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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

# Newsletter 2019/18

11 June 2019

## Upcoming Events

### TERM 2

#### WEEK 7

*Trial of "Play, Eat, Learn" begins*

*Life Education classes for Te Moana this week*

- **Tues, 11 June**
  - ◊ BOT Meeting 7pm in the staffroom
- **Wed, 12 June**
  - ◊ Yr 7 Boostrix Immunisations
  - ◊ Inter-school Cross Country

#### WEEK 8

*Life Education classes for Te Moana this week*

- **Tues, 18 June**
  - ◊ Yr 8 visit to Paraparaumu College
  - ◊ Kids Yoga—Yr 5/6

#### WEEK 9—MATARIKI WEEK

- **Tues, 25 June**
  - ◊ PTA Fun Run
  - ◊ Yr 8 Visit to Kapiti College
- **Wed, 26 June**
  - ◊ Yr 5/6 Parent/Teacher Interviews

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora koutou

Yesterday we started our Play, Eat, Learn trial as outlined in previous newsletters. Over the next four weeks we are hoping to see if the purported benefits of this timetable change can be realised. If the positives outweigh the negatives then this will be a change we will look to adopt. Of course it's only day two now, so 3 - 4 weeks down the track we will survey staff and students to see how they felt it all went.

However, even after day one we've noted a number of positives;

1. Kids enjoyed playing before eating
2. Due to the physical activity, kids ate much more of their lunch, if not all of their lunch
3. Playing first enabled kids to be more socially inclusive, as they left in groups to play together, rather than some slower eaters being left behind
4. A longer time slot at the start of the day means teachers can maximise learning opportunities whilst kids' concentration levels are high

In other exciting news, I'm pleased to announce that we have appointed experienced teacher Hillary Houston to the position that Tony Webb is vacating at the end of Term 2. Of course we are sad to be losing Tony to the South Island and we were worried that we wouldn't be able to find a great replacement given the dwindling numbers of teachers in NZ. However, our school's reputation of awesome students, great staff and supportive parents enables us to keep attracting quality applicants. We look forward to welcoming Hillary on board, and I know Room 4 will enjoy getting to know her too.

Ka kite ano

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki

NB: "Wonder" artwork by talented artists of Room 1



## REPORTING TO PARENTS

When it comes to reporting to parents, PBS is quite a traditional school. We hold two opportunities for parent-teacher interviews and we send home written reports at Mid and End of each year.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, this year the Year 5-6 Te Moana Syndicate are trialling an online parent portal for reporting called 'Spotlight'. As the training and set-up has been extensive, parents of students in Years 5-6 will get to view their child's mid year progress at the start of Term 3 and then again at the end of the year.

However, teachers will be conducting parent interviews at the end of this term, on Wednesday 26 June, to talk about student progress. You can book your interview **slot for your Year 5 or 6 child** at this link: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/login](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/login), enter the code nm4br and follow the prompts.

### Reporting to Parents Timetable for Terms 2 and 3:

#### Term 2

- Wednesday, 26 June - Parent-Teacher Interviews for Year 5-6 students only
- Friday, 5 July - Written reports come home for students in Years 1-4 and Years 7-8

#### Term 3

- Wednesday, 31 July - Parent-Teacher Interviews for Years 0-4 and Years 7-8
- Parent Portal to view progress of students in Years 5-6 will be open (date to be confirmed)

## Excerpt from SMOKEY THE SCHOOL CAT's diary

Dear Diary

Today two small humans read me a book which really got me purring. I think it was a comedy because it was about a dog with a sore paw. I actually fell asleep briefly when one of the small humans patted me. I'm glad these guys know I love pats rather than being picked up.

So newsflash...I've got a couple of teeth that have been bothering me, but those ladies in the dental van say they don't treat patients with fur. So I guess that means the adult humans around here will be forcing me into a box and taking me to the vet for treatment. Oh joy!

Meow for now, Smokey

PS: If you want to contribute to my vet bills you can go on KINDO and choose an amount to donate from \$2 upwards, or alternatively call into the office with cash. Every bit counts - thank you so much!





## WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

The role of Syndicate Leader is often time consuming and complex; not only are you a full time classroom teacher, you are also responsible for every other teacher in your team, the oversight of programmes/initiatives and of course decision making. It takes a special person to take on this role and do so with success. At Paraparaumu Beach school we have five incredibly capable syndicate leaders who enable our teachers and students to thrive.

These people, who rightly deserve our praise and applause, are Rachel McDowell, Vicki Howarth, Sarah Chambers, Vanessa Brewer and Cath Franks....what would we do without you?

## KID'S QUOTE

As a child I loved playing with playdough, clay and 'silly putty'. Up until the night I went to bed playing with my 'glow in the dark silly putty' and woke in the morning with it tangled in my hair (and my very unhappy mother), these play items were a fun part of my childhood.

In a junior class recently I overheard a child gleefully saying:  
**"I'm making guts!"**

I turned around to see playdough squirting from a tube and thought this child's description was a very accurate one.



## SCHOOL FUN RUN—25 JUNE

Thanks to those people who have already registered their children for the school fun run. There are just two weeks left until the fun run on Tuesday, 25 June. If you have not already done so, please register your child online at [www.schoolfundraising.co.nz](http://www.schoolfundraising.co.nz) and click on the student sign up button.

Every child that raises \$10 will be able to choose a prize and will go into the draw to win a family holiday!



## IMPORTANT REMINDER RE ABSENCES

Please remember that it is very important that you advise the office if your child is going to be absent from school. Please text a message to 027 755 7915, phone/leave a message on the landline (04) 298 5775 (by 9am on the day of absence), message us through Skool Loop or complete a student leave form (if applicable). **If no reason is given for an absence, then that student is coded as truant.**

## TERRACYCLE RECYCLING PROGRAMME

TerraCycle's goal is to eliminate the idea of waste by creating collection and solution programmes for all kinds of typically non-recyclable waste. These programmes are free, and for each unit of waste collected we will earn Terra Cycle points redeemable for upcycled products, charitable gifts, or payment to our school.

We are collecting **any** brand of used toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, plastic toothbrush packaging, floss packaging, interdental brushes, wisps, pumps, stand up toothpaste bottles and any kind of non-electric toothbrush and all affiliated non-recyclable packaging. Please use the full product before sending it in.

Vanessa Brewer

Yr 5/6 Syndicate



## SKOOL LOOP

### The App

Are you being 'kept in the loop' with goings-on at our school? If you haven't down-loaded the free app yet, then go to Google Play or the App Store, search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

### Subscribing to Groups

Did you know that when you click on "Notices" in the app there are 3 lines at the top right of the screen? If you click on this symbol you can subscribe to notices for individual syndicates (and some classrooms), as well as general notices? Check it out today!

### Queries

If you have any queries, please contact Libby Richardson in the office between 12 and 4pm.

## KINDO—OUR PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT

Make your busy life simpler by signing up to Kindo! The fast and convenient way to shop, pay for trips and give permissions. This is quick and easy and requires no filling out of paper forms/permissions or finding cash in the busy morning rush!

To set yourself up today [click here](#).

### Automatic Payments

Don't forget you can set up an automatic payment any time in Kindo to start saving for your child's camp fees, or any expenses for that matter—just like automatic payments through your bank. *Please note: We no longer accept automatic payments direct to our school bank account.*



### Questions

Any questions call the Kindo Help Desk on 0508 4KINDO or ask Libby at the school office between 12 and 4pm.