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Paraparaumu Beach School

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 3

Sat, 3 November

- SCHOOL GALA!

WEEK 4

Sun, 11 November

- Movie Fundraiser—8.30pm

WEEK 5

Wed, 14 November

- Senior Inter-school Athletics

Fri, 16 November

- Strike Action (see info in newsletter)



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Bailey—Rm 21 and Shyla—Rm 11.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone

As expected we are all very excited for our School's Spring Gala this Saturday! We have had lots of books, toys and white elephant stall items donated so I'm sure there will be lots of bargains to score. Please keep the donations rolling in!

There are only **two final things we really need** to make this day a big success. Firstly, a good dose of sunshine would be amazing (though positive people never let a few raindrops stop them) and secondly, we would really appreciate some more parent helpers to give one hour of their time to help with one of the stalls. If you can help please give the school office a call or email Nicki on nickijuliff@hotmail.com.

Last week I attended the New Zealand Principals Federation Conference in Wellington. It was a wonderful three days of deep learning, which reinforced the exciting course of education today. Yes, there are funding challenges, there always will be, but the international speakers from America, Australia and the UK all praised the path NZ educators are taking. In particular, the American and Australian speakers praised our shift away from National Standards, as the reliance on assessing purely academic skills does our students a disservice and overlooks many of the attributes employers in the job market are seeking.

Success is not based entirely on knowledge and content, it is based on skills such as the "Six C's" - **critical thinking** skills (problem solving, researching, evaluating, decision making, analysis), **creativity** (ability to create, make, innovate, develop ideas), the ability to **collaborate** with others (teamwork, shared ownership, identifying/utilising each other's strengths), effective **communication** skills (speaking, reading, writing, presenting, listening), **character** (core values, care & concern) and a sense and understanding of **citizenship**. It is certainly an exciting time to be a student and an educator.

Kind regards

Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki



Embrace our Education
Enhance our Future

STRIKE ACTION ON FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

New Zealand's principals and primary teachers have just voted about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. We're agreed - we can't in good conscience accept the Government's latest collective agreement offer because it does not begin to address the crisis.

We have therefore voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held during November. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and **our region will be striking on Friday, 16 November.**

Our school will be closed on that date. While we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students.

Already children's education is suffering because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around. The Government recently announced a \$5.5 billion surplus, so there is no reason to make our children wait while the situation deteriorates further.

Through our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, we are asking for:

- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs – this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

We appreciate your continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child's teacher.



CHANGING THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2019

Next year we are looking to reduce some of our paper usage by moving away from a weekly paper newsletter. About half our families have the newsletter emailed to them each Tuesday, which certainly helps. We are looking to move to a digital format called Skool Loop, which other school communities are finding effective.

Whilst we will still continue to send some trip notices home on paper, the weekly newsletter will not be produced on paper.



RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Karate 1: During the school holidays, Noah Winskill travelled to Christchurch to compete in the International Seido Karate Tournament representing Seido Karate Kapiti. He competed in kata (set patterns which show karate techniques) and won silver in his division. Congratulations Noah!

Karate 2: At the weekend Noah Winskill and Trinity Sornam-Hoskins completed at the 2018 Wellington and Lower North Island Primary & Intermediate Schools Karate Championships in Porirua. Trinity and her girls kata team came 2nd and won silver, while Noah and his boys team won bronze. Well done to you both Noah and Trinity!



Archery: At the weekend Jenson and Ayrton Young attended the Manawatu Regional Archery Competition. Both boys shot a personal best score and both came first in their age categories. Ayrton also shot a new national record! Congratulations :-)

Community Service: It was awesome to see Jamie Brown acknowledged in the Kapiti News last week for his community service. Keep inspiring others Jamie!



SCHOOL CAT—SMOKEY

Hi, I'm Smokey, the school cat. Two weeks ago the 'humans' took me to the vet because I injured my leg. The vet staff were kind but I did not like being poked and prodded. I held onto the towel for dear life and showed my best 'grumpy cat' face! I had two injections which I was brave about, but was glad to get back to school.

I've been trying to hide it, but I'm still limping, so today the humans are taking me back to the vet. Luckily PBS staff love me, so my vet bills get paid. However, if you want to help me pay back the staff or contribute to my food bills you can put a coin or two in my jar in the office.

Thanks to those kids I have already spied putting coins in.



