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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

## Newsletter 2018/13

8 May 2018

### Upcoming Events

#### WEEK 2

*Tues, 8 May*

- Kiwisport starts  
Tuesday (11.30-12.20 Yr 3) and Friday (2-2.50 Yr 4)

*Fri, 11 May*

- Interschool swimming sports "Swim Festival"
- Te Motu softball sessions

#### WEEK 3 (Bully Free NZ Week)

*Tues, 15 May*

- Board meeting—7pm
- Te Motu Gymnastics Programme

*Fri, 18 May*

- "Attitude Team" visiting Yr 7/8 (Puberty Workshops)
- Pink Shirt Day—Anti-Bullying

#### WEEK 4

*Tues, 22 May*

- Te Moana (Yr 5/6) Syndicate Cross Country (pp Thurs, 24 May)
- Student Council Conference

*Fri, 25 May*

- Te Motu (Yr 7/8) Cross Country (pp Mon, 28 May) TBC

#### WEEK 5

*Mon, 28 May*

- Ngaru Cross Country practice walk through

*Tues, 29 May*

- Ngaru Syndicate Cross Country event (pp 30 May)

#### WEEK 6

*Mon, 4 June*

- Queens Birthday—**SCHOOL CLOSED**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May Greetings!

We had splendid sunshine yesterday morning for our School Assembly. It's always such a wonderful get together, sharing time as a whole school and viewing some of the things students have been involved with. I loved hearing our enthusiastic student councillors talking about their plans for Term 2 and I was also impressed with Room 4's presentations in Japanese!

This term the school is focusing on the values of RESPECT and CO-OPERATION. An example of this which I saw last week was a group of seniors and juniors sharing reading time together. Our younger kids just love spending time with their older buddies, they really feel special sharing their work and progress with them. The seniors were listening to their younger buddies with patience and gave them lots of praise for their efforts.



Have a great week!

Kind regards

Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki

### Welcome to our New Students

Mason—Rm 20, Samara—Rm 8, Oskar—Rm 2, Devon—Rm 1 and Rylan—Rm 20.



Embrace our Education  
Enhance our Future

## PINK SHIRT DAY

As you may have seen in our last newsletter, we are taking part in Pink Shirt Day on Friday, 18 May. Wearing a Pink Shirt is a great way to show that we know that bullying is NOT okay. Our kids also know that we can be upstanders not bystanders by helping others who are having a hard time. We can do lots of cool kind things to keep school being an awesome place.

Pink Shirt Day is part of Bully Free NZ Week (14-18 May). Our wonderful Student Council have put together an awesome programme for this week. It includes:



- Monday:** **Start the conversation!** Posters are delivered to classes.
- Tuesday:** **Random act of kindness** around the school.
- Wednesday:** Pink shirt day **certificates** provided, that the teachers will give out for some students who really represent anti-bullying.
- Thursday:** Classes **create a display, or decorate a space** that shows how your class feels about a Bully Free School.
- Friday:** **Pink Shirt Day**, come dressed in PINK. You could also wear a white shirt with pink decoration.

*Thanks—Mike Thomas*

## TEACHERS' VISIT TO CHINA AND OUR SISTER SCHOOL

Having taught Mandarin to students over the past two years it was incredibly rewarding to visit China and experience, first hand, the language and culture.

Our first two days were spent in Shanghai before we travelled South by bus to Changzhou for the official signing with our sister school, Champagne Lake Primary. The school has 1000 pupils aged from 7 to 11 and Principal Wang, the staff, and students greeted and treated us like royalty, as the first foreign visitors to the fairly new school: just 4 years old. They were surprised (and impressed) to hear teachers in NZ teach all subjects as this only happens in a very limited number of "experimental schools". It was such a wonderful opportunity to be a part the first steps to a relationship with an overseas school.

Other highlights included climbing the Great Wall, visiting the Panda Breeding Centre in ChengDu, meeting up with past Mandarin Language Assistants, and enjoying an amazing array of food. We are grateful to Jess and the BOT for supporting us to take this invaluable journey.

*Alice Graham*



## ROAD SAFETY—Please help us keep our kids safe

Ensuring kids are dropped off in safe places and cross the road safely are things we strive for each day. However, without parent co-operation we cannot do the best job. Teachers don't always like to do morning or afterschool gate duty as sometimes they bear the brunt of annoyed drivers.



When the 'clearway' on Gray Ave is in operation it is illegal to stop here and let children in or out of cars. Stopping here blocks the clear view of our student patrollers, thus jeopardising the safety of those using the pedestrian crossing; it also narrows the roadway causing traffic to bank up. To be told by one driver last week that they don't care is completely unacceptable.

We also ask that drivers do not U-turn in driveways close to the school, including the school driveway, as this increases the risk of a student walking on the footpath being hit.

Thank you to the 97% of parent/caregiver drivers who act with the safety of others in mind. Your driver behaviour sets an excellent example for others and is very much appreciated by staff and student patrollers.

