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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/38

27 November 2018

Upcoming Events

WEEK 7

Tues, 27 November

- Yr 8 visit to Paraparaumu College 12.30-3pm

Wed, 28 November

- Student Council outing

Thurs, 29 November

- Ngaru (Yr 3/4) End of Year show 1.45pm

Fri, 30 Nov

- Tatahi 2 trip to Nga Manu

WEEK 8

Mon, 3 December

- Parent Helpers Morning Tea—10.30am

- Road Patrollers function at Coastlands

Tues, 4 December

- Regional Athletics

- Yr 8 Leaver's dinner

Wed, 5 December

- Whanau Fun—lunchtime picnic together on the field

Fri, 7 December

- Year 5-8 Kapa Haka Hui

- Tatahi Christmas Singing

WEEK 9

Mon, 10 December

- Cultural Performances—1.30pm—Please come along!

- Board, staff and PTA afternoon tea at 3.15pm followed by Board meeting at 5pm

Tues, 11 December

- Whole School Assembly

- Transition visits

Wed, 12 December

- Te Motu trip to Waikanae Pools

Fri, 14 December

- Prizegiving/Last day of Term

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone

Look at these gorgeous Piwakawaka created by the clever kids of Room 24! Aren't they stunning? The Tatahi Year 2 students have been enjoying learning about insects, birds and bugs, so I hope their trip to Nga Manu this Friday (postponed by last week's weather) can go ahead.



Classes for 2019:

Traditionally at Paraparaumu Beach School students have been told who their class teacher will be for the next year in their End of Year report, which comes home on the last day of term. However, this year we are introducing a 'Transition Visit' so students in Years 0-7 can meet their 2019 teacher and classmates in the last week of school.

The Transition Visits will take place on Tuesday, 11 December. On this day students will have a half hour visit to their new class and bring a letter home informing parents.

At this time we are still busy putting class lists together as it's an incredibly complex task. One change we have made for 2019 is to combine the Year 3 and 4 classes, rather than straight year level classes. Doing this enables us to keep class numbers as low as possible, which we know strongly benefits learners.

Kind regards

Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki

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STAFFING CHANGES FOR 2019

Next year we have two new teachers joining us. Nikki Watson-Smith is joining the Year 5-6 team and Laura Mackfall will be part of our Year 2 team. Nikki is relocating to the Kapiti Coast over the Christmas break, but fortunately she has been able to come down to visit us today and tomorrow. Nikki is busy meeting the rest of Te Moana team, having a tour of the school and getting to know students.

We're equally delighted that Laura Mackfall is joining us next year too. Laura already has a significant attachment to PBS because she is a former student! Laura will be covering Jen Roberts leave for 2019, and we know she is going to be a great addition to the team.



STAY IN THE LOOP WITH OUR SCHOOL APP 'SKOOL LOOP'

Our school has now joined Skool Loop. Skool Loop is a simple free download available in Google Play or the App Store. Search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

This is a quick and easy way to text in your child's absence and read our newsletters (as previously mentioned, we will be moving away from paper newsletters next year). In the future you will be able to get notifications on events, cancellations, notices and newsletters via Skool Loop.

We would like to thank our sponsors to date: sKids Kenkena, A1 Homes, One Agency and Rob McEwan Plumbing.



Board of Trustees Outstanding Achievement Recipient 2018

On Wednesday last week the Board of Trustees was delighted to award their "Outstanding Achievement Award" to an exceptional student, Imogen Davidson. The accomplishments (see below) clearly demonstrate why Imogen was selected for this accolade.

Imogen received the award for her commitment and achievement across a number of areas and most notably Guiding. Imogen has recently been awarded Guiding New Zealand's Aoraki Award which is the culmination of three years work and the highest award possible as a girl guide. Imogen has also achieved to a high standard in her other interests which include:

- ◇ Hockey
- ◇ Drama
- ◇ Debating
- ◇ EPRO8 (Engineer Problem Solve and Innovate)
- ◇ Student Councillor
- ◇ Speech Cup
- ◇ Cross Country

This level of achievement requires extraordinary levels of commitment and dedication to her sport and Imogen is a well-deserved recipient of this year's Outstanding Achievement Award.

Special thanks for Film and TV screen writer Nick Ward for sharing his road to success and presenting the award at this assembly.



NEWS FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Whanau Fun - Picture Perfect Picnic

On Wednesday, 5 December the whole school will enjoy a picnic on the field. We will eat our lunch on the field sitting in our Whanau groups. Then there will be optional and exciting activities as well as cool dance music for everyone to enjoy. Dress in your Whanau colours and have some fun! Parents are welcome.

Activities will include:

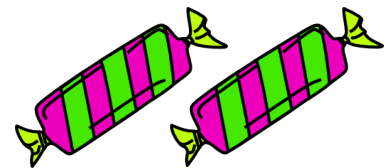
- ♦ Tug of War
- ♦ Limbo / skipping
- ♦ Obstacle course
- ♦ Cricket skills
- ♦ Three legged race
- ♦ Your choice



KIDS QUOTE

Kid logic:

"We always have lollies at home, so we can practise for Halloween"



PALM GROVE TRIPS

Ngaru syndicate would like to thank all the parents who were able to volunteer their time to help out with our visits to Palm Grove Camp. Our students had an awesome experience (despite the rain on some days!) and we could not have achieved this without your support. Thanks!