KIDS QUOTE

Yesterday a very kind junior student said “**I found this possum on the ground for you**” as she handed me a pink blossom!



NEW ENTRANT PARENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION— TATAHI SYNDICATE

A New Entrant Information Presentation will be held for all parents of new children on Friday, 23 November from 9.30-10.15am 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 Tatahi 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.

ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



STUDENT LEAVE & SICKNESS — MARKING ROLLS

Please remember if your child is going to be absent from school on leave it is very important that you fill in a **Student Leave Form** available from the office before you go. If you do not do this, then your child will be marked with an unjustified absence.

In the case of sickness, if you advise the school of your child’s absence but you do not give a reason, your child will be marked with an unjustified absence; and if you do not advise the school at all of any absence, your child will be marked as truant.

FREEZE POP ICE BLOCKS

Yummy freeze pop ice blocks will be on sale this Friday for \$1 each. Lots of delicious fruity flavours. Come and enjoy a one off treat—don’t miss out!



Year 5/6 2019 Fundraisers

MOVIE FUNDRAISER

This movie is apparently AMAZING so don't delay and get your tickets today! Tickets are selling fast!!

BOHEMIAN

Paraparaumu Beach School
Year 5-6 2019 Vertical Horizon Camp
Fundraiser

Tickets \$25 each - includes:

★ ~popcorn~

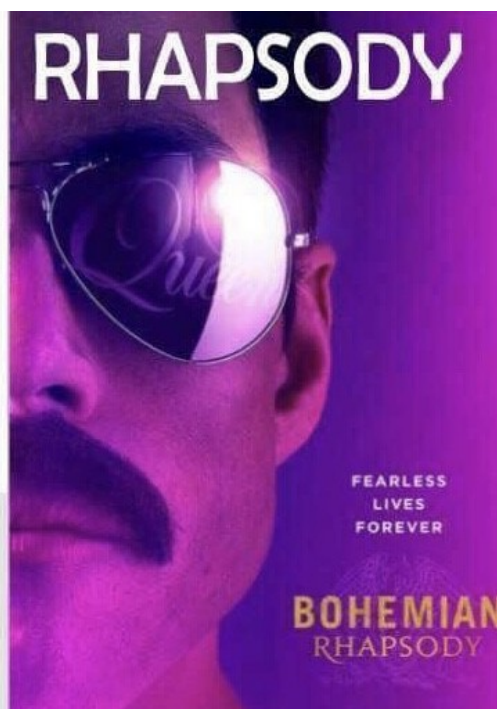
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★ ~spot prizes!~

Event Cinemas Coastlands
Sunday 11th November 2018,
doors open 8pm, movie starts 8:30pm

For tickets or information, contact
Stace Winiata on organicglow101@gmail.com
or text 0275 606086

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ICON PHOTOGRAPHY

We have a team from Icon Photography booked to come to the school on Sunday, 18 November as a fundraiser. They can take 60 bookings at this stage. If you would like to secure a time, please text or call Stephanie Caldwell on 027 856 9429 ASAP. Cut-off for bookings and payment is 9 November. **Please note if you choose to cancel the booking, the money is non-refundable.**

Please pass this message on to other school families so we can get these spots filled and then secure the Friday afternoon also for more bookings.

Cost will be \$15 for a 10x13 size print with others available to buy when they are back for viewing.



WHAKAARO HOU EDUCATION TRUST—EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CHROMEBOOKS

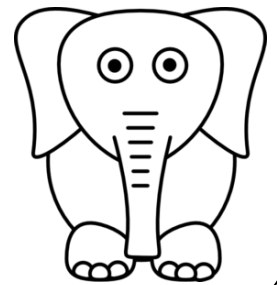
The Whakaaro Hou Education Trust is doing their year end roll out of Chrome books on 14 November. Expression of Interest Forms and more information is available at the school office for your child to collect.

The cut-off for expression of interest forms is 9 November (*please note change of date*). Please return your forms to the school office no later than this date.

WHITE ELEPHANT

It's the time you've all been waiting for ...

Your opportunity to turn your trash into someone else's treasure!! We will be gratefully accepting all of your good quality, pre-loved items to sell at the gala. Items can be dropped off outside the staffroom for collection.



FREEZER WANTED FOR MEDICAL ROOM

We are looking for a small freezer to store ice packs in the medical room as our current one has died. If you would like to donate one that is in good working condition, then we would love to hear from you!

Thank you.