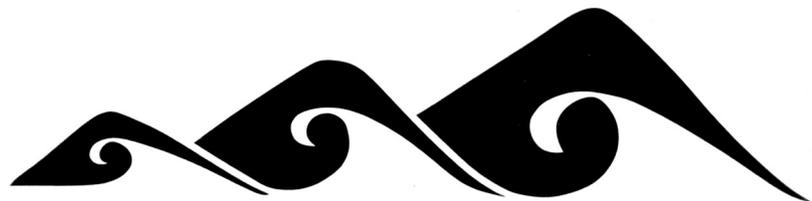


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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/04

20 February 2018

Upcoming Events

TERM 1

WEEK 4

Wed, 21 February

- Meet the Teacher night
2-8pm (School closes at 2pm)

WEEK 5

Wed, 28 February

- School Picnic 5-7pm

WEEK 7

Mon, 12 March

- Snr trip #1 to Kapiti Island

Tues, 13 March

- Board Meeting—7pm

WEEK 8

Mon, 19 March

- Snr Trip #2 to Kapiti Island

WEEK 9

Advance Notification:

Teachers have a Paid Union Meeting on Tues, 27 March. **School will close at 12.30pm on this day**

Lay it on Thick

When outdoors between 10am and 4pm, make sure you wear plenty of sunscreen—apply it thickly and evenly



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Nǐ men hǎo, hello everyone,

Last week we were privileged to host visiting artists from China to help some classes celebrate the

Chinese New Year. School parent, Shally Webb, arranged this wonderful event in association with the China Culture Centre. Our special guests brought artworks to show and ran workshops including embroidery, kite painting, mask making, paper cutting and wood cut printing. Students also were delighted to sample shǔijiǎo (dumplings), which they thought were absolutely delicious.

新年快樂
Happy Chinese New Year



With 'Meet the Teacher' interviews tomorrow night, please remember that school closes at 2pm. I will be around all evening if you wish to pop in for a chat. I also look forward to seeing lots of parents and families at our annual Back to School Picnic next week (see more info later in the newsletter).

Kind regards

Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki

**Embrace our Education
Enhance our Future**

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENT

Mikayla—Rm 6 and Jayden—Rm 22.

Welcome

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS TOMORROW

School closes at 2pm tomorrow for our “Meet the Teacher” interviews. If you haven’t made an appointment yet ***you have until 9am tomorrow morning to login to the website (see below) to make a booking.*** Interviews, at this early stage of the year, are not reporting sessions. However, they are an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and for parents to pass on essential knowledge about their child and what makes them tick.

To make a booking, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, enter the code q2jr2 and follow the prompts.



UPDATING SCHOOL RECORDS

Last week we sent home to every student forms for updating school records. Please check/amend your child’s records and send them back to the school asap (even if there are no changes). Having the correct information is very important in case of an emergency at school such as earthquake, illness, injury etc.



BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

The kids are very excited about our school picnic on Wednesday evening next week (Feb 28th, 5 - 7pm).



Hopefully the weather will be back on track by then and we’ll be able to enjoy a settled, sunny evening. Bring a picnic blanket and picnic dinner along to enjoy on the school field. Kids can have fun playing around the grounds whilst parents and staff have a chat. There will be iceblocks on sale and hopefully a sausage sizzle too.

The pool will also be open. We hope to see you there!

PLAYGROUND REBUILD—STAGE 1 UPDATE

We are very excited about our upcoming refurbishment to half of the big adventure playground. This will take place at the end of Term 1 or in the term break (dependent on weather and fabrication times). Unfortunately we have not been successful in the funding grants we have applied for to date, but the Board has reserves put aside for this first stage to insure completion. As a result, you will note below, that the Board has decided to put Parent Donations towards Stage 2.



PARENT DONATIONS

Our Board of Trustees appreciates the support of the school community through payment of the school donation. All state schools operate on grants received from the government, the major portion of which goes to wages, maintenance and general operating costs. Therefore, schools ask all families for a voluntary donation to assist with the provision of resources and equipment. **This year all school donations at PBS will go towards playground enhancements and upgrades.** The school donation for one child is \$65 and \$100 for two or more children. A receipt will be provided and this may be used for tax deduction purposes.



Thank you for your support.

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING?

Staff Gratitude Section

Thanks to Alice Graham, Kaye Gilman and Rebecca Winter for their wonderful organisation and support of our Chinese visitors and the Chinese New Year activities last week. All the kids had such an amazing learning experience and our visitors felt very welcome. Xiexie!



KIDS QUOTE

When Mr Thomas was congratulating a senior student on their selection to the Student Council her response was:

“I am very happy! I’m looking forward to a really great year, helping to make our school an even better place”.

