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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2017/18

13 June 2017

Upcoming Events

WEEK 7

Wed, 14 June

- School Cross Country for Yr 3/4—1.30pm (p/p Thursday)

Wed, 14-Fri, 16 June

- Small Sticks Hockey

Sat, 17 June

- PTA Race Night Fundraiser!

WEEK 8

Tues, 20 June

- Matariki activities throughout the day

Wed, 21 June

- Tatahi (Yr 1/2) Whakarongotai Marae Visit

Wed, 21 June

- Yr 8's trip to Kapiti College

Wed, 21-Fri, 23 June

- Small Sticks Hockey

Thurs, 22 June

- Inter-school Cross Country

Fri, 23 June

- Tatahi Syndicate (Yr 1/2) Fairytale Ball - 9.15 -10.00am in the hall
- Yr 8's trip to Paraparaumu College

WEEK 9

Wed, 28-Fri, 30 June

- Small Sticks Hockey

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone!

With the wind blowing all the leaves off our blossom trees, the kids have been having lots of fun playing in the crunchy mess! Outside my office window, I observed lots of leaves raining down over smiling kids, as they tossed handfuls up in the air. I couldn't resist taking photos and also encouraging their exuberance.



As mentioned earlier this term, we sadly have Jeanine Wilson and Sarah Beresford departing PBS this term. Jeanine Wilson is heading to Tawhai School to take up a permanent teaching position, and although she has only been at PBS since the start of 2016, she has made a very positive contribution in her time here. We certainly wish Jeanine all the very best! To fill this vacancy I have appointed Abby Lovett. Abby has 8.5 years teaching experience in New Zealand and overseas; she is currently finishing up a contract teaching at an International School in Qatar and will be ready to start here at the beginning of Term 3.

Sarah Beresford is leaving to take up work outside of the classroom. I know there will be many sad faces in our junior syndicate. Sarah's warm, nurturing manner will certainly be missed. To this position I have appointed Kerry Knap, who taught at PBS on a part-time basis last year. Kerry is an experienced teacher who brings lots of strengths to junior class teaching, having both taught and led a junior team at a well-regarded Wellington school.

Warm regards, Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki



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KIDS QUOTE

A while back the kid's quote was about Mr Trask trying to ring the morning tea bell before the student responsible. He's still at it! Here's photo evidence of our cheeky caretaker in action.



RECENT NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to our new student this week:
Jackson—Rm 22.



WHAT'S NEXT TV One

I rarely plug TV programmes, but "What's Next" on TV One is very thought provoking. This series, presented by Nigel Latta and John Campbell, is a conversation focusing on what NZ could be like in 20 years time, based on the opinions of kiwis today. Many of our staff watched it and could relate to the topics raised. Preparing students for the years ahead of them requires teachers and parents to be open to change. Nationally and globally there are shifts in education, particularly with regard to technology.

At PBS we have made and will continue to make steps to address these changes, whilst continuing to deliver the core learning favoured by our community. The Ministry of Education acknowledge the changing face of education and the need for future focused curriculums, which focus on key competencies and skills. If you missed this programme, perhaps you might like to catch it on demand.

Jess Ward

FIDGET SPINNERS

Many students are bringing fidget spinners to school and as a result we have had a few problems with them. Whilst we understand that fidget spinners were designed to help those with focusing problems, our students are treating them as more of a gimmick or toy. Recently we have had many of them fall part, releasing ball bearings or spun so hard that they have hit other kids in the face. For these reasons we ask students to leave them at home. However, if you feel your child needs something like this to concentrate, something like a squeeze stress ball is more appropriate for school. Thank you for your understanding.



OLD HALL CHAIRS FOR SALE

We have a number of old school chairs for sale. \$5 each. If interested talk to John Trask.

YEAR 7/8 CAMP FUNDRAISER



We would like any good quality children's clothing to sell at a second hand stall at school. Please drop off clean good quality clothing, jackets and shoes that you no longer need or want to outside Rm 1 or next to the blue money box outside the staffroom in the container provided.

STUDENT WORK

It's such a pleasure to see student work displayed around the school. These upoko caught my eye in the window of Room 11 the other day. I just love the vibrant colours! Ka pai Room 11!



NEWSPAPER WANTED

We need old newspapers for our Discover China Day this Friday, 16 June please. They can be dropped off to Rooms 3, 13 or 28. Thank you.



The PTA will continue to sell Juicees every Friday at lunchtime for the rest of this term.

They will be available outside Room 17 and will cost \$1 each.

PBS SPORTS TEAM HOODIES

Sports hoodie orders are now closed



BETTER FUNDING, BETTER LEARNING



The Better Funding Better Learning Heartland Tour will be visiting our area as part of the nationwide campaign against the government's funding freeze in schools and early childhood education on Saturday, 17 June at Paraparaumu Beach Market, Marine Parade, Paraparaumu from 9am-1pm. Come down and sign a postcard and support the Funding Campaign. Lets send a message to every politician that quality public education is the #1 issue this election.



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PLASTIC FREE JULY—PTA INITIATIVE

Plastic Free July aims to raise awareness of the problems and amount of single-use disposable plastic in our lives and challenges people to do something about it. In 2017, join over 60,000 people, schools and organisations from 130 countries to be part of the solution. In NZ we use around 91,000 lightweight plastic bags an hour (around 1500 bags a minute—800 million per year) which, once in our landfills, can take up to 1,000 years to decompose, or worse, end up in our oceans. About 90% of the waste floating in the ocean is plastic.



Consequently, the PTA has taken on the initiative to help reduce plastic bag waste by selling re-useable bags that align with our Enviro Schools Campaign. These bags are very compact and stylish.

There will be a flyer coming home soon with all the information and there will also be samples in the window of the library and in the staffroom. There are some awesome prizes up for grabs for anyone who sells any bags.

Look out next week for more information.

PARAPARAUMU COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

- Wednesday, 28 June at 6.30pm starting in the College auditorium. Enrolment forms accepted on the evening
- Dyslexia Information Evening in the College library on Wednesday, 21 June at 7pm
- The Principal is also available to meet with families and show them around the college on a normal school day. To organise a time, please ph Cathy Lawry on 902 5170 ext 825 or email Lwc@pc.school.nz



ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOLS PROGRAMME is still running!!!

Anyone who mentions Paraparaumu Beach School when taking out a home loan (or top-up over \$50,000) with ANZ can earn 800 points (worth approx. \$400) for the school to spend on a huge range of items at the ANZ Awards Centre. Please continue to **tell friends and family (anywhere in NZ)** who may be considering a home loan with ANZ! (This applies to existing and new ANZ customers). Simply tell the ANZ home loan specialist before draw-down that you are **supporting PBS** in the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme! See www.anzolympicschools.co.nz or contact our 'ANZ staff-parent', Angela Morris at angela.morris@anz.com.



COFFEE CART

Jeremy the Coffee man (and school parent) will be selling coffees from his cart on Wednesdays before school and most afternoons outside the staffroom. A percentage of all sales comes back to the school.