DRAWING ON OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Ngaru Syndicate would like to thank Thomas and Mary Thomas for giving up their time and coming in to our classes to share some of their knowledge and skills as part of our Food Technology unit. The students (and teachers) found the learning experience very informative. Thank you!

Get straight A passes for wearing dark glasses

Too much sunlight can damage both the eyes themselves and the skin around them. A close-fitting, preferably wrap-around style is best!





WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

This week I'd like to thank my talented Office Manager, Marie Barfoote, for helping the school run so smoothly. Staff have commented on what an awesome support staff member she is. "She helps in any she can as well as doing her own job" and is wonderful at learning new aspects introduced at school e.g. Kindo, Skool Loop, etc

It's fabulous to have your support Marie!

Jess Ward

ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES

Hi Everyone,

I'd like to make a plea to everyone using the roads around school to display exemplary driver behaviour. I've had a number of concerns raised with me recently which all relate back to driver judgement. Good driver behaviour keeps pedestrians safe, other road users safe, helps our road patrol kids do their job effectively and provides good role modelling for others.

Therefore I ask road users to:

- ◇ Not drop kids off in the clearway
- ◇ Not use the school driveway as a turning area
- ◇ Slow speed when approaching the crossing and the school area in general
- ◇ Give way to pedestrians at all times
- ◇ Not park over the neighbours' driveways
- ◇ Wear your seatbelt and ensure your children are buckled in



RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Basketball: Congratulations to Bailey Brown, Dayne MacInnes and Sam Scriven who played for the Kapiti U11 representative teams at a regional tournament in Levin last weekend. The teams placed 2nd and 3rd overall, which was an awesome achievement!



RE-USABLE BAGS AND PBS TEA TOWELS

We now have our re-usable bags and tea towels for sale on Kindo. These are great Christmas stocking stuffers.

Stock is strictly limited, so be in quick :-)

[Click here](#) to register and pay through our Kindo school shop.

Year 5/6 Camp 2019 Fundraising

JINGO NIGHT YR 5/6 CAMP FUNDRAISER

As of next week, tickets will be for sale for \$10 for a Jingo Night at the Jolly Miller Pub & Kitchen to be held on Tuesday, 12 February 2019. Kids from the syndicate will be selling these from next week onwards before school, and they will also be available to purchase on Kindo. [Click here](#) to log in or sign up to Kindo.

Please contact Stephanie Caldwell on 027 856 9429 if you would like more information. Google www.jingo.co.nz for more info on the quiz.



CUSHION MOVIE THIS FRIDAY! (Yr 5/6 Fundraiser)

Come on over to the hall at 3pm to watch Early Man (from the makers of Wallace & Grommit and Chicken Run) from 3.15-5pm this Friday. Popcorn, sweets and water will be on sale for \$1 and chocolate and soft drinks for \$2. Te Moana teachers will be supervising, but parents are welcome to buy a ticket and join us.

Check out the movie trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRpQ8YNrVs> .

This movie is rated PG.

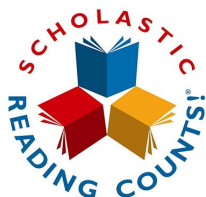
Please see Mrs Evans if you have any questions. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale at morning tea time outside Room 2, or you can purchase tickets on Kindo. [Click here](#) to log in or sign up to Kindo.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB New Co-ordinator Needed

We are seeking the services of a voluntary Scholastic Book Club co-ordinator for 2019. If you think you might be interested, please email office@pbs.school.nz.

Return Date

Brochures were sent home last week without the date stamped on them for return. **Please note that orders and payment need to be complete no later than this Friday, 30 November.** Thank you.



Thank you

A huge thank you to Georgia Irving who has been our volunteer for the past year or so. Your work has been warmly appreciated by staff and young PBS readers!

HELP A CHILD IN FOSTER CARE HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR

By being part of Foster Hope's annual new Christmas Gift Drive. Foster Hope is collecting new, unwrapped gifts for children aged 1-18 years. We would appreciate all donations by 10 December. Please check out our website for further information regarding our Christmas Gift Drive and drop off locations: www.fosterhope.org.nz. Thank you for your support.



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Understanding ‘End of Year’ Reports

With National Standards now removed, we have returned to reporting progress and achievement against the New Zealand Curriculum Levels. We feel this system is more useful and appropriate at the Primary School Level.

The New Zealand Curriculum has 8 “curriculum levels” (see diagram below) which stretch from Year 1 to Year 13. Each level represents a learning stage in each curriculum area. Most students will progress through levels 1-4 while at Paraparaumu Beach School. The curriculum level that each student is learning at may vary compared to the other students in the same year. Once your child has mastered most of the skills, knowledge and understanding within a curriculum level, the next level will be incorporated into their learning.

The chart below shows how the curriculum levels typically relate to years at school. Not all students however, fit this pattern. Students with special learning needs, those who are gifted, and those who come from non-English speaking backgrounds are examples of these exceptions. It is important to remember that curriculum levels are of more importance to us than to your child, because we use them to guide our teaching, assessment and evaluations of learning.

Your child’s progress against the New Zealand Curriculum levels will be indicated on your child’s report at mid and end of year. Teachers will use of a range of assessment tools to make overall judgements. These will show where your child sits in relation to the curriculum level appropriate for their year group.

If you are in any way concerned or surprised about your child’s progress, then please raise this with their classroom teacher.

Curriculum Levels

This chart shows how the curriculum levels fit within each Year group

