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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/18

12 June 2018

Upcoming Events

WEEK 7

- District Science Fair
this week
Tues, 12 June
- Board Meeting—7pm
Wed, 13 June
- Celebrate Support Staff
Day
Fri, 15 June
- Celebrating Matariki in
our Whanau groups

WEEK 8

- Tues, 19 June*
- Te Motu Syndicate
(Yr 7/8) Tiki Tour
Fri, 22 June
- Yr 8 College Orientation
at Paraparaumu
College

WEEK 9

- Tues, 26 June*
- Yr 8 College Orientation
at Kapiti College
Wed, 27 June
- Teachers' Paid Union
Meeting—**SCHOOL
CLOSED FOR
INSTRUCTION** from
12.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone

Tomorrow we celebrate **SUPPORT STAFF DAY**! I think PBS is one of the luckiest schools in NZ because we have the most amazingly supportive and hard-working Teacher Aides, Office Staff and Caretaker. Their work enables the school to function smoothly, look top-notch and provide richer educational experience for students. Without their support everyday our teaching staff and management would require a lot more caffeine. So please join me in thanking our fabulous support staff team members when you next see them around the school.

In Term 3 we will open a new New Entrant's class. I'm pleased to announce that I have appointed Julie Cranshaw to this position. Julie is an experienced teacher who has previously taught in Kapiti (at Kenakena), Palmerston North and Dubai. We look forward to welcoming Julie into the PBS family.

Kind regards

Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki

PS I tried EZLUNCH (via Kindo) last week and can recommend it for freshness and tastiness!



Welcome to our New Student

Manomay—Rm 20.

WELCOME

PLAYGROUND STAGE 2

The kids love the new half of the big adventure playground; the squeals of delight can still be heard! However, the second half of this area now looks very tired in comparison – so it's time to get this revamped.

Whilst we were unlucky with our grant funding applications to assist with Stage 1, I'm ecstatic to announce that we have received grant money of \$58,000 to help with Stage 2! This money will cover most of our plans to rebuild existing equipment (including the bridge), sandblast and repaint all the metal work, and pour rubber matting compound around the student council's fitness circuit.

Needless to say we are so delighted – watch this space!

EARLY NOTIFICATION OF TEACHER'S FINAL PAID UNION MEETING FOR 2018



The second and final meeting for 2018 will be held on the afternoon of **Wednesday, 27 June**. Our teachers will be attending an off-site meeting in Porirua. I will remain at school with Teacher Aides and office staff, and whilst we are happy to supervise students unable to be collected, we would appreciate parents making alternative arrangements for collecting students early on this day if possible.

Thank you all in advance – Jess Ward

VACANCY—SCHOOL ACCOUNTS MANAGER

Part-Time Permanent Position – 20 hours per week (12pm – 4pm, Mon- Fri, during school terms)

Additional days may be required during term breaks by negotiation

We are looking for a motivated person to join our busy office team. Previous accounts experience essential. Open, approachable manner combined with an ability to work with children and adults.

The successful applicant will be responsible for:

- ◇ Paying all school accounts
- ◇ Verifying and processing invoices/chqs/direct credits and deposits
- ◇ Processing and reconciling transactions
- ◇ Monthly bank reconciliations
- ◇ Preparing monthly financial reports for the Board
- ◇ Managing bank balance and term deposits
- ◇ Paying GST and reconciliation to ledger balance
- ◇ Assistance with preparing budgets
- ◇ Maintaining school asset register
- ◇ Assistance preparing annual accounts for board and auditors



Other General tasks include: processing mail, back-up for answering the phone, occasional first aid room assistance.

Ring the school office or visit the 'Situations Vacant' section of our school website for details

<http://ultranet.paraparaumubeach.school.nz>

Applications with CV, covering letter and references to Jess Ward, Principal by 4pm Thursday, 14 June.

TECHNOLOGY TODAY – Parent Education Evening

It was great to see some PBS parents attending this information evening hosted by Kapiti School last week. I found the content of Nathaniel Kandregula's talk very relevant.

