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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

**Newsletter 2019/40**

**10 December 2019**

### Upcoming Events

#### WEEK 9

**Tues, 10 December**

- ◇ Yr 8 Leavers Dinner—6pm

**Wed, 11 December**

- ◇ Class Transition Visits

**Thurs, 12 December**

- ◇ Whole School Assembly  
9.15am—ALL WELCOME
- ◇ Parent helper's morning  
tea
- ◇ Cultural performance  
showcase—ALL  
WELCOME

**Fri, 13 December**

- ◇ Tatahi Yrs 0-2 Christmas  
Carols 2.30pm
- ◇ Te Motu fun day

#### WEEK 10

**Mon, 16 December**

- ◇ BOT/PTA/Staff afternoon  
tea and presentations
- ◇ Board meeting from 5pm  
onwards

**Tues, 17 December**

- ◇ Last day of school. School  
finishes at 12.30pm
- ◇ Prizegiving 9.20am

#### 2020 TERM 1

**Tues, 4 February**

- ◇ School year starts

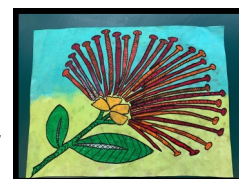
### WELCOME TO NEW STUDENT

Ben—Rm 20.



Kia Ora PBS families and Season Greetings

With our last day being next Tuesday (closing at 12.30pm) this will be our last newsletter for 2019. So let me take this final opportunity to thank everyone in our school community for another successful and positive year.



It's an old, well known saying that **'it takes a village to raise a child'** and it could not be more true. Our school's strength is its people; staff, parents, whanau, Board of Trustees, PTA, students, team coaches/managers and volunteers. It is everyone lending a hand and lending their support, which makes this the best possible environment for kids to grow, learn and play. So thank you for your ongoing support, it is greatly valued.



As stated above, it takes many people to run a school. Sadly, one of those people who helped PBS for many years passed away over the weekend. Former PBS Board of Trustees member, Alan McCauley, served on our Board from 2001 to 2006. He was an excellent treasurer and the brain-child behind our Board Outstanding Achiever's Award. Alan's three grown children Erin, Keegan and Finn and their mum Janine have our deepest

sympathies at this sad time.

To our Year 8 students heading off to college in 2020, all the very best for the next chapter in your adventure. Each of you have talents to share and be proud of, so don't hold back in sharing these at college. There are lots of opportunities available to you at college next year, and we hope that you make the most of these options and get involved. We look forward to celebrating with you at our Year 8 Leavers Dinner tonight. Please keep in touch, kia kaha, go well!

To our much loved departing staff, Pene Davidson, Nikki Watson-Smith, Laura Mackfall, Tara Vertongen, Rangi Halbert, Bronwyn Romain, and Kirsty Jackson - thank you for all your hard work and dedication over the past year/s. Wherever your journey takes you next we hope you'll stay in touch. We also hope that some opportunities will arise which will lead you back to working at or visiting us at PBS again in the future. Please know that your work has touched the lives of many tamariki and for this we thank you whole-heartedly.

Finally, I know you'll be holding in your hearts those people who will find this festive season difficult. It is heart breaking to hear each day the growing number of children in Samoa who have passed away from measles and sad to learn of those who were affected by the eruption on White Island yesterday. **Closer to home**, we also have a couple of PBS families who are doing it hard at the moment for various reasons. Whilst I can't disclose details, please trust me that these families would benefit from your kind support. ***I have put a donation option on KINDO for those of you who would like to give \$5, \$10 or \$20 to help these precious people. Thank you in advance for your kindness.***

Kind regards and have a safe and enjoyable summer break,

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki

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Enhance our Future**

## SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING

Next Tuesday at 9.20am we are holding our Senior Prizegiving Ceremony in the hall. Parents and whanau are warmly invited to attend but please be aware that seating and standing room is at a premium. **We ask that any older brothers or sisters attending stand to allow the seats to be available to adults. Being a long and formal event, it is not suitable for pre-schoolers to attend.**

Thank you for your understanding.

## STAFFING UPDATE

Our syndicate structures for 2020 are as follows:

### Tātai Year 1

Room 19 - Jalah Davis

Room 21 - Rachel Dowell -TEAM LEADER (start up class later in Term 1)

Room 22 - Sandy Saunders

Room 23 - Sheryl McKnight

### Tātai Year 2

Room 24 - Vicki Howarth -TEAM LEADER

Room 25 - Sarah Smith

Room 26 - Jo Mackay

### Ngaru Year 3 & 4

Room 5 - Tina Purdie & Rebecca Jackson

Room 6 - Cristie Gray (new to PBS)

