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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2019/22

23 July 2019

Upcoming Events

TERM 3

WEEK 1

- **Tues, 23 July**
 - ◊ BOT Meeting 7pm

WEEK 2 TREE PLANTING WEEK

- ◊ Life Education Truck—Te Moana Syndicate (Yr 5/6)
- **Wed, 31 July**
 - ◊ Parent-Teacher Interviews Yrs 0-4 and Yrs 7/8—**School closes at 2pm for all students**

WEEK 3

- **Tues, 6 August**
 - ◊ Junior Winter Tournament (8 Aug p/p date)
 - ◊ Tatahi (Yrs 0-2) classes to Mazengarb Gym Programme

WEEK 4

- **Tues, 13 August**
 - ◊ Tatahi (Yrs 0-2) classes to Mazengarb Gym Programme
- **Tues, 13—Wed, 14 August**
 - ◊ Junior class photos and team/group photos

WEEK 5

- **Tues, 20 August**
 - ◊ Tatahi (Yrs 0-2) classes to Mazengarb Gym Programme

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi and welcome to Term 3 everyone!

I would like to start with a special welcome to Hillary Houston, who has been employed in a permanent position to take over from Tony Webb in Room 4. Hillary was very busy here over the term break setting up the room and preparing for her first term at PBS. It's great to have you on board Hillary; I know those enthusiastic students in Room 4 will make you smile and keep you laughing.



At the end of last term we were pleased that the contract negotiations between the Primary Teacher's Union (NZEI) and the government finally resulted in an accepted offer. This means primary teachers now have pay parity, on the base salary scale, with secondary teachers. Some issues around workload were also addressed, enabling teachers access to a few more teacher-only days each year and improved salary scale progressions. Hopefully this will help to make teaching an attractive career option again, so we can increase the number of teachers in NZ. On behalf of all the teachers at PBS, I wish to say a hearty thank you to parents for all your support during this stressful fight; your acknowledgment of the great work teachers do kept us in good spirits.

That said, New Zealand Primary Principals are still in negotiation over their contract pay and conditions. Whilst we have the same union as the teachers, we are on a separate contract. Principals voted to reject the last Ministry offer as it did not address fairness, equity or health and wellbeing. As part of our industrial action, Primary Principals voted to go on a partial strike until 16 August. This means that whilst I will be at work everyday as usual, I will be unable to complete any Ministry designated tasks, nor attend Ministry meetings (unless the meeting has been initiated from my end). But don't fear, I have plenty of PBS related work to keep me busy.

NB: The beautiful butterfly artwork pictured was created by Room 5.

Kind regards
Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki

PS: I can't wait to get tree planting next week; we would love parents or grandparents to come along to lend a hand too.





WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Elexia—Rm 23, Ella—Rm 23, May—Rm 22, Ava—Rm 23, Eli—Rm 22 and Noah—Rm 22.

TREE PLANTING UPDATE—1 WEEK TO GO!

We are really excited to be nearly ready for our planting extravaganza at school! Planting will take place during week 2, beginning at 10am on July 29 (weather permitting). All children at the school will help with the planting. We hope that they will enjoy watching the plants grow during their time at PBS, and hopefully, watching the birds enjoying the plants as they grow too.

If you (or extended whanau members) can help us digging holes or assisting children to plant any time early that week, we would LOVE to hear from you! Please contact Zoe Pearson/David Parr at birdsavers@pbs.school.nz

Thank you to the families who have sponsored trees; it is terrific to have your support. We are also hugely grateful to have the generous support of local businesses, without which this project would not have happened. Thanks to: Gus Evans Nurseries, the Kapiti Coast Airport, Composting New Zealand Limited, the Paraparaumu Beach Golf Course, A1 Homes and The Perfect Angle. Their support will go a long way to making our school grounds a safer and healthier environment for birds, as well as an enjoyable place for children now and in the future.

Thank you!

The Paraparaumu Bird Savers Student Group



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



Parent-Teacher interviews for students in Yrs 0-4 and 7/8 will be held next week (Wed, 31 July) from 2pm - 8pm. This means **school will close at the earlier time of 2pm on this day for all students**. You can book an interview time by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, enter the code nta4y and following the prompts.

Our Year 5-6 teachers will be available on the same afternoon until 5pm for anyone who did not get a chance to talk to the teacher at their June interviews. We do not have a booking form for this though, so just pop in and see them. If your child is in Room 4, you may also want to take this opportunity to pop in and say hi to Hillary.

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Carrie Reid, SENCO extraordinaire! Thank you for all the extra hours you put into applying for additional funding to support students and designing education, behaviour and health plans to enable those students to have better outcomes. You don't comprehend just how much we appreciate you for always going the extra mile.



