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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2019/37

19 November 2019

Upcoming Events

WEEK 6

- **Tues—Fri**
 - ◇ Ngaru (Yr 3/4) trips to Palm Grove
- **Tues, 19 November**
 - ◇ Yr 8s Amazing Race at Paraparaumu College
 - ◇ Board Meeting—7pm
- **Fri, 22 November**
 - ◇ Yr 6 students visiting the Technology Centre
 - ◇ New Entrant Parent Info meeting—10am

WEEK 7

- **Mon, 25 - Fri, 29 November**
 - ◇ Senior Camp # 2 Rooms 13,14 & 16
- **Thurs, 28 November**
 - ◇ Rooms 4, 28 & 29 on Te Papa Trip
- **Fri, 29 November**
 - ◇ Rooms 1, 2 & 3 on Te Papa Trip

WEEK 8

- **Mon, 2 December**
 - ◇ Road Patrollers function
- **Tues, 3 December**
 - ◇ Regional Athletics Yr 5-8
- **Wed, 4 December**
 - ◇ Local Kapa Haka Hui - Kapiti College

WEEK 9

- **Tues, 10 December**
 - ◇ Yr 8 Leavers Dinner—6pm
- **Wed, 11 December**
 - ◇ Class Transition Visits
- **Thurs, 12 December**
 - ◇ Whole School Assembly 9.15am—ALL WELCOME
 - ◇ Parent helper's morning tea
 - ◇ Cultural performance showcase—ALL WELCOME
- **Fri, 13 December**
 - ◇ Tatahi Yrs 0-2 Christmas Carols 2.30pm
 - ◇ Te Motu fun day

Kia ora koutou

Last week 74 senior students and 15 adults headed to Nelson for camp. They had a wonderful time, and I'm told the camp food was especially good. Unfortunately on the way back to the ferry in Picton the buses came across a large slip blocking the road between Nelson and Picton. As a result a long detour had to be taken via St Arnaud to get to the ferry. Having missed their scheduled ferry the campers had to wait until after dinner time to get the next one. Eventually everyone arrived back in Paraparaumu around 11pm on Friday night; what an adventure! Regardless to say I want to heap praise on the teachers and parent camp-helpers who jollied the kids along, focusing on the positives rather than the negatives, which really got these physically and emotionally tired kids through their long day.



Yesterday we were delighted to welcome Peter Taylor, Olympic Rower, to speak to senior students about his journey as a sports-person. Richard is pictured here with Cuinn from Year 6. Here's what Ffion (Year 7) wrote about his visit:



On Monday, Peter Taylor came to Paraparaumu Beach School to deliver a speech to the Year 5-8s. Peter Taylor is an Olympic rower and he has won many medals. He told us how he had tried and failed, but kept going to reach his goals. For 4 years he was told he wasn't good enough to enter the New Zealand rowing team, but he kept coming back, determined that he was good enough. On the fifth year he finally succeeded, he was

accepted into the New Zealand rowing team and got to compete in the Olympic games.

Before I sign off on this newsletter I want to acknowledge all the **amazing work our PTA** have contributed over the course of the year. This fantastic team consists of:

Samara Shaw, Kylie Morrell, Nikki Bradley, Tina Collier, Aretha Harris, Vanessa Kellogg, Samantha Harris, Carlene Chester, Nicky Holden, Jing Zhou, Lakesh Kumar, Sheryl McKnight and Sandy Saunders.

Through their fundraising efforts, including juicy and cookie sales, Entertainment books, reusable bags, tea towels and the major fundraising activity our popular FUN RUN, this year's PTA have supported the school and pupils by:

- Contribution to subsidise Te Moana Syndicate's camps in Taranaki
- Contribution to subsidise Te Motu Syndicate's camps in Nelson
- Erecting the Shade Sail outside Room 21
- Purchasing additional Reading Books for Tatahi syndicate
- Contributing nets for play on the field and Learning Through Play sessions
- Contribution to subsidise Ngaru Syndicate's Gymnastics programme
- As well as setting money aside for our next stage of playground upgrades

The PTA has a great time planning and coordinating the fundraising that **directly supports all children at PBS** so if you enjoy a chat, have some great ideas and would like to join us on the fundraising journey, feel free to have a chat to any of their team.

