



Welcome to
Bainesse School *Country*

BAINESSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**TERM 1: WEEK 7
2026**



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

Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe we are already looking at the final two weeks of the term! The last few weeks have been incredibly busy, and I have been so impressed by the way our students have continued to represent our school with such pride at every event they attend. Whether on the sports field or in the classroom, their effort and attitude have been outstanding.

We have been very lucky with the beautiful weather lately. It has been wonderful to see the playground full of energy and students enjoying their lunchtimes in the sun.

As we head into the final fortnight, the calendar remains just as packed with learning and activities. While the holidays are nearly here, we are staying focused and making the most of every day together before the break.

We have noticed a bit of a tummy bug making its rounds through the school lately. To help us keep everyone healthy and stop the spread, please remember the 48-hour rule: students must stay home for at least 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea before returning to school. Thank you for your support in keeping our community well.

School Pool Update

With the weather looking much nicer, we have decided to keep the school pool open until the end of the term. While our focus is now moving on to running to prepare for Tough Kids and Cross Country next term, students are more than welcome to bring their togs for lunchtime swims to make the most of the sun!

Please ensure students have appropriate running shoes at school each day so they can participate comfortably in our training sessions.

Friends of School Meeting

We had a fantastic Friends of School meeting last week with a great turnout and plenty of exciting ideas shared for the year ahead. If you weren't able to make it but would still like to be a part of the team or help out with upcoming projects, please contact Laura in the office. We would love to have you on board!

Bainesse Signs

If you have been driving along Rangiotu Road lately, you might have noticed our brand-new school sign!

A huge thank you goes to Hayden, Neil, and Phil for their hard work in getting the sign installed and looking so professional. We truly appreciate you giving up your time to help us out with this project.

We would also like to extend a special thanks to Pip and Neil for their generosity in allowing us to place the sign on their property.



Upcoming Events

- Thursday, 26th March: Junior Tabloids - Oroua Downs School
- Monday, 30th March: BoT Meeting - All welcome to attend
- Wednesday, 1st April: Crazy Hair Mufti Day - Gold coin donation to support Friends of School
Come along in mufti and some crazy hair. Prizes for the best hair from each classroom!
- Thursday, 2nd April: Assembly at 2:15pm - Hosted by Kōwhiri
- Friday, 3rd April - 19th April: School Holidays.
- Monday, 20th April: First Day of Term Two.

BloKarting

On Monday, our Year 7 and 8 students headed over to the Sanson Blokart track for an action-packed afternoon. It was fantastic to see every student get stuck in and have a go at blokarting, and they all did a brilliant job of mastering the controls.

The weather was absolutely perfect, providing just enough breeze for the students to learn how to manoeuvre their karts and navigate the track with confidence.

A massive thank you must go to the Rongotea Lions for organising such a fun afternoon out for our seniors.



Labelling our School Uniform

We have noticed a large amount of unnamed uniform items ending up in our lost property lately. With the change in weather and students taking off layers, it is more important than ever to have everything clearly labeled.

If you are looking for a permanent solution, you can search "DONT LOSE YOUR KIDS UNIFORMS FOXTON" on Facebook Marketplace. Local maker Sara Jane creates heat-transfer labels that are perfect for school clothing. If you would like the link sent to you, message our Facebook page.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS

It has been a massive few weeks for our student athletes!

We would like to congratulate the following students for their fantastic efforts and sportsmanship:

Te Kawau Swimming:

A huge congratulations to our Te Kawau Swim Team for their efforts in the Rongotea Pool. We were lucky enough to have three champion swimmers for their age grade.

Kobie Roache

2nd - 25m Breaststroke

George Ellwood

1st - 25m Breaststroke, 25m Backstroke,
25m Butterfly

2nd - 50m Backstroke

3rd - 25m Freestyle and 50m Freestyle

Champion Year 4 Boy

Kael Rodie

1st - 25m Backstroke and 50m Backstroke

3rd - 25m Breaststroke

Champion Year 6 Boy

Amie King

1st - 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m

Breaststroke, 25m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke, 100m Freestyle

2nd - 100m Breaststroke

3rd - Individual Medley

Champion year 8 Girl



Weet-Bix Tryathlon:

Congratulations to Toby Hansen, Piper Ferreira-Avery, Connor Peffers, George Ellwood, Stanley Caldow, Ollie Peffers and Leo Ellwood for completing this iconic Kiwi challenge.

Sam Strathan Cup - Rippa Rugby Tournament:

We are incredibly proud of our two teams who competed recently. Both teams represented the school with outstanding effort and skill. A huge congratulations to our teams for taking out 1st and 3rd place. What a fantastic result for our school!

Te Kawau Triathlon:

A huge shout out to all our participants who gave it their all and showed incredible resilience across the swim, bike, and run.

A special congratulations to our place-getters:

- 1st Place: George Ellwood, Amie King, and Leo Ellwood.
- 2nd Place: Kael Rodie.

What an outstanding result for our school!



Growing Together with Our Sponsors & Supporters



An advertisement for PropertyBrokers featuring Tyla Paterson, a Residential Sales Consultant. The background is dark blue with office supplies like a pen, paperclip, and paper. The text reads: "List and sell with me and I'll donate \$500 to Bainesse School*" in white and orange. Below that, it says "*Ts and Cs apply." and "Tyla Paterson Residential Sales Consultant 027 840 9011 | tyla.paterson@pb.co.nz". The PropertyBrokers logo and tagline "Proud to be here" are at the bottom left. A small red square with a white letter 'B' is in the top right corner. A photo of Tyla Paterson is on the right side.

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.