Room 9 - Jon McCormick

Room 10 - Kathryn Siversen

Room 11 - Sarah Chambers - TEAM LEADER

Room 12 - Brenda Staples

### Te Moana Year 5 & 6

Room 1 - Vanessa Brewer - TEAM LEADER

Room 2 - Shelley Evans

Room 3 - teacher to be confirmed

Room 4 - Hillary Houston

Room 28 - Bek Winter

Room 29 - Kyle Reesor (new to PBS)

### Te Motu Year 7 & 8

Room 7 - Caty Spencer (new to PBS)

Room 8 - Larisa McKenna

Room 13 - Alice Graham

Room 14 - Cath Franks - TEAM LEADER

Room 15 - Colin Siversen

Room 16 - Teresa Robertson

In 2020 John Needham will be acting as a release teacher, as will David Parr when he returns in Term 3 from his Science Teaching Leadership studies. Gill Snowsill will be away on leave for the full academic year, so we will look forward to her return in 2021.



## DYSLEXIA REVIEW

In 2019 we have been reflecting on our practices in relation to dyslexia. As a school we were keen to clarify what we are doing well, how we can keep improving and if there were any areas that needed strengthening. To help us, we engaged the support of Te Whiri Kōkō Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour service.

We were really pleased to have Alastair Milner and Sasanka Velagapudi come on board and work with us. Alastair and Sasanka conducted a range of focus group interviews involving gathering the perspectives of staff and parents. Thank you so much to the parents and staff who took part in the interviews. Alastair and Sasanka reported they were all really positive and constructive conversations.

They presented their findings last week which were both affirming and useful, with themes identified and recommendations for us to consider. In summary, it was great to see many areas of strength highlighted. For example, the mention of the "rigorous process of implementing strategies and scaffolding students with special needs" and the range of supports on offer.

We were also interested in ideas around developing a clearer school wide approach to dyslexia. While no decisions were made at this late stage of the year, school wide PD in 2020 may be a way of approaching this. The report also identified some assessment tools that could be helpful. These assessment tools could assist us to broaden our understanding of individual children and therefore be even more specific in our approaches.

We very much appreciated Alastair and Sasanka's work in conducting this review. We hope they will be back in the new year to continue to work with us as a school.

The whole process was very worthwhile and we look forward to using this feedback as a springboard for continued growth in this area.

Mike Thomas  
Deputy Principal

## WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Last week our Senior Kapa Haka group performed at the Takiri o te Ata festival. This annual event for local schools is always a highlight of Term 4. Our students performed wonderfully and it was amazing to see such a large turnout of parents there in support. This group would not be possible without the incredible work of Rangi Halbert, Cath Franks and David Parr—I'm sure all the students in this group would join me in thanking them for their work.



## USING MĀORI LANGUAGE AT HOME

Each week we will be picking a phrase from "MĀORI AT HOME" by Scott and Stacey Morrison that you might like to try out at your place. After all it will take the whole nation to keep this unique language alive!

**Meri Kirihimete! ~ Merry Christmas!**

## PLAYGROUND PAINTING

A massive “Shout Out” to Alastair Paton. Alastair runs Kāpiti Painting and is also dad to Josh in Room 6. Alastair was amazing. He donated paints and materials to complete the first stage of our “Playground Painting Project”. This wouldn’t be possible without you! The Student Council and the whole school thank you very, very much!

Thanks also to the people who brought in the 2 for 1 vouchers.

We are so happy with our first effort and are planning to continue brightening up the playground in 2020.

*Nevaeh Kellogg*

*On behalf of the Student Council*



## CULTURAL PERFORMANCES DAY

This Thursday, 12 December at 11.30am, we will be having our Cultural Performances Day. There will be a range of different acts and talents to enjoy. It is a great chance to celebrate and acknowledge some amazing talent and hard work. It is also a chance for the Tatahi One, Tatahi Two and Ngaru students (who are the main audience) to enjoy and be inspired by the performances.

Parents and whanau are very welcome to attend.

*Mike Thomas*

## KIDS QUOTE



We have so many tired kids around at the moment (and staff). A teacher was reminding some of our Year 3-4 kids about getting a good night’s sleep and getting into bed before 8pm. She reminded them what Harold the Giraffe from the Life Education Truck has told us over time.

Teacher “Remember Harold says if there’s an 8 it’s too late.”

An older kid who overheard this piped in with “So if there’s a 9, it’s fine!” Cheeky!

## HUHA THANKS

Kerri-Lee and Jorja would like to thank everyone who donated to HUHA over the last term and a half. We are looking forward to delivering all of these great toys, blankets and food items to HUHA over the week. If you would still like to donate please click on this link: <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/huha-helping-you-help-animals-charitable-trust> or visit <https://huha.org.nz/get-involved/donate/> Thanks again and Merry Christmas to all our furry, feathered and scaled friends and to you our PBS whanau.





## YUMMY STICKER UPDATE

A huge shout out to everyone who collected Yummy stickers over the last year. We have just received **\$677 worth of FREE sports gear!** Thanks to everyone who handed in any amount of stickers, as added together they go a long way.