Kind regards

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - RECENT SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who responded to our BOT Community Survey at the end of last term. We had some thoughtful and constructive feedback about learning, school events, behaviour management and administration at PBS. We aim to further explore some of these areas in more detail with you all over the coming terms. There was strong support for using an online survey as a method for the BOT to communicate with our PBS community, but there were some other good suggestions that we will also explore in future to seek your views and keep in touch. We really value your thoughts, feedback and engagement in helping us all to continue to make PBS a terrific learning environment for all our students.

A further survey has been sent out regarding health and PE curriculum, which schools are required to consult on every two years. We're grateful for you taking the time to complete this (see details later in this newsletter). This term Trustees have been busy assisting with the new staff appointment process and are beginning on the annual process of reviewing the PBS charter, strategic and annual plans, which set important goals and priorities for PBS. You'll hear more from us about this in future newsletters.



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Zoe Pearson
Board Chair

HEALTH AND PE SURVEY

Thanks for the 49 responses we've received so far!

All NZ Schools are required by the Ministry of Education to consult with their community, parents and whanau about the Health & PE Curriculum every two years. We require your feedback to enable us to decide what you think we should continue to focus on, what we could add to our Health/PE curriculum and what we should prioritise. The information collected will help inform our future programmes in this area. Thank you for your input.

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CLASSES FOR 2020 AND TRANSITION VISITS

Last year we introduced 'Transition Visits' so students in Years 0-7 could meet their next teacher and classmates before the end of the school year. This year our transition visits will take place on Wednesday, 11 December. On this day students will have a half hour visit to their new class and bring a letter home informing parents. **Class lists will then be displayed in the Library windows from that evening onwards.**

In a school our size, it takes about 6-8 weeks of work to put class lists together; whereas in a small school there may only be one class at each level, so the task may not be as complex. When undertaking this process many variables have to be considered including class size, gender balance in each room, the distribution of students with social/behavioural and learning needs, medical needs and so on. However, I can assure you that we act professionally and thoughtfully when placing students. **Therefore we ask that the school's decision on class lists is respected and promoted positively by parents to their children.**

We are extremely lucky to have such an "across the board" teaching strength in our school, and with all classes within a syndicate following a similar, collectively-planned programme, we can confidently say that every class will offer access to quality teaching and learning, along with the opportunity for many wonderful new friendships to be made.

Thank you.

STUDENT WORK

We are in the midst of EPRO 8 Technology Challenge heats (yesterday and today). Congratulations to Boston Maine, Sam Scriven, Monty Parr and Tyler Reed (pictured) who won the heats during yesterday's event. We have additional teams competing today, so wish them all the very best!



MINI BAKE SALE THIS FRIDAY



Students who are part of the CHANGE TEAM (after school leadership group) are putting on a bake sale **this Friday at lunchtime**. They are raising funds for HUHA, so we hope kids will be able to support them. This fundraiser is student led and organised.

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

As 2019 swiftly draws closer to its end, I wish to thank all the relieving teachers we have had throughout the last four terms. Having a pool of reliable and capable teachers to book in advance or call upon at the last moment is vital for any school. Being a relief teacher is not always an easy job, so I would like to encourage parents and students to say thank you to any relieving teachers you may see around the school over the last 4 weeks of school.



USING MĀORI LANGUAGE AT HOME

Each week we will be picking a phrase from “*MĀORI AT HOME*” by *Scott and Stacey Morrison* that you might like to try out at your place. After all it will take the whole nation to keep this unique language alive!

Where is your hat? - Kei hea tō pōtae?

KID'S QUOTE

On Wednesday mornings a coffee cart comes before school for staff who need caffeine. I noticed that two senior students were in line and heard them talking about ordering coffee. I told them that whilst I'd allow them to order a hot chocolate, I said the coffee option was for adults. One of the senior boys said with quick wit and a cheeky grin

“But he has a mullet so technically he's an adult!”

Nice try boys :)

RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Equestrian Event: Congratulations to Alex Kenny-Schlup who won the Champion, Supreme Champion and Overall Top Points (over two shows) for Under 12's at the equestrian event held in Levin over the weekend. Outstanding results, Alex!



INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Junior Inter-school Athletic Championships. It was a fantastic day for all our athletes who displayed outstanding sportsmanship and many had exceptional results. The following athletes placed, and many more have qualified for the Regional Athletic Championships on 3 December. The team will be announced this Friday.

