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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/36

13 November 2018

Upcoming Events

WEEK 5

Wed, 14 November

- Senior Inter-school Athletics

Thurs, 15 November

- E-Pro 8 Challenge (selected Yr 5-8 students)

Fri, 16 November

- Strike Action **SCHOOL CLOSED**

WEEK 6

Tues, 20-Fri, 23 November

- Ngaru Syndicate (Yr 3/4) trips to Palm Grove

Tues, 20 November

- Board Meeting—7pm

Wed, 21 November

- Board Outstanding Achievement Award 1.45pm (Yrs 5-8)

Thurs, 22 November

- Tatahi Yr 2 trip to Nga Manu

Fri, 23 November

- Yr 0/1 Tatahi Parent Information Morning—9.30-10.30am in the staffroom

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

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

HAPPY WORLD KINDNESS DAY!

This week's weather is more like it! More of this sunshine and we can start using our school pool again.

Earlier in the term I mentioned our Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's stance on kindness in our newsletter. I also decided to send that newsletter to the Prime Minister's office to tell her how much we value acts of kindness in our school community. In response Ms Ardern sent a reply which was an unexpected delight.

There's a copy of the full letter in my office window if anyone wants to read it, but I thought this paragraph summed her stance up well:

It's really nice to know that you featured kindness in your message. It's so important in these increasingly difficult and complicated times that we embrace kindness. I often tell young people who write to me that it's possible to be both caring and strong, empathetic and brave. That kindness is a strength, not a weakness.

Our Prime Minister also said she would love to visit Paraparaumu Beach school 'when I'm in your area next'. Wouldn't that be wonderful! We would even be able to provide at least 600 babysitters.

Kind regards

Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki

WELCOME TO OUR RECENT NEW STUDENTS

Elena in Rm 26 and Kade in Rm 25.

Embrace our Education
Enhance our Future

STRIKE ACTION ON FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

Firstly, on behalf of my teaching colleagues, thank you for the parent support we are receiving from the PBS community. We know strike action doesn't make your life easier - but we hope in the long run that better conditions for teachers will have positive returns for students. Jess Ward

As indicated in previous newsletters, rolling strikes are taking place in all New Zealand schools this week. Unfortunately our union and the government could not reach an agreement on the Collective Contract conditions for Principals or Teachers.

This means Paraparaumu Beach School will be closed this Friday (16 November) along with all schools in the greater Wellington region. Whilst we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students.

Through our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, we are asking for:

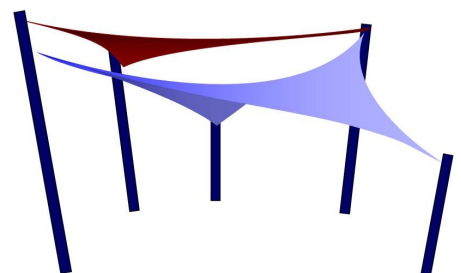
- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs – this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

We appreciate your continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child's teacher.



SHADE SAILS

We are excited to let you know that the new shade sails will be erected over the big adventure playground tomorrow (Wednesday). We would appreciate it if everyone can please stay away from the area (by the field) from 3pm onwards for this work to be carried out.



STUDENT WORK AND ACHIEVEMENT

Throughout the year, the Students of Room 4 have been involved in LEARNZ online learning and video conferencing with scientists in NZ and Antarctica. Their class mascot "Cookie", was one of five selected throughout NZ to travel to Antarctica with the Scientists, which we are all super excited about. He flew to Antarctica yesterday and will have a blog so we can follow his adventures.

Follow this link to find out more about Cookie and LEARNZ. <http://www.learnz.org.nz/antarctica184/ambassadors>



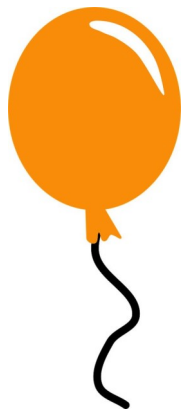
Cookie is the ambassador for Paraparaumu Beach School. Image: LEARNZ.

KIDS QUOTE

At the school gala we had the finals for our School Talent Quest. Solomon of Rm 11 came second with his stand up comedian act. One joke that the audience particularly enjoyed was:

Q. "Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?"

A. "Because she will let it go."



PLENTY OF CLOUD?

Even on a cloudy day, UV radiation is all around you. Light cloud in a blue sky can even make sunburn worse as the UV radiation reflects off the clouds.

Remember to cover up, seek shade and wear sunscreen when outdoors!



WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

A big thank you to Jen Roberts, Chrissie Sallis and the kids of Room 23 for the incredible Kapiti Island ceramics they made to sell at our recent gala. These were such a big hit. Chrissie's mum gave her time to help out as well, resulting in beautiful mini artworks.

Thank you team!

RAFFLE TICKETS

Please urgently return all raffle tickets and money (sold or unsold) by the end of this week at the latest, so we can sell the unsold tickets.

Thank you.

NEW ENTRANT PARENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION— TATAHI SYNDICATE

A New Entrant Information Presentation will be held for all parents of new children on Friday, 23 November from 9.30-10.15am in the staffroom. This session will:

- ◇ Provide an overview of the 'Transition to School'
- ◇ Provide an overview of the New Entrant Programme in reading, writing and mathematics
- ◇ Highlight how you can help at home with learning

In Tatahi Syndicate, we believe that successful partnerships between home and school are established when both parties have a shared expectation and knowledge of their child's learning. We would love to see you there.

PRIDE CHALLENGE—"SPRING"

Spring is here, spring is there, spring is absolutely everywhere. As Robin Williams once said, spring is nature's way of saying 'let's party'. And I agree. Can you imagine how many animals celebrate their birthdays in spring? It sure is a party!

Out of all the seasons, I like spring the most. You may ask why? Well let me tell you. There's nothing more magical than seeing a big blossom tree. Imagine this...you are sitting under the blossom tree, it's a windy day. You look up and pink and white confetti is falling all over you. This is confetti that 'wont cost the earth'.

But don't be sad when all of your beautiful blossoms blow away because what you will be left with is delicious fruit. And I can guarantee there won't be any needles in those.

There's nothing better than waking up to hear birds chirping outside your window. I'm lucky enough to live beside a lake. Around the lake we see sparrows, tuis, fantails, thrush, Canadian geese, swans, kingfishers and even the occasional parrot. But what my eyes are drawn to the most is the mother duck with her five baby ducklings. I would love to know how many other animals nest around the lake.

A study from the University of Michigan found that spending time in the sunny outdoors isn't just a mood booster, it actually boosts your creativity too. So next time you are outside, grab some paint or a pen and get creating.

Beetroot, beans, broccoli, cabbage, coriander, lettuce, onions and peas are just a few of the seeds that you can plant in spring. Bulbs and weeds pop up and bring colour and fragrance to the garden. Last year I got creative and planted a strawberry patch. But those sneaky birds from the lake got creative too in finding ways to eat my strawberries. I set up nets, flapping plastic bags and even a floppy glove. But the birds won! It will be different this year.

On a final note, I think the following words sum up spring nicely: Spring is summer in the sun and winter in the shade. Sadly this was proven wrong at the Paraparaumu Beach School gala where it was winter in the rain and winter in the shade. Better luck next time.

By Aisha Weir



CHANGING THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Next year we are looking to reduce some of our paper usage by moving away from a weekly paper newsletter. About half our families have the newsletter emailed to them each Tuesday, which certainly helps. We are looking to move to a digital format called Skool Loop, which other school communities are finding effective.

Whilst we will still continue to send some trip notices home on paper, the weekly newsletter will not be produced on paper.



Marsden Whitby Enrolments

Marsden Whitby is currently planning classes for 2019. There are a small number of places left in Year 9 for 2019—the other year groups are full.

If you are interested in a place for your son or daughter in Year 9 next year please get in touch with Enrolment Manager Lorraine Rose as soon as possible. Phone 04 234 1070 or email lorraine.rose@marsdenwhitby.school.nz or www.marsden.school.nz/whitby/

EARLY MAN

Cushion Movie Year 5/6 Fundraiser



Dear Parents

Are you tired from a week of work and want a break?

Then send your kids along to Early Man (PG) on
Friday the 30th November from 3.15pm-5.00pm.

Kids will be supervised by Te Moana teachers so you can relax and get some Christmas shopping done!

Tickets are \$5 each

and will be on sale from the 14 of November at morning tea times outside Room 2.

Bring your gold coins for drinks and popcorn available to purchase on the day. Adults are welcome to purchase a ticket too.

Please see Mrs Evans in Room 2 if you have any questions.

Rental House Urgently Required

We are looking for a 4 bedroom home close to Paraparaumu Beach School and Paraparaumu College for 2 working adults, 2 at college and 2 at Paraparaumu Beach School. No pets. References available. Please phone Kate on 027 261 3400.