EARLY NOTIFICATION OF PAID UNION MEETING FOR TEACHERS

NZEI, the Teacher’s Union, are holding union meetings for all NZ teachers during March. These meetings are to discuss their collective contract, which is up for renewal this year. At PBS our teachers will be attending an off-site meeting on Tuesday, 27 March, which means the school will close at 12.30pm. Although I will remain on site with a few Teacher Aides and office staff, we would appreciate parents making alternative arrangements for collecting students early on this day. Thanks in advance - Jess Ward



MESSAGE FOR KAPITI FROM REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Regional Public Health has noted an increase in the number of gastro illnesses caused by the bug cryptosporidium. This has been especially for children using the Raumati splash pad around Wellington Anniversary weekend. The splash pad has closed for cleaning.

It usually takes 7 days (sometimes from 1 to 12) for symptoms to show after you have been infected. The symptoms are usually watery diarrhoea and stomach cramps and usually get better on their own in a few days. It is important to stay home and drink plenty of fluids while ill. If you are worried about the symptoms you can see your family doctor or call Healthline 0800 611 116.

People with crypto are still infectious after the diarrhoea stops. To stop other people getting sick, stay away from school or preschool until 48 hours with no diarrhoea. Good hand washing and drying is very important to stop the bug spreading to others.

It is also important not to use swimming pools (including splash pads) for two weeks after the diarrhoea has stopped. The bug can spread easily in pools. More information about crypto and preventing spread in swimming pools is available at: <http://www.rph.org.nz/publichealthtopics/recreationalwater/resources> <http://www.rph.org.nz/public-health-topics/recreational-water/safe-swimming.pdf>

NB: To allay any fears, our school pool is tested three times a day (Monday to Friday) and pool water samples are sent to Eurofins every fortnight. We can confidently say we probably have one of the cleanest pools in NZ!

Regional Public Health
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NEW ENTRANT PARENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION— TATAHI SYNDICATE

A New Entrant Information Presentation will be held for all parents of new children on Friday, 2 March from 9.15-10am. This session will:

- ◇ Provide an overview of the “Transition to School”
- ◇ Provide an overview of the New Entrant Programme in reading, writing and mathematics
- ◇ Highlight how you can help at home with learning

In Tatahi Syndicate, we believe that successful partnerships between home and school are established when both parties have a shared expectation and knowledge of their child’s learning. We would love to see you there.

GET FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL WITH KELLOGG’S AND NEW WORLD

For every New World receipt dropped into the instore collection box showing the purchase of two participating Kellogg’s products, our school will be able to redeem 1 free book. Promotional Period 1 Jan-31 March 2018. Max 20 books per school. For full list of participating Kellogg products and terms and conditions visit www.kelloggs.com/freebooks



NEW WORLD

Kellogg's

TOUCH RUGBY

School vs School Touch Rugby Tournament being played on Sunday, 25 March. Any child wanting to trial for the U10 PBS team needs to be at Mazengarb Reserve on Sunday, 18 Feb at 3pm or Saturday, 17 Feb at 3pm for the School vs School U12s.

If for any reason this is cancelled, a notice will be posted on the School Facebook page by Sunday lunchtime.



FROM THE PTA

Juicees and Cookie Time Cookies

Juicees and cookies will be on sale every Friday outside Rm 17 for the rest of this term. Both the Juicees and the cookies cost \$1 each.

School Picnic



The PTA are selling some awesome products on the school picnic evening and will have their stand by the big playground. Please bring along some money to help support our PTA and raise money for our awesome school.

We have sausages for \$2, cookies for \$1, Juicees for \$1 and check out the wonderful environmentally friendly reusable bags for only \$5. There are many wonderful colours and what a way to help support our school whilst helping to eliminate the use of environmentally damaging plastic bags.

PTA Volunteers

The PTA are looking for volunteers to help with this year's gala. The gala is our school's major fundraiser which is held every two years and historically we raise around \$20,000. We cannot raise this sort of money for our school without help. The PTA are organising a separate committee just for the Gala and WE NEED YOU!

Do you have great personal organisation and love to have a good time? We would love to have you on the Gala Committee. The gala is booked for Saturday, 3 November and we are having our first meeting on Thursday, 15 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. If you have any questions, please see either Sandy Saunders in Rm 22 or Sheryl McKnight in Rm 18.

Remember without enough volunteers, this major fundraising event will not be able to go ahead, so every little bit of help is needed!



ROAD SAFETY



We have been informed that some of our students are crossing the road in Beachwater Grove in a dangerous manner. They are not looking to see if it is safe to cross and darting out in front of moving vehicles. If your child crosses the road in Beachwater Grove, can you please remind them to stop at the kerb where they can be seen by drivers of vehicles, look both ways and cross only when it is safe.

Thank you—Vicki Wilson

ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Congratulations on all those buying and selling houses! Don't forget to mention **Paraparaumu Beach School** when taking out a home loan (or top-up over \$50,000) with ANZ. We can earn 800 points (worth approx. \$400) for the school to spend on a huge range of items at the ANZ Awards Centre. Please continue to **tell friends and family (anywhere in NZ)** who may be considering a home loan with ANZ! (This applies to existing and new ANZ customers). Simply tell the ANZ home loan specialist before drawdown that you are **supporting PBS** in the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme!

See www.anzolympicschools.co.nz or contact our 'ANZ staff-parent', Angela Morris at angela.morris@anz.com.