Some of the key messages:

- ◇ Even though the world is changing rapidly our core emotional need of connection has not. I was interested to learn that the top apps currently used by kids/teens, in their own time, are social connectors/networks not games.
- ◇ As we know Facebook, Instagram and other sites have an age restriction of 13 years. Nathaniel said when you let your child have Facebook etc before this age, then the message you are sending to them is "age restrictions don't apply to you". This mixed message could lead them to think – *what else does or doesn't apply to me?*
- ◇ Cyberbullying is more prominent than face to face bullying. A key message to give kids is "If you wouldn't say it to someone's face, then don't say it online"
- ◇ Having rules and routines in place at home is essential. Writing these rules with your child/children, negotiating and agreeing on them, means kids are more likely to comply with them.
- ◇ 'Safe Surfer' (free) was highly recommended as a filter for home.
- ◇ Nathaniel encouraged parents to start having conversations with kids – start early and start small. This will help later on when the topics can get more awkward or sensitive. Having conversations in the car is an excellent idea, because the kids are buckled in and can't get away!
- ◇ Have "what if.." conversations with your kids. When adults say 'don't do' this or that, kids can take it as a challenge. However, if you start conversations like "what if...you put that message on online.." or "what if... you gave your password to.." or "what if ... you shared that photo.." – these conversations help kids become more self-aware, to think critically and build their decision making processes.

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Today we have exhibits going into the District Science Fair (at Kapiti School Hall). For the first time in many years, we have been unable to hold our own School Science Fair, as our School Hall is currently being used as a classroom. However, with the wonderful support of David Parr, Judy Atkinson and Pene Davidson some students have still been able to enter their scientific exhibits into the local competition. Thank you team and best of luck to our talented students!



KIDS QUOTE

Sorry, no funny quotes today. However, I do want to make special mention of the high number of PBS kids who use beautiful manners. I love seeing students around the school holding doors open for others, using 'please', 'thank you' and 'you're welcome', and generally being polite.

It's also lovely to walk through the playground and have kids ask how you are, or ask if you're having a good day or simply wish you a good day. The more we role-model this behaviour as adults, the more we see it reflected in the behaviour of students. One example of this is that I often hear parents thanking the patrol kids when crossing the road – that 'feel good factor' definitely has a ripple effect.

JUICEES & COOKIES

Juicees and cookies are for sale on Friday lunchtimes outside Rm 17—\$1 each.

Juicees



Thank
you!

MATHLETICS

From time to time parents ask “What is Mathletics?” and “What does my \$10 go towards?”

Mathletics is an award-winning learning software which is aligned with the NZ curriculum. We are in our **sixth(?)** year of using Mathletics at Paraparaumu Beach School and we've seen benefits over this time, both in academic results and student confidence. Mathletics allows teachers to set levelled tasks for students to work through (at home and school); these tasks are either related to class work or areas of performance which require strengthening. The online content is engaging and the reward system is motivating. If students are having difficulty with a specific maths skill they can watch video tutorials to boost their understanding and reinforce concepts. There is an optional element of competition too, which many students thrive on. This option enables students to challenge other students in other countries in real time! At the end of each term, at our Whole School Assembly, awards are given out to our top 'Mathletes'.

Any parent can purchase an annual subscription to Mathletics, starting at \$99, however because our school has a contract with 3PLearning **we can offer the software to students at a much cheaper price.** Our contract covers every student in Years 2 – 8 for just \$20 per student. To make this option even more viable, we ask parents for a **\$10 annual contribution per child** and the school pays the other half. If you have any other questions about Mathletics, pop in and speak to your child's teacher.



ANNUAL REPORT

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The 2017 Annual Report and Financial Statements are now available to view on our school website. The report is inside the Board of Trustees section in the About > Board of Trustees > Annual Reports.

The annual report is one of two key accountability documents that boards of trustees are required to use to inform and report to stakeholders such as the Ministry of Education, Members of Parliament and, most importantly, parents and the wider school community.

The annual report contains the audited annual financial statements that show how the board has applied its financial resources to achieve its charter goals.

The annual report also contains an analysis of any variance between the planned aims, objectives, directions, priorities, or targets (as set out in the school charter) and what the school has actually achieved during the year. The analysis of variance describes how the school has addressed the board's priorities for improving student achievement, and how successful the school's approach has been. The analysis of variance should also provide the basis for plans for the coming year.



Sickness/Late for School/ Signing In and Out/Leave of Absence

Please note the following processes if your child will not be at school

Sick

Please either text the school mobile on 027 755 7915 or phone the school office on 04 298 5775 and leave a message with your child's name, room number, reason for absence/lateness and date(s) away. Please do not just tell your child's teacher as it is important that the office staff know as well.

Late for School

Please either text the school mobile on 027 755 7915 or phone the school office on 04 298 5775 and leave a message with your child's name, room number, reason for lateness and expected time of arrival. When your child arrives at school, they need to come to the office, sign in and take a "late slip" to the classroom to show they have signed in.

