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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/10

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Upcoming Events

TERM 1

WEEK 10

Fri, 6 April

- Tu Meke time at 11.15am
- Whanau Fun from 1.30pm

WEEK 11

Tues, 10 April

- Yr 7 & 8 Immunisations
 - BoT Meeting—7pm
- Wed, 11 April*

- Full school assembly—9.20am—all welcome

Fri, 13 April

- Last day of Term 1

TERM 2 STARTS

MONDAY, 30 APRIL

WELCOME

Welcome to our New Student

Camryn—Rm 22.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

I hope families were able to share some time together over the Easter break. There's some lovely Easter art work around the school; these cute bunnies were created by kids in Rm 21.



I want to thank our parent/caregiver community for the support shown to my teachers last week. All 655 students were collected from school at lunchtime, enabling teaching staff to attend their union meeting. Most schools our size would have expected 20+ students to remain at school given the reason of a union meeting, so I can only assume that our PBS parent community understand some of the issues we are facing and support our teachers. Thank you – your support means so much.

On an entirely different matter, and in consultation with the child's parents, we have decided it would be a good idea to let you all know that a student with severe food allergies is starting at PBS next term. Staff have received medical guidance for managing possible emergencies in this regard. This child is severely allergic to dairy products, not just eating them but any skin contact with remnants of such food. *For example, a child who plays on the bars after spilling yoghurt (or other dairy product) on their hands may leave residue which could cause this new student to have a serious anaphylactic episode if they too decided to play on the bars.*

As a school we will be putting a medical care plan in place for this child, teachers will be encouraging better hand washing practices for all students and asking students to let staff know of any food spills straight away. I think it's also timely to have a chat with your kids at home, that although PBS promotes sharing as a kind thing to do, the food in their lunchbox is safe for them but may not be for others – so let's eat our own lunch. If at any stage you were considering a birthday cake or such like to share with your child's class, please check in with the classroom teacher prior. Many thanks for your care and understanding in this matter.

Kind regards

Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki

BUILDING PROGRESS ON RMS 5-8 AND REBUILD OF RMS 1-4

The rebuild of Rooms 5-8 will be completed during the term break. So all going to plan students and teachers who have spent Term 1 working in the hall, library and other rooms will be moving back in on the first day of Term 2!

This also means that all the students in Rooms 1-4 will be moving out, so that their classrooms can now undergo their refurbishment. Therefore, the first few days of Term 2 are likely to be very hectic with students and furniture being shifted in and out. It will be hectic but well worth the end product!



PLAYGROUND

Yesterday the Playground People Ltd fenced off the large adventure playground in preparation for dismantling half the old equipment and installing the new playground. The kids are so excited about this much anticipated new play area. Watch this space!

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Thanks to Judy Atkinson and her amazing team of Year 5-6 students who organised recent trips to the rocky shore. Judy enabled these students to effectively organise the trips themselves, from the buses, trip approval forms, notices to parents and risk management plans. Judy's oversight empowered these students to take ownership of the process, which in turn enabled all students in the Te Moana syndicate to participate in rich learning experiences at the rocky shore. Thanks Mrs A!



KIDS QUOTE

When researching information on other Commonwealth countries, one 7 year old was delighted to discover and share with his classmates that

"In Canada they eat more macaroni cheese than anywhere else in the World !"



Something tells me this will be a fact many of the kids will remember!

STUDENT WORK

Room 7 students have been busy creating Dreamtime paintings and narratives. They have chosen Australia as their Commonwealth Country to study and have been fascinated to learn the stories behind the wonderful aboriginal art form.



CORFLUTE NEEDED

Are you a Real Estate Agent or in a business which uses Corflute signs? Our Junior Team are looking for old corflute signs to use for upcoming art projects. If you can help out or have a contact please get in touch with Vicki Howarth in Rm 24 or email her on vhowarth@pbs.school.nz

Thanks.

MATHS UPDATE

What's wrong with streaming maths? We feel a little torn because we know there are parents who want us to keep streaming maths classes but the research is pointing away from this method. Whilst our maths achievement results have met National benchmarks – can we achieve more? The research says YES. For this reason, we are trialling new ways of structuring maths programmes during 2018.

New Zealand 'streams' more than most other countries in the world. The PISA results (Programme for International Students Assessment) worldwide suggest countries that stream less do better overall.

Streaming predetermines children's performance, removing challenges they might have faced in a class of mixed ability, foreclosing the possibility they might be a late improver, permanently lowering, or raising, their confidence in themselves. The less we prejudge pupils' abilities the better more of them will do.



PBS SCHOOL GALA—3 NOVEMBER 2018

The PTA are looking for volunteers to help with this year's gala. The gala is our school's major fundraiser which is held every two years and historically we raise around \$20,000. We cannot raise this sort of money for our school without help. The PTA are organising a separate committee just for the Gala and our children NEED YOU! We would love to have you join the Gala Committee. The next meeting is on 2 May at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

If you have any questions or bright ideas, please see either Sandy Saunders in Rm 22 or Sheryl McKnight in Rm 18.

Remember, without enough volunteers, this major fundraising event will not be able to go ahead, so every little bit of help is needed! Even one hour's support will help lighten the load for everyone and make this event a success.

Remember to start keeping your jars for the mystery jar stall and saving goods for the white elephant stall.

If you would like to donate something for the major raffle or quick fire raffle, please contact Samara on gavinandsamara@gmail.com

Sandy Saunders



Movin' March a WOW Celebration!

Why: Celebrate the end of Movin' March!

Who: Years 3-6

When: Tuesday 10 April @ 9am.

Dress up/decorate your bike, scooter and even your legs! Join in the parade and show off your wheels...or legs & feet!

Spot Prizes for most imaginative decorations, best trick etc...

CRICKET

Congratulations to PBS2 who won their grade in the Superstar Cricket last week.



SCHOOL VERSUS SCHOOL TOUCH TOURNAMENT

Thank you to everyone who participated in the School vs School Touch Tournament recently. You all did a fantastic job and managed to win the overall trophy for the school for the second year running.

Results are as follows:

- Under 8 placed 3rd in their grade (coached by Teresa Baker)
- Under 10 placed 1st in their grade (coached by Sharleen and Clayton)
- Under 12 placed 1st in their grade (coached by Pem and Toby)
- Under 14 placed 2nd in their grade (coached by Jason)

Without ALL teams placing so high, we couldn't have won the overall cup for the school. Well done everyone.

A huge thank you to all the coaches for your time and effort on the day and weeks in the lead up. It hasn't gone unnoticed.



NETBALL DATES

April 7	Grading Day for Yr 7 & 8 teams
May 2	Netball starts for Yr 3s
May 6	Netball starts for Yrs 4-6

Learn to Swim Instructors

We are currently looking for outstanding, caring, passionate people who love working with children and would like to make a difference by being part of our friendly team of Learn to Swim Instructors. If you know of anyone who may be interested (parents, caregivers, older siblings) in this type of part time role, please pass on the attached information and get them to give me a call. In addition, if could you please include the attached notice in your school newsletters I would greatly appreciate it.

These roles are currently being advertised (applications close on Monday 9 April, 2018) I would love to hear from anyone who may be interested – full training will be provided.

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