbi-Jo made multiple semi finals including the diamond and we wish her all the best as she moves into senior competition next year.

Well done to Leo Ellwood for his selection into the Hockey Manawatu Under 13 Representative team. Leo will be competing in a tournament during the first week of the holidays and we wish him the very best of luck for his games.

We are also very proud of our students who competed in the recent Manawatu triathlon. You all showed great dedication and achieved the following results:

Amie King 11th out of 26
George Ellwood 8th out of 52
Kael Rodie 30th out of 62
Leo Ellwood 11th out of 32

It is wonderful to see our students excelling in such a variety of sports.



If your child has had a recent success outside of school please do not hesitate to let us know so we can celebrate with you!

Hockey

Our first week of hockey was a huge success and it was great to see so many of our students out on the field. Congratulations to our Players of the Day and well done to all teams for their efforts.

Player of the Day Results: **Bainesse Gold:** Harmony Wiperi, **Bainesse Blue:** Jimmy Ellwood, **Bainesse Red:** George Ellwood, **Bainesse Black:** Tama Gavan, **Bainesse Yellow:** Maxwell Hopkins

A big thank you to the parents who have stepped up as managers. We truly appreciate you giving up your time to support our players and make this season possible.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Welcome

We are thrilled to welcome some new faces to our school community this week.

A very warm welcome to Mable, who has celebrated her fifth birthday and joined us in the Kōwhai room. It is wonderful to have you here with us, Mable!

We are also excited to welcome Jo Donovan to the senior room. Mrs Donovan will be teaching on Mondays and Fridays. While she has just completed her teacher training, she brings a wealth of experience with her from her previous work as a teacher aide in schools. We are very lucky to have her join our teaching team.

In addition, we welcome Tracy Stanley to our support staff. Tracy is working with us for an hour each day as a teacher aide to support our students in their learning. It is wonderful to have you aboard.

Please join us in making Mable, Jo, and Tracy feel very welcome as they settle into our school.

Gardens

Our junior sunflowers are looking absolutely spectacular. The juniors each planted these last year in the pool area and it is wonderful to see them in full bloom now.

These sunflowers have become a real highlight for our entire school community. They are a fantastic talking point during our swimming lessons and have provided some wonderful educational opportunities for our students as they observe the life cycle of the plants. Thank you to our juniors for adding such a bright and cheerful touch to our pool environment.

Start of School

It is wonderful to see so many of our students arriving with such enthusiasm for the day ahead. We have noticed that some students are beginning to arrive at school earlier and earlier each morning.

We would like to kindly remind our families that **8:30 am is the earliest time students should be dropped off**, unless you have a specific prior arrangement with us. The time before 8:30 am is vital for our teachers to prepare for the day ahead, which means they are not available for duty to supervise students during this period.

We understand that in the past, some families may have organised earlier drop off times. If this is the case for you, could you please let us know again. We want to ensure that all relevant staff members are aware of these arrangements so we can keep everyone safe and accounted for.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us ensure our teachers are well prepared to provide the best possible learning day for your children.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, 13th March: **Te Kawau Swimming Sports - Rongotea Pool**
- Monday, 16th March: **BloKart Trip - Year 7 & 8 students**
- Wednesday, 18th March - **Year 5-8 Rippa Rugby Tournament**
- Thursday, 19th March: **Assembly** at 2:15pm - *Hosted by Pōhutukawa*
- Friday, 20th March: **Te Kawau Triathlon**



Junior Equestrian Festival

We have an exciting opportunity to enter a horse riding team in the Junior Equestrian Festival held in Masterton from the 23rd to the 25th of March. This is a fantastic event that combines competition with many wonderful learning and teaching experiences for the riders.

The festival is a three day multi disciplinary event covering dressage, show jumping, show hunting, eventing, mounted games, and CTR. You can choose the classes you wish to enter and we are looking to put together a team of four riders to represent the school.

To participate, students will need to be experienced riders and have their own horse. Families will also need to be able to arrange transport for their horse to the event in Masterton. If you are interested or would like more information, please come and see Mrs Reid. It would be wonderful to see a team representing our school at this event.

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.