Signing Out During the Day

An adult MUST sign the student out at the office. Students are not allowed to leave the school grounds without being signed out. If the student comes back after the appointment, they must be signed in again at the office (the student is allowed to sign themselves in).

Holidays

Please fill in a Student Leave Form from the office and return it before you go away. Please do not just tell your child's teacher as it is important that the office staff know as well.



KAPITI SCHOOLS' SCIENCE FAIR—THIS WEEK

The Kapiti Schools' Science Fair Carnival will be held at the Kapiti School Hall on Thursday from 4-7pm. There will be fun science experiments, amazing scientific happenings and a chance to view the exhibits from local students, including some from PBS! Anyone can attend and it's lots of fun.

NGARU SYNDICATE THANKS

We would like to say a huge thank you for the support we received for our recent Mid-Week Munchies fundraiser. All of the funds raised will go towards reducing the cost of our syndicate's end of year trip.

Kia ora koutou!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK RETURN—URGENT REMINDER

Please remember to return your unwanted Entertainment Books/ payments to the school office. These are now overdue. Thank you.



MATARIKI

To celebrate Matariki the Paraparaumu Library will be holding the portable planetarium Starlab. This will take place on 19 June within the youth area of the library and is a free event. The show will run for approximately 45 minutes. The public sessions are at 3pm and 4pm which people can register for online. For more info check out the website <http://www.starlab-astronomy.co.nz>

PLASTIC FREE JULY

Plastic Free July is fast approaching us. This initiative aims to raise awareness of the problems and amount of single-use disposable plastic in our lives and challenges people to do something about it. With supermarkets looking at banning single use plastic bags, this is a great alternative when you go shopping.



These bags are durable and fold into a small package which makes it easy to put in your handbag or leave in your car. They even have a small clip on them so you can attach them to your car keys or loops on your clothing.

You will receive 3 reusable shopping bags to sell. Each bag sells for \$5 and the school will receive \$2 from each bag sold. We would appreciate it if you could try and sell them by 29 June. These bags make a great gift, or you could sell them to other family members or even neighbours.

If you can't sell them, please return the envelope with the bags inside, to

the boxes in the office before 29 June.

Thank you :-)

INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all of our students who competed in the Inter-school Cross Country last Tuesday. You all represented our school admirably and should be very proud of your personal effort and results.

The following students will now go on to represent the Kapiti District at the Regional Cross Country Competition:

Otis Blake, Anaru Leith, Jack Stevenson, Joshua Flowers, Jack Blake, Rico Poutama, Alexis MacInnes, Stacey Collette, Bailey Brown, Fletcher Cooper and Luca Steinmetz.

Congratulations on such an achievement and all the best for a personal best run at the Regionals.



TE MOANA SYNDICATE INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Sorry these results were delayed, but Te Moana Syndicate congratulates the top 10 place getters in the recent Inter-School Cross Country event:

Place	Yr 5 Girls	Yr 5 Boys	Yr 6 Girls	Yr 6 Boys
1	Ciara King	Dayne MacInnes	Maia Hunt	Jack Blake
2	Tiana Wallace	Keenan Hussman	Katrina Kraus	Rico Poutama
3	Isla Martine	Bailey Brown	Millie Strong	Ethan Mupariwa
4	Greer Winter	Boston Winiata	Ruby Orchard	Riley Wallace-Waterworth
5	Kayleigh McGregor	Bradley Kerr	Ashlee Taylor	Tristan Chambers
6	Willow Price	Kazu Tomita	Miya Dockerty	Josh Ray
7	Sophie Noyce	Tristan Kellogg	Madows Ransfield	Oskar Rowe
8	Sophie Meikle	Ethan Mansfield	Ffion Buckland-Jones	Luca Albert
9	Jessica McCullagh	Micah Steinmetz	Anna Richardson	Ben Sale
10	Kerri-Lee Smithson	Kobe Johnston	Ella Gibson	Riley Mead

PARAPARAUMU COLLEGE OPEN EVENING



Our open evening for students who are looking at attending Paraparaumu College in 2019 will take place on Monday, 25 June commencing at 6.30pm in the College Auditorium. All prospective students and their families are welcome to attend.

PARAPARAUMU COLLEGE DYSLEXIA INFORMATION EVENING

We welcome parents and students (current and future) to our dyslexia information evening on Tuesday, 19 June at 7pm in the college library. This is an opportunity to hear from staff and students about the various ways Paraparaumu College supports students with dyslexia. It is also an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.