Congratulations to the following students for placing:

Year 4 Girls

Skye Kraus: 1st vortex and high jump, 2nd quoits

Anika Rehal: 1st long jump, 2nd vortex

Relay Team: 3rd

Year 4 Boys

Jonathan Naude: 1st equal high jump

Lochie Martine: 2nd equal 100m sprint, 3rd long jump

Year 4 Boys AWD

Tommus Jones: 1st 60m and 100m, 2nd vortex, quoits, high jump and long jump

Year 5 Girls

Sakura Foulds: 1st vortex, 1st equal high jump

Alex Kenny-Schlup: 1st quoits, 1st equal high jump

Serenity: 1st equal high jump

Vienna McDowell: 3rd quoits

Relay: 3rd

Year 5 Boys

Fletcher Cooper: 1st vortex, quoits and 80m sprints, 3rd 800m

Luca Steinmetz: 2nd 800m, 3rd long jump and 150m sprint

Cael Leeksma-Redmond: 3rd 80m sprint

Relay: 1st

Year 5 Boys AWD

Harrison Stratford: 1st in vortex, quoits, high jump, long jump, 60m, 150m

Year 6 Girls

Isla Martine: 1st long jump and 150m sprints

Kayleigh McGregor: 1st quoits, 3rd vortex and 800m

Relay: 2nd

Year 6 Girls AWD

Miriam Thomas: 1st vortex, quoits, high jump, long jump, 60m, 150m and 800m

Year 6 Boys

Boston Winiata: 1st long jump, 2nd 800m, 3rd quoits

Keenan Husmann: 1st equal high jump

Micah Steinmetz: 2nd quoits and 150m sprints, 3rd 80m sprints

Relay 1st Year 6 Boys AWD

Ryan Nelson: 1st vortex, quoits, high jump, long jump, 80m and 150m



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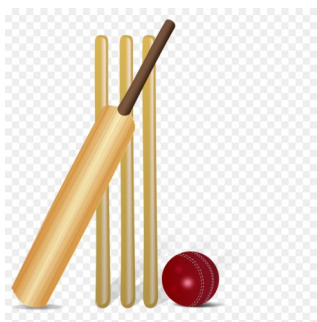
Congratulations to the following students who made the Kapiti rep cricket team:

Yr 7 HK Cricket Team

Jack Blake
Tristan Chambers
Luca albert

Yr 8 HK Cricket Team

Otis Blake
Jack Stevenson
Jack Sharp
Nico Block
Corban Dellar
Brayden Meikle
Willem Young
Blake Whitfield



ePRO8 COMPETITION

PBS is currently hosting the local heats for the regional ePro8 competition. The competition involves teams of four students spending two and a half hours solving as many problems as possible using science, maths and technology. We have three Te Moana teams competing, and one of our teams won their heat last night.

Congratulations Sam, Tyler, Boston and Monty! Our other two teams are competing in their heat as this newsletter was being written. Good luck!

NEW ENTRANT PARENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION— TATAHI SYNDICATE

A New Entrant Information Presentation will be held for all parents of new children this Friday, 22 November 2019, from 10.00-10.30am in the staffroom.

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 Tātahi 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.

CHRISTMAS KINDNESS

In Tatahi Syndicate we have been talking about how we can show kindness to families in need at Christmas and the children have decided we should collect for foodbank. Right now they are in need of spreads like jam and peanut butter, as well as tea and coffee. If you would like to support us, please send along food items with your child, or leave them in the box outside the staffroom.

Merry Christmas!!!



HUHA COLLECTION

Kerri-lee from Rm 1 and Jorja from Rm 3 are collecting items for HUHA. The box will be outside the staffroom during school hours. Items we would like to collect are dog and cat toys, blankets and towels, dog and cat food (tinned or dry), dishwashing detergent, sensitive washing powder, food and water bowls.

If you have any questions, please email Kerri-lee on kerrileesmithson@pbs.school.nz or Jorja on jorjalee.bowater@pbs.school.nz.

A banner for Parent Help featuring a photo of a smiling woman with two children. The Parent Help logo is in the top left corner.

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ALL ISSUES ALL AGES **0800 568 856**



CHRISTMAS GIFTING SOLVED

Spoil someone with savings and choice with the Gift of Entertainment. Make their day while also contributing to our festive season fundraising.

Easy to buy, easy to use and packed with 12- months' worth of savings, the new range of Entertainment Digital Memberships are set to be a popular addition under the Christmas tree for friends, family and colleagues.

The new Entertainment fundraiser will be available for purchase through our fund-raising page for the first time ever from **Tuesday 19th of November** and for the first time ever gives the gift-receiver a **12-month Entertainment Membership, valid from the day they activate.**



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