A special thank you to the following students and families who did an outstanding job collecting the most stickers: Chester & Lily-Rose Jackson, Sam Scriven, Lily Moore, and Renae & Lani Vertongen.

Please keep collecting Yummy stickers over the Christmas holidays whenever you see Yummy fruit. This includes nectarines, plums, and other summer fruit as well as the traditional apples and pears.

Remember to cut out the token on the Yummy plastic bags. These are important as they are worth 10 stickers!! Please return any sheets to Mrs Evans in Room 2.

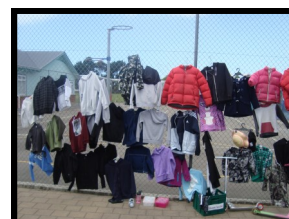
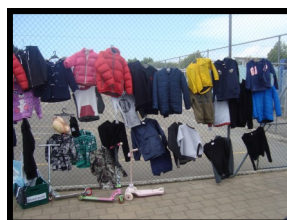
Thanks and well done everyone—a super team effort!



## LOST PROPERTY

Please have a look in lost property and check on fine days when it will be on display by the netball/tennis courts.

Anything unnamed or unclaimed will be donated to Women's Refuge or the Koha Shed.



## CHRISTMAS KINDNESS



Thanks so much to those who have donated items for Tatahi's Food Bank food drive. **LAST WEEK TO DONATE BEFORE CHRISTMAS.** We will be delivering on Monday. The kind folk at Kapiti Community Food Bank have told us that they need items that can be used for a Christmas meal. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

## CHROME BOOKS—EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The next deadline for the start of year roll out of Chromebooks will be 12 February 2020. Expression of Interest forms, pricing and other details are available from <https://whetrust.weebly.com/>

Expression of interest forms are also available from the office.

## EZCOVERS

Make it **EASY** on yourselves this year with **EZCOVERS** for your stationery - reusable, funky designs delivered to your door and so easy the kids can cover their own books! Ezcovers will also donate 15c from each cover to our school. At checkout just **select Paraparaumu Beach School** and **enter the special code EZ15**. Order your Ezcovers online at [www.ezcovers.com/nz](http://www.ezcovers.com/nz)

## RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

**Kapa Haka:** Congratulations to Isla Fellows and Nyah Tonga who have both been selected for the U13 Ikaroa ki te Raki Maori Netball Squad! Ka mau te wehi girls.

## ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

ANZ Olympic Schools Programme has been renamed ANZ School Programme. Please help the school earn points. 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 drawdown that you are supporting PBS in the ANZ Schools Programme! See [www.anzschoools.co.nz](http://www.anzschoools.co.nz) or contact our 'ANZ staff-parent', Angela Morris at [angela.morris@anz.com](mailto:angela.morris@anz.com).

## BASKETBALL Saints

This season has been amazing with all the boys in our team. We played well at times, though more practise would have helped. I think we have all really improved with the trainings we had with Michelle.

We came 3rd place this season so not too bad. Kenakena School and Raumati Beach School were great teams and we all played our hearts out on the court, but we just couldn't hold them off.

Special thanks to Mr McCormick for coming to our games and cheering us on and off the court. I'm really proud of the boys Jacob, Nico, Jack, Will, Matty, Otis and Corban for being incredible team mates.

Thanks for a great season boys.

*Joseph (Captain)*

## B Team

This year the B basketball team was moved into the A grade. We were the only B team to play in the A grade, so it was tough. We had some close games against Waikanae A and Kenakena A, with the highlight winning against Kapanui A.

In the playoffs we were up against Waikanae A playing for 5th place in the grade. It was a closely contested match, but unfortunately we lost by 3 points in the dying minutes of the game.

I am really proud of how my team mates played this season and I would like to thank them for their sportsmanship and commitment to the team. Thank you Sharpie, Jordan, Ethan, Rico, JB, Kaea, Jay and Katrina who joined the team in the middle of the season!

*Thanks—Tristan (Captain)*

## Wrap-Up

A huge thanks to Michelle Scriven for volunteering her time and knowledge. She regularly took Tuesday trainings and would help with tactics on game day.

Thanks Michelle—your support was much appreciated!

## 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! We are now taking bookings for our action-packed summer holiday programme and Term 1. For more info, please call Jools Da Silva on 021 0254 3249 or email [jools@skids.co.nz](mailto:jools@skids.co.nz).

**SPRINGBOARD & PLATFORM DIVING AT KILBIRNIE POOL:** Wellington Diving club is running a holiday programme in January 2020 for children aged 5yrs+ who are confident in deep water and can comfortably swim 25 metres on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-23 January. Choose 10-11am or 4-5pm. \$10/session. For more info call Barbara on 027 485 8888 or make your booking via our website <https://>

