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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2019/39

3 December 2019

Upcoming Events

WEEK 8

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

WEEK 10

Mon, 16 December

- ◇ BOT/PTA/Staff afternoon tea and presentations
- ◇ Board meeting from 5pm onwards

Tues, 17 December

- ◇ Last day of school. School finishes at 12.30pm
- ◇ Prizegiving 9.20am



Kia Ora PBS families

This week the office has been decorated beautifully by Paula and Marie. As I didn't support them putting up decorations until December arrived, they've been calling me the Christmas Grinch. It's not that I dislike Christmas, though I do dislike the commercialism, it's because I know the stress this time of year puts on families.



It's so easy to feel pressured, especially when the adverts and special sales are everywhere around us. So what does Christmas mean to your family? Surely it's a time to show others we love and appreciate them and there are ways to do this without spending buckets of money. Mystery envelopes, giving a gift of special time with a parent or grand-parent, are a lovely thing to open e.g.

...A day at the beach boogie boarding with dad
...An adventure hike and packed picnic with mum
...A treasure hunt with Nana
...Rock painting with Koro

I also particularly love the idea that I know some PBS families follow: Four gifts - something I want, something I need, something to wear, something to read.

However you intend to spend the festive season or however your family plan to spend the day together I believe we need to start to re-educate kids that it is not a competition as to who gets the biggest amount of gifts or the most expensive gifts.

STAFFING UPDATE: On a different note, I'm very upset to tell you that one of the new teachers we appointed for next year has since been offered a higher paying job outside of the school setting. This has left us with 2 weeks of the school year to find a replacement - not something any Principal wants! We had appointed early to ensure we had all our 'ducks in a row', but now it's back to the drawing board. Nevertheless, I know there will be someone wonderful out there who will fill this vacancy. I have a few options that I'm currently working through, so will update the community when I can.

Kind regards, Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaiki

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.



STUDENT WORK

Check out these wonderful Room 11 kids - they had smiles as bright as their artwork!

Heath, Mia, Anika, Samantha and Violet were excited to share their artworks, inspired by St Basil's Cathedral in Moscow, Russia. The end results showed just how clever they were at getting the images in their heads down on paper.

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Thanks this week must surely go to John Needham, Alice Graham and Cath Franks who organised and supported their senior classes on camp last week. We've been so delighted with our experience of Bridge Valley Adventure Camp and believe travelling that extra distance is really worthwhile. At the end of the day however we would not be able to take kids to camp without the planning and energy of teachers.

Thanks so much from us all.



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!

He whetū koe ! ~ You're a star !

KID'S QUOTE

Young student pointing to their lower foot said "I've hurt my uncle".



CULTURAL PERFORMANCES DAY

On Thursday, 12 December at 11am, we will be having our Cultural Performances Day. There will be a range of different acts and talents to enjoy. It is a great chance to celebrate and acknowledge some amazing talent and hard work. It is also a chance for the Tatahi One, Tatahi Two and Ngaru students (who are the main audience) to enjoy and be inspired by the performances.

Parents and whanau are very welcome to attend.

Mike Thomas

LOST PROPERTY

Please have a look in lost property and check on fine days when it will be on display by the netball/tennis courts, as next week the weather is not looking too great to display very much. It will be on display on the last two days of term.

Anything unnamed or unclaimed will be donated to Women's Refuge or the Koha Shed.



EZCOVERS

Make it EASY on yourselves this year with **EZCOVERS** for your stationery - reusable, funky designs delivered to your door and so easy the kids can cover their own books! Ezcovers will also donate 15c from each cover to our school. At checkout just **select Paraparaumu Beach School** and **enter the special code EZ15**. Order your Ezcovers online at www.ezcovers.com/nz

CHRISTMAS KINDNESS

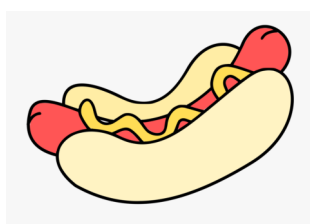


Thanks so much to those who have donated items for Tatahi's Food Bank food drive. Let's keep them coming!!! WE ARE AIMING TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE ITEM FROM EVERY CHILD IN THE SCHOOL. This week please send canned food such as fruit salad and baked beans and leave them in the box outside the staffroom.

Merry Christmas!!!

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YOUR YUMMY HOT DOGS

Don't forget to order your hotdogs on Kindo by tomorrow (Wednesday) for this Friday. Cost \$4 each. Order form also over the page.



AMERICAN HOTDOG LUNCH ORDER FORM

Friday, 6 December 2019—\$4 each

(Please complete a separate order form for each child or order and pay through Kindo)

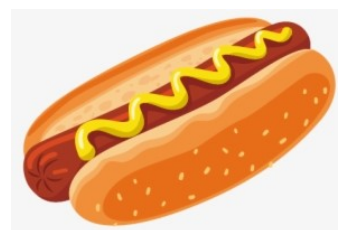
Name: Room No.

☐ Number of Hotdogs

☐ Cheese (tick for yes)

Sauces (mustard and tomato sauce) will be available to put on in the classroom

Payment enclosed \$



Orders close on Wednesday, 4 December 2019

If you have placed your order on Kindo, then there is no need to complete this form



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.