*Jess Ward*

## WERE YOUR EARS BURNING?

### Staff Gratitude Section

Thank you to the teachers of our Year 7-8 syndicate for offering such engaging Team Teaching subjects last term. A number of senior students were telling me yesterday about some of the cool learning they experienced during team teaching, including Spanish, Ukulele, Forensic Science, Sign Language, Calligraphy and Coding. Thanks to Cath Franks, Colin Siversen, Alice Graham, Larisa Mckenna, John Needham and Gill Snowsill for offering these amazing learning experiences – this sure beats the primary education I had in the 70s!!



## NOTIFYING ABSENCES

**Please remember to notify the school office if your child is going to be absent from school.** We are spending a great deal of time chasing up the where-abouts of absent children each morning. Please advise absences to our landline on 04 298 5775 or text a message to 027 755 7915 by 9am.

Thank you.



## KIDS QUOTE

A five year old proudly showed me her new Converse shoes and said  
**“These shoes are from Jet Star!”**



## STUDENT WORK

Don't you just love it when kids give up their own lunch hour to keep the school environment clean! These young students told me that they were getting rid of rubbish in the environment to 'save the turtles'.



## MATHS INSIGHTS

Dan Finkel's TedTalk "Five Principles of Extraordinary Math Teaching" highlights many of the things NZ teachers are striving for. I particularly value his message about 'learning only when we have time to struggle'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytVneQUA5-c>

He explains that if adults give a student the answer too quickly it robs the student of the chance to learn. He suggests that we often learn best when there is enough time to struggle. I completely understand this point of view and can recall times in my own learning when this has happened; when I've been left to figure something out for myself and through trial, error and determination have figured it out. As a result the learning has been more powerful and the answer has stuck with me.

He also highlights American research which shows students ask less questions the older they get. Of course, as teachers we want to turn this around and encourage kids to ask, ask, ask! Take a look at the video for yourself - it's great brain food.

Jess Ward



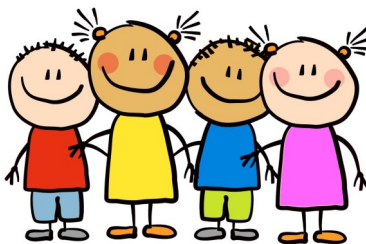
## NEW ROOMS

We are loving our new classroom spaces – have you popped in to have a look yet?



## SCHOOL ENROLMENT SCHEME—TERM 3 & 4 NEW ENTRANTS

We are now at the planning stage for our intake of 2018 Terms 3 & 4 New Entrant five-year-olds.



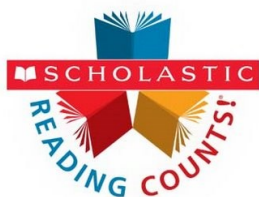
If parents have fully completed and returned the recent "Information Update" form, we should have all relevant information regarding future new entrants from current school families. Additionally, if you have friends or neighbours who don't currently have a child at BPS, but may be hoping to enrol a new entrant child here in Terms 3 or 4, please ask them to contact our school office.

Thank you.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Orders for Issue 3 are due back by 9am on Friday, 18 May.



If you order using the student order form and place your payments in the money box outside the staffroom, you cannot pay by credit card, only by cheque (**payable to Scholastic NZ**) or cash (**we cannot provide change for cash orders**).

Scholastic LOOP (online) orders, order as usual from the website **mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz**. Please make sure you choose Paraparaumu Beach School (don't enter the postal code) and your child's teacher's name and room when you place your order. If you order online, **DO NOT** return any paper work to school. Thanks.

## NEW!! Easy lunch orders – Wednesdays and Fridays

Support our school and get a fabulous fresh lunch! Starting from next week you can start ordering lunch from **New World Kapiti** on Wednesdays and Fridays using our Kindo online school shop. The new lunch options include warm meals, sandwiches and other bread products, sushi, snacks, fresh fruit and drinks. (See menu at the end of the newsletter). **Lunches will only be available to Kindo users.**



Order **any time before 9am** on the day or schedule in advance. Lunch will be delivered to school at lunchtime. Gluten free options will be specified once the menu is available online.



5% of all sales go to school fundraising – easy for you and great for the school!

Help? [hello@mykindo.co.nz](mailto:hello@mykindo.co.nz) or tel. 0800EZLUNCH term time 8am-4pm.

[www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) or [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)

*If you haven't already signed up for Kindo, all you need is your email address, which matches the one held by the school. To register, go to our school website <http://paraparaumubeach.ultranet.school.nz> and click on the "Shop" menu button. There you will see links to click on for "First Time users" to Kindo and a link to follow for "Registered Users". You can also see a link to a demonstration video to help get you started.*

## MIDWEEK MUNCHIES

Ngaru Syndicate are fundraising for their end of year EOTC trip. Midweek munchies will start on Wednesday, 16 May (Week 3) and run for four weeks.



## JUICEES & COOKIES

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