KID'S QUOTE

Last term a 6 year old lad asked me what teachers do at their meetings, but before I could reply, he suggested that teachers must **'watch a show, watch movies and talk'**.

The disappointment on his face when I told him the truth signalled to me that he's unlikely to be a teacher in the future. Sorry kid!



IMMUNISATION RECORDS

Last term I sent quite a large number of letters home to parents asking them to update us on their child's immunisation records.

Whether your child is immunised or not, we need to know and we rely on parents to inform us please.

PLAY, EAT, LEARN TIMETABLE FEEDBACK

Thank you to all the parents who took the opportunity to fill in our recent survey. It was great to hear that the majority of you felt this was a positive move and that your kids are eating more too.

From here, we are taking all the feedback we received from parents, staff and the kids into consideration and will look to make a few tweaks here and there. In the meantime we are continuing with the timetable as trialled last term.

FAMILY DONATIONS

Thank you for the family donations we received last term. Donations this year will be put towards buying new reading materials for all age groups. These payments, although voluntary are valued and appreciated, as they enable us to provide curriculum extras. Therefore, we appreciate every dollar donated, even if you cannot pay the full amount.

Donations are currently set at \$65/child or \$100/family and can be paid in cash at the office or via Kindo. [Click here](#) to register and pay through our Kindo school shop.

MARTIN ROAD ALLEYWAY PROJECT

Te Motu Syndicate are working on an art project to enhance our Martin Road entrance walkway and would be grateful for donations or loans of any of the following:

- ◇ Paint—bright colours preferably
- ◇ Drop sheets
- ◇ Paint brushes (not large ones)
- ◇ Unwanted undercoat
- ◇ Time!



If anyone is able to or is interested in helping on Wednesdays between 11.30am-12.50pm we would love to hear from you. Please email Cath Franks on cfranks@pbs.school.nz.

SCHOOL HOODIES COMING SOON!

Just a heads up that school hoodies will be available for purchase soon. They will have the school logo on the front and child's name on the back. Samples will be available to try on in the office and prices will follow shortly.



NEW TOUCH RUGBY CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED

PBS needs another wonderful parent to oversee our schools touch rugby teams.

This role involves: being available to help out one night a week at the touch fields and help out with any committee duties, sort registrations and put players into teams, assign coaches and liaise with the coaches and school when needed, check draws each week and send out to the coaches and deal with any issues arising.

Lynz Batty (our retiring co-ordinator) is happy to show you the ropes and help you get up and running.

Please email or pop in and see Mrs Graham in Room 13 if you are interested in helping us with this role.

YEAR 7/8 CAMP FUNDRAISERS



PERSONALISED ARTWORK CALENDARS, CARDS, DIARIES, MOUSE MATS AND NOTE PADS

Your children have produced some fabulous artwork which will be turned into 2020 calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats, and notepads. They make perfect Christmas gifts and are great for sending overseas! They are also a great record of your child's talent this year!

The art will be available for viewing at the parent/teacher interviews on 31 July or ask your child's teacher if you want to have a look after that day.

Keep an eye out for the order forms which are coming home this week. Order forms and payment need to be returned before 7 August 2019.

MID-WEEK MUNCHIES

Morish Midweek Munchies will be on sale every Wednesday from Week 2 (31 July). Delicious, fresh homemade biscuits, cakes, and muffins.

Prices range from 50 cents to \$2. Come along and choose a treat and help Year 7 & 8s get to camp!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please note—community notices are accepted on a “publication if space allows” basis (thus no guarantee of publication can be given) three times per term (start/middle/end); **a small contribution of \$10 to the school for short “business” notices is appreciated before publication**; and finally and importantly, the publishing in the school newsletter of any community notice does not imply school sanctioning of, support for, or knowledge of the event or activity described.

sKids: sKids Kenakena specialises in delivering quality before school, after school and holiday programmes. We strive to create a fun and safe environment that our kids just love. Now taking bookings for Term 3. For more info please call Jools Da Silva on 021 0254 3249 or email jools@skids.co.nz.

Hoop Club Kapiti—Junior Basketball Coaching Programme T3 2019: Sunday, 28 July to Sunday, 22 September at Paraparaumu College Community Sportshall, Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu: 9.30-10.30 5-7 yr olds; 10.30-11.30 8-10 yr olds; 11.30-12.30 11-17 yr olds. All new players most welcome. Contact Angelo Robinson on 904 0142 or contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz.

Speech & Drama Classes: Teaching the Trinity College syllabus to encourage students to develop and improve communication skills. Lessons are designed to promote confidence in speaking and/or performance and general speech quality. For more info please call 902 0580, 021 0220 4867 or email michelle.rice@my.jcu.edu.au.



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