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Newsletter

Term 1 No.5

Principal's voice:

Kia Ora, Bonjour, Talofa, greetings to all,

My goodness, I cannot believe we are nearly at the end of term one! A whole term of learning completed already! Already I can see some of our tamariki growing physically, emotionally and cognitively! I love my job because your children keep me grounded and astound me constantly. We will keep working together to make sure our children have the best of everything! They deserve it.

Our ERO report is now published for you to peruse at your leisure. Please use the link below to view the report:

[BNS ERO report 2019](#)

You can find the ERO report and our Charter on our website. Apologies for the delay of the charter but we felt it was important to make sure the both documents aligned. We now feel we have clear strategic focus for our future learning pathway

At last our playground is ready

It has taken a few weeks longer than anticipated but we now have a fully functioning, safe playground for our students. They are so delighted to have it back!

Thank you so much to Yannic Le Gourvenec, Jean-Francois Richeux, Greg Ratcliffe for all the hard work you put into making our playground safe again. I would also like to say thank you to our PTA who have donated \$4000 towards the cost of the soft fall.

Wheel day on a Fridays

Wheels day is such a lovely tradition at our school. We are so lucky to have the space to do it! Just a couple of reminders to keep your children safe:

- Wheels day takes place during morning break and lunchtime.
- As soon as the children arrive with their bikes and scooters in the morning they **must be "parked" neatly around by the pool in the bike rack or next to the rack if is full**. There is no "wheeling" first thing in the morning as there is no teacher on duty at this time.
- Children must have a safety helmet which has been fitted correctly to their head.
- The bikes and scooters are brought at your own risk as the school cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage.
- It would be helpful that all bikes, helmets etc are marked with your child's name.

Our Tahitian visitors are here next week

We are very excited to be hosting our Tahitian visitors (26 children and 7 adults) from Monday 8th April to Wednesday 10th April. They will be involved in school life at BNS and sharing some of their culture with us. We will be welcoming our visitors on Monday at

assembly at 9am. Please feel free to join us. On Wednesday our visitors will have show for us at 11:30. You are welcome to join us on Wednesday also.

Weetbix Tryathlon contestants

I am so sorry I did not make it to see you all in action. I can tell you had the best time and you all did so well. Here is a photo of them all with their t shirts and medals. (sorry William and Claire. You were away the day I took the photo)



The Shore to Shore fun run

If you took part in the Shore to Shore fun run last Sunday please let us know. We would love to get a photo of you in the newsletter also.



Skipping ropes fundraising

We are doing well with our fundraising for extra skipping ropes. You still have a chance to win a beautiful pamper pack donated by Rochelle Harris. This is a pack worth \$200 so well worth \$2 for a ticket. Come in and buy a ticket at the office and possibly enjoy some luxury in the holidays! The draw will be held at 12:30 on Friday 12th April.

Green Certificate winners

Well done to all our learners for the past two weeks.



Have a safe weekend and remember next Friday (12th April) is our final day of term 1.

Nga mihi nui

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Samosa Orders:

See flyer attached for ordering details. Please note if you wish to have delivery before the school holidays, orders need to be placed before Monday 8th April.

Thank you.