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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

**Newsletter 2019/01**

**30 January 2019**

## Upcoming Events

### **TERM 1**

#### WEEK 2

*Mon, 4 Feb*

- "Welcome Back" School Assembly 9.20am—All Welcome

*Wed, 6 Feb*

- Waitangi Day **SCHOOL CLOSED**

#### WEEK 3

*Tues, 12 Feb*

- Jingo Camp Fundraiser 6.30pm
- Beach Education trip for Rms 9 & 12

*Wed, 13 Feb*

- **MEET THE TEACHER** interviews 2-8pm **NB: School closes at 2pm**

*Fri, 15 Feb*

- Beach Education trip for Rms 6 & 7

#### WEEK 4

*Mon, 18 Feb*

- Beach Education trip for Rms 5 & 10

*Mon, 18 Feb*

- **SCHOOL PICNIC** 5-7pm

*Tues, 19 Feb*

- Beach Education trip for Rm 11

#### WEEK 5

*Mon, 25 Feb*

- **TEACHER ONLY DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED**

*Tues, 26 Feb*

- Board Meeting 7pm

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora and welcome to the 2019 school year from our Senior Management Team!

### School Vision:

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*Embrace our Education  
Empower our Cultural Confidence  
Enhance our Future*



*Mike Thomas—Deputy Principal  
Jess Ward—Principal  
Vicki Wilson—Assistant Principal*

It's probably no secret that I love my job, so I always look forward to the start of the school year. I certainly enjoyed seeing all the smiling students coming in this morning, the mixture of excitement, nerves and happiness showing on their faces. Our school vision has a strong focus on **caring** for each other and the environment we work in each day. Throughout the year we'll ensure there are plenty of opportunities for students to **share** their talents, time, humour, wisdom and opinions. As teachers we aim to **prepare** students for the next year level, for college, and future careers, but overall teachers (in tandem with parents and whanau) hope to prepare our PBS kids to be positive, responsive and active members of society.

Now let me take this opportunity to officially welcome two new teachers to Paraparaumu Beach School. We are delighted to welcome Nikki Watson-Smith and Laura Mackfall to our staff and school community. Nikki will be teaching Year 5/6 in Room 3 and Laura has a Year 2 class in Room 25. Laura is not only a former PBS kid but I taught her - so it gives me added pleasure to have her on staff (now I'm showing my age!).

Over the rest of this week I'm looking forward to visiting every classroom to wish everyone a great year and introduce myself to any new students I haven't had the chance to meet yet.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work of our teaching staff, Office team and John Trask (Property Manager) and his cleaning team for all the hours they have put into preparing our school environment and creating colourful classroom spaces. It's going to be a great year!

Ma te wa,  
Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki

**WELCOME BACK  
TO SCHOOL**

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Charlotte—Rm 22, Max—Rm 22, Lilyana—Rm 23, Skye—Rm 19, Lani—Rm 22, Blake—Rm 19, Charles—Rm 23, Olivia—Rm 19, Lacey—Rm 22, Joshua—Rm 23, Lucie—Rm 19, Jack—Rm 19, Taine—Rm 22, Noah—Rm 19, Emmeline—Rm 19, Poppy—Rm 9, Sebastian—Rm 1, Lachlan—Rm 8 and Hunter—Rm 22.

It's great to have you all here!



## STORY OF OUR SYNDICATE NAMES



*Tatahi are the fine grains of sand on the beach*

TATAHI—Year 0-2 Syndicate is led by Rachel McDowell (Yr 0-1) and Vicki Howarth (Yr 2)

*Ngaru are the small waves that greet the sand*

NGARU—Year 3-4 Syndicate is led by Sarah Chambers

*Te Moana is the open ocean*

TE MOANA—Year 5-6 Syndicate is led by Vanessa Brewer

*Te Motu is the island*

TE MOTU—Year 7-8 Syndicate is led by Cath Franks



## PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent -Teacher interviews, or “Meet the Teacher” as we often call it at the start of year, will be held on Wednesday, 13 February. Interviews, at this early stage of the year, are not reporting sessions. However, they are an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and for parents to pass on essential knowledge about their child and what makes them tick. To make a booking, go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz), enter the code gbgme and follow the prompts.

**NB:** School closes at 2pm on this date to accommodate enough interview slots.

## BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

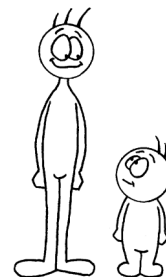


The kids are very excited about our school picnic on Monday, 18 February from 5 – 7pm. Bring a picnic blanket and picnic dinner along to enjoy on the school field. Kids can have fun playing around the grounds whilst parents and staff have a chat.

The pool will also be open. We hope to see you there!

## KIDS QUOTE

I love being a Year 8. It makes me feel so much taller than I really am!



## KINDO ONLINE SHOP

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- ◆ Order lunches

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## KEEPING SAFE IN THE SUN AND HEAT

It's super important that kids stay hydrated and come to school sun blocked ready for the day ahead. Sun hats are a must for being outside. Please ensure your child has a full drink bottle of water each day, brings sunblock in their bag for topping up (roll-on is the best dispenser for kids) and has a wide brimmed hat. Thank you



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

Have you found our school newsletter on Skool Loop yet? If not, download the free app 'Skool Loop' in Google Play or the App Store and search for Paraparaumu Beach School; it's so easy and you will have the weekly newsletter at your fingertips! Also, this is a quick and easy way to text in your child's absence, and get notifications on events.

## **AMENDED TERM DATES 2019**

### **Term 1 (11 Weeks)**

Wed, 30 Jan–Fri, 12 April

*Waitangi Day–Wed, 6 Feb*

*Teacher Only Day–Mon, 25 Feb*

### **Term 2 (10 Weeks)**

Mon, 29 April–Fri, 5 July

*Queens Birthday–Mon, 3 June*

### **Term 3 (10 Weeks)**

Mon, 22 July–Fri, 27 Sept

### **Term 4 (9 1/2 Weeks)**

Mon, 14 Oct–Tues, 17 Dec

*Labour Day–Mon, 28 October*

