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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2019/35

5 November 2019

Upcoming Events

WEEK 5

- **Mon, 11-Fri, 15 November**
 - ◊ Senior Camp #1—Rms 8, 15 & 17

- **Wed, 13 November**
 - Yr 4-6 Inter-school Athletics

WEEK 6

- **Mon, 18 November**
 - ◊ Peter Taylor Olympic Ambassador visiting PBS

- **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

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

Tues, 3 December

- ◊ Regional Athletics Yr 5-8

Wed, 4 December

- ◊ Local Kapa Haka Hui - Kapiti College



Talofa, Kia orana, Bula Vinaka, Malo ni!

When the sun shines like it did in the weekend it reminds me how blessed we are to live in the South Pacific! Let's hope we get more of that weather.

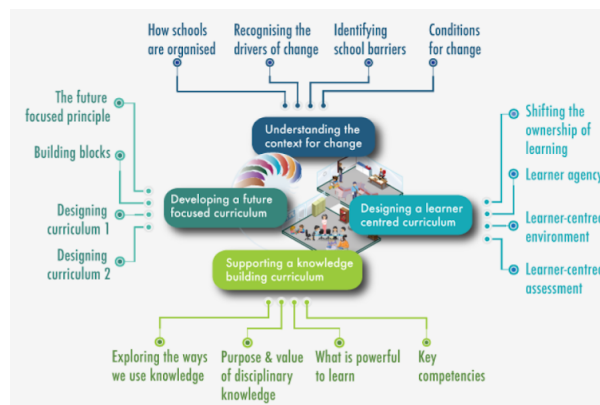
Yesterday the teaching and management staff had a full day of learning. This would not have been possible without community support. So thank you to all the parents and caregivers for arranging alternative care arrangements for our students.

So how did we spend our day? For the last 2 years a big part of our professional learning has focused on "The Modern Learning Curriculum." This has consisted of four 6-month modules of online, face to face workshops and countless readings. This diagram shows the full scope of our work.

This day allowed us to bring together the many threads of this work which we have covered over the last 24 months. Our professional learning has helped us to dig deeper into the principles, key

competencies, values and learning areas of the New Zealand curriculum. Professional readings and dialogue have challenged our thinking and enabled us to build our understandings of future-focused learning and the impact of student agency, inquiry and integrated learning as ways of maximising student capabilities. So **thank you PBS parents and whānau** for allowing staff this teacher-only day to strengthen and learn.

Next up, I have a few staffing announcements to make. We have a couple of staff leaving PBS at the end of this year, some permanently and some temporarily. After 12+ years teaching at our school, Pene Davidson has decided to retire and enjoy the 'good life'. Pene has been a dedicated staff member who has spent most of her time here teaching at the Year 3-4 level. Pene has contributed to our school in many ways over her time, most notably in Science, Music, Gardening clubs and as our staff union rep. Pene, you will be missed around here but you've earned your time to relax and explore life outside of teaching! Go well - and don't be a stranger!



Principal's Message Continued

Nikki Watson-Smith is also departing. Nikki and her partner are moving back to Auckland for work and to be closer to family. Nikki has brought such warmth and compassion to her teaching role. We know her students will miss her greatly and so will the staff. Nikki, it has been a privilege to watch you grow during your first year of teaching, please keep in touch. (Nikki has won a teaching position at Owairaka School in Auckland - congratulations!)

Laura Mackfall in Year 2 is carrying an extra bump around with her these days! Yes, a new baby is on the way to join little sister Daisy. We are delighted for Laura and her husband, though this means we will be farewelling Laura from PBS at the end of the year. Laura, you quickly established your place as a well-loved teacher here at PBS; we really hope to see you back on staff in future years.

Last but not least, both Gill Snowsill and David Parr are taking leave in 2020. Gill is taking a year's refreshment leave, which we know teachers deserve. This job is draining and sometimes we need to take time out to re-energise. Gill will be spending 2020 keeping busy with family commitments and also learning more in the area of Digital learning in the classroom. Luckily we will get to tap into this new knowledge when Gill returns in 2021.

David Parr has won a position in the Science Teaching Leadership Programme, with all expenses covered by the Royal Society of New Zealand! Getting accepted onto this programme is a feat in itself, the selection process is tough. This means David will be studying during Terms 1 & 2. When he returns in Term 3 he will be utilised as a release teacher across the school teaching science, robotics and technology - Lucky us!

All these changes have resulted in a slight shuffle of current teaching staff and the employment of some new teachers: Cristie Gray, Kyle Reesor, Caty Spencer and Jordan Hunt. We are very excited to have these new staff members joining our PBS family.

Kind regards

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki

NO MEASLES AT PBS

We are aware that there are a few cases of Measles on the Kapiti Coast, but none of these affect students or staff at Paraparaumu Beach School. ***Be assured that we will alert you if we do get any cases.***

Just a reminder from Regional Public Health:

If your children are NOT protected from measles start thinking about alternative arrangements if there is confirmed measles at your school. Children who are not protected CANNOT attend school, sports or social events for up to 14 days after their last contact with the infectious person. This date will be extended if there are further cases in the school.

You can contact Regional Public Health for further advice if required on 04 570 9002.



WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Huge thanks to Vicki Wilson who has been leading the teaching and management staff through their professional development this year. Vicki has kept us all on track with the re-design of our school curriculum and provided us with lots of homework along the way!

Thanks Vicki, we couldn't have done it without your help!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENT

Bradley—Rm 20.

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!

Homai te ranu tomato ~ Pass me the tomato sauce :)



RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Cricket: Congratulations to Corban Deller who was one of 28 young cricketers selected to join Tim Southee of the BLACKCAPS and England Captain Eoin Morgan for the pre-match coin toss on the pitch prior to the BLACKCAPS vs England match recently!



Speech Cup: Twelve Year 5/6 students battled through the finals of their syndicate speech cup competition last Friday and completely blew the judges away with their confidence, delivery and content. We are pleased to announce that 1st place went to Isobel Chisholm, 2nd place to Sophie Meikle and 3rd place to Boston Main. Congratulations you all really deserved the applause you received!

NEW SCHOOL GATES

PLEASE BE AWARE: The pathway gates will be clipped open before the start of school and after the 3pm bell, and pulled closed during 9am - 3pm. **If your child arrives late to school you will need to let them through the gate by lifting the top latch.**

KID'S QUOTE

A young one nervously visited the medical room for the first time and said to Paula

Student: "I'm afraid of doctors."

Paula: "That's ok, I'm not a doctor"

Student: "I like vets though!"

COFFEE CRUISERS COFFEE CART

The Coffee Cruisers coffee cart will be onsite every Wednesday outside the staffroom from 8.15-9.00am. Large coffees are \$5 and small coffees are \$4.50.

NEW ENTRANT PARENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION— TATAHI SYNDICATE

A New Entrant Information Presentation will be held for all parents of new children on 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.

KINDO IPHONE APP IS HERE

Now you have an even easier way to order and pay, when and where it suits you on the myKindo iPhone App.

- To get started, just search 'myKindo' on the Apple App Store
- Download, sign in and set up a PIN (you can even use Touch ID or FaceID)
- Pay for last minute lunches, sports subs, trip fees, fundraising products or anything school-related, right from your mobile device
- Contact the helpdesk Monday-Friday 8am-4pm on 0508 454 636 if you need assistance.

Credit Card Statements Now Showing Kindo

Parents and caregivers will now see payments on their Visa and Mastercard statements as 'Kindo Auckland NZ' rather than 'The Growth Collective'.

Parents have sometimes been confused by the use of our company name.

Now it should be easier for them to spot payments!



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.