Welcome to
Bainesse School Country

BAINESSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4: WEEK 6
2026

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Message from the Principal

Kia ora whānau,

What a busy few weeks we have had!

I want to start by saying how amazing our tamariki have been. It has been thoroughly enjoyable watching them challenge themselves and strive to do their best across our Athletics events. I have seen our students problem-solve, work hard to refine their techniques, and show real determination, all while maintaining wonderful sportsmanship and kindness towards those around them.

A huge thank you goes out to all our helpers who stepped in to support us across our three Athletics events. We are incredibly fortunate to have such strong backing from our school community. Your willingness to give up your time, lend a hand, and transport your children to venues around the district is very much appreciated.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support, it really does make a difference!

Board of Trustees Update

The Board of Trustees recently met to discuss some of the challenges and considerations facing Bainesse School as we look ahead to 2027.

One of the key items was the approval of our Enrolment Scheme. We have worked hard to ensure that the needs of our existing whānau are considered, particularly our current students and their siblings, who are such an important part of our school community.

We also had some important discussions around our two school camps in 2027. Palm Grove is now under new management, which has resulted in changes to the way we work with them. Given the significant financial investment required from the school, we felt it was necessary to look at venues that are more suitable and accessible for all ages. We were also mindful of how closely the two camps sit together in relation to our bi-annual Year 7 & 8 camp. After careful consideration, the Board felt it was prudent to postpone the Whole School Camp and look at relocating it to Term 4, while carrying out research for more suitable options. We hope this change will help ease some of the financial pressure on everyone while also giving us time to plan and fundraise for what we hope will be an exciting adventure later in the year.

I also wanted to let you know that we continue to work hard to address the space challenges within our Kōwhai and Pōhutukawa learning areas. We have been talking with companies such as Brittons to see what options are available for us. Our overwhelming thought right now is that we need a fundraising hero to help us get the ball rolling. Please give me a call at the office if you are keen to help!

We welcome any and all suggestions, so please don't hesitate to share your ideas with us. I would also like to remind everyone that our Board meetings are open to the school community. You are warmly welcome to attend, or alternatively, put your thoughts, suggestions, or concerns in writing and forward them to the Board.

Your feedback is always welcome, and we value having our community involved in helping us make Bainesse School the best it can be. The Board is also happy to receive any ideas, queries, or complaints via bot@bainesse.school.nz.

Assessments

Week 5 also included a range of testing assessments for tamariki across all year levels. Our junior students completed their Phonics and Maths checks using some updated assessment tools and approaches.
We also introduced our senior students to the Ministry of Education's new Maths assessment tool so they can build familiarity with it ahead of 2027, should it become compulsory.

School Disco

My final thanks go to our wonderful Friends of the School for organising such a fantastic disco on Friday night! It was lovely to see so many of our students having a great time, dancing, laughing, and making the most of the opportunity to enjoy themselves with their friends. A huge thank you to everyone involved for making it such a fun and memorable evening for our tamariki!

Ngā mihi nui,
Anna Cullen
Principal










Important Information

Key Dates

Permission Forms

- Girls Club Christmas Parade - **due tomorrow (Thurs, 20 Nov)**

Events

- **Assembly (Rimu)** - Fri, 20 Nov @ 2:15pm
- **Rongotea Christmas Parade** - Sun, 22 Nov @ 12:30pm
- **New Entrant School Visit** #1 - Tue, 24 Nov
  - f*or the incoming New Entrant siblings expected to join us in Term 1, 2027.*
- **Ag Day Garden Judging** - Sat, 28 Nov, starting @ 10am
- **New Entrant School Visit** #2 - Tue, 1 Dec
- **Yr 5 & 6 Athletics, Palmerston North** - Tue, 1 Dec
- **Te Kawau Ki O Rahi -** Fri, 4 Dec @ Rongotea
- **Assembly (Tōtara)** - Fri, 4 Dec @ 2:15pm
- **New Entrant School Visit** #3 - Tue, 8 Dec
- **Junior Day Out** - Thurs, 10 Dec
- **Board of Trustees Meeting** - Thurs, 10 Dec @ 5:30pm
  - *all are welcome to attend*
- **Bainesse Water Battle** - Mon, 14 Dec
- **Last Day of School** - Wed, 16 Dec
  - Final Assembly (Whole School) @ 2:15pm
  - Finish School @ 3pm

Return of School Sports Uniforms

As our Term 4 sports seasons wrap up, we kindly ask all whānau to return any school-issued sports uniform tops (washed and ready for next year) to the school office **no later than Friday 11th December**.

If your child's summer extracurricular sport finishes earlier, feel free to drop their clean top back to Laura at the office as soon as their final game is done. Returning uniforms on time ensures we have full team sets ready for 2027 and helps you avoid any unnecessary replacement charges for unreturned items. Thank you for your cooperation!

End-of-Year Library Book Returns

With the end of the school year fast approaching, we kindly remind all whānau to have a hunt at home and return all school library books **by Friday 11th December.**

We will be conducting a thorough library inventory over the summer holidays to get everything organised and ready for our tamariki in 2027. Thank you so much for your help getting all our books safely back on the shelves!



Well done to Adley and Harlow at the Manawatū Oroua Championship Day!

Adley won Champion Handler and Reserve Champion Care & Attention, while Harlow took out Champion Care & Attention, Reserve Champion Handler, and Overall Supreme Champion Goat for the third consecutive year.



Bainesse School Pool Keys

Our school pool is officially open for the summer season!

School families are welcome to hire a pool key from the school office to enjoy the pool over the warm months ahead.

Key Information:

- **Cost:** $50 per season (includes a $10 bond, refunded upon returning the key at the end of the season).
- **Season Dates:** Open now until the end of Term 1.
- **Payment & Key Collection:** Keys can be collected from Laura at the school office once payment is confirmed (cash or the business day following an internet banking transfer).

If you'd like to hire a key, pop into the office or make a deposit into the school bank account so your key can be issued right away!

Account Number: **03 0726 0516479 00**
Reference: **Family name / Pool Key**

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