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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/22

24 July 2018

Upcoming Events

TERM 3

WEEK 1

Tues, 24 July

- Board Meeting—7pm

WEEK 2

- Hopefully moving back into Rms 1-4!

WEEK 3

Tuesday, 7 August

- Jnr Winter Tournament (Yr 5/6 students)
Thurs, 9 August 2-8pm
• Parent-Teacher Interviews **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM**

WEEK 4

Wed, 15 August

- NZ Teachers' Strike

WEEK 5

- School Photos this week

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora koutou

Our 670 kids may have been on term break, but school has still been a hive of activity. We had the roof of the hall re-screwed to stop the internal leaks we've experienced, the wooden bridge on the playground has been replaced after 14 years of love, new school bells have been connected, and Rooms 1-4 have progressed to near completion. We are hopeful that Rooms 1-4 will be ready to move back into next week!



Welcome to Julie Cranshaw who has begun teaching our new New Entrant class this term. Julie's class is initially based in our old dental clinic space, but will be moving into Room 25 once Tony Webb's class moves back into Room 4. It's lovely to have you as part of the PBS Crew Julie!

Before I sign off let me remind you about our Parent-Teacher Interviews on Thursday, 9 August. The instructions for booking yourself a slot are mentioned later in this newsletter. We hope to catch up with you then.

Ka kite ano,
Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki



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Enhance our Future**

NATIONAL TEACHERS' STRIKE

You are probably aware that New Zealand Primary Teachers are planning to strike on the 15th of August. Our Campaign, "It's Time – Kua tae te wā", focuses on having time to lead, time to teach and time to learn. The number of people training to be teachers has dropped significantly. This means fewer teachers in front of students, which ultimately leads to larger class sizes! Currently teaching in NZ is not an attractive career choice; it is a highly stressful job which is emotionally, mentally and physically draining. The statistics show teachers and principals are leaving the profession in higher numbers than ever before due to well-being concerns. There are ways that this campaign can address workload and make teaching more sustainable and enjoyable, a pay increase is only one aspect of this campaign.

If the nationwide strike goes ahead, this will take place on 15 August. I will keep you updated on this front.

Jess Ward

EARLY ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL



We have growing numbers of students arriving at school before 8.15am. Please be aware that school staff are not responsible for your child/children at this time of the morning. **Students who arrive before 8.15am are not supervised by staff.**

If you work in Wellington, further afield or just need to be at work early please make other arrangements for before-school childcare.

Thank you.

TERM 3 PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST (afternoon and evening). In order to accommodate enough interview slots the school will be closing at 2pm on this day. Please ensure you have made arrangements for an early pick-up time on this day.

Bookings will close at 9am on Thursday, 9 August. Unfortunately, late bookings cannot be taken, but you can email the class teacher at any time to make alternative arrangements to meet. To book interviews times:

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home
- Enter the school events code dnfd7
- Click 'Go' and follow the prompts

If you do not have access to a computer, then please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. As always, if you cannot attend interviews on this date, alternative arrangements can be made directly with your child's class teacher. Please note there is only one interview slot available per child.



The school library (or another available space) will be open on this afternoon and evening for children who wish to wait indoors whilst parents are meeting teachers. If it is a cold winter's night, then this will be a cosy place to keep warm.



WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

When kids are on term break the school is not empty. Though I tell teachers to take time to rewind and re-energise, you will always find staff coming in and out of the school during the break.

A BIG thank you to all my teachers who worked during the school break to plan for Term 3, review and report on Term 2, attend syndicate meetings, set-up classroom displays, attended courses, and do a hundred other tasks. Your commitment never goes unseen – thank you.

KIDS QUOTE

I received an email recently from a former PBS student which started...

“I’ve just been sitting around looking through old workbooks and photos of my time at Paraparaumu Beach School and I can’t help but miss it immensely. ...I really appreciate how much PBS made me feel at home and in a safe environment.”

Needless to say we were tickled pink to receive such an appreciative and thoughtful email. Kindness really is the best gift!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At our end of term Assembly, Rico Albert was awarded the Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award. Rico was celebrated for the additional responsibilities he’s taken on at school, the wonderful role model he is and the personal learning and sporting successes he has achieved. Congratulations Rico!



NETBALL

Congratulations to Tristina Kirkwood-Cudby who also made the Kapiti Netball Yr 8 rep team and was missed off the newsletter at the end of last term.



YUMMY STICKERS

A huge thank you to the families that have been collecting Yummy stickers and tokens over the break. Please keep an eye out for apple stickers or any other Yummy fruit over the winter.



If you buy a bag of apples, you can clip the token which is worth 10 apple stickers! Or, just collect the stickers off individual pieces of fruit. Every sticker collected counts towards FREE sports gear for our PE shed. Let's see if we can beat last year's total of almost \$800. We have until September to collect as many as we can.

Please return any completed sheets to Mrs Evans in Rm 2 and thank you for your continued support. New sticker sheets are available from the office.

EZLUNCH MENU

There have been a few additions to our Ezlunch Menu available on Wednesdays and Fridays. Order and pay for your ezlunch using your "mykindo" family account. Go to www.ezlunch.co.nz for more info. See a copy of the new menu at the end of this newsletter.



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

Pony-Tales Indoor Riding School: Riding lessons, catered pony parties and school holiday programmes. Special introductory lessons \$25. All sizes and abilities catered for. Contact Jackie Gilmore on 293 8161 or 021 420 071 or Julie Caister on 021 058 7422 or email jacksgilmore@gmail.com.

Kapiti Dance Presents “The Magic Faraway Tree”: 2pm and 7pm on Saturday, 4 August at Southward Theatre. Adults \$25; children \$15; senior citizens \$20. Tickets at Coastlands Information Desk.

Marsden Whitby Open Day: Friday, 17 August any time between 10am and 2pm. A great opportunity to see the Marsden Whitby campus, to explore the benefits and find out about the Marsden Whitby programmes. To register visit marsden.school.nz/experience. Enrolments for 2019 and beyond are now open. Questions or for a personal tour please call 04 234 1070 or visit marsden.school.nz/whitby.

Hoop Club Kapiti—Jnr Basketball Coaching Programme—T3 2018: Paraparaumu sessions restart on Sunday, 29 July running through to Sunday, 23 September at Paraparaumu College Community Sportshall, Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu from 9.30-10.30am for 5-7yr olds; 10.30-11.30am for 8-10yr olds and 11.30-12.30pm for 11-17yr olds. All new players welcome. Contact Angelo Robinson on 904 0142 or contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz.

Paraparaumu College Hosting Mid-Winter Market: Saturday, 4 August from 4-7pm. A night filled with lots of fun stalls, food and tons of entertainment. Dress up warm and bring your family and friends to Paraparaumu College and prepare for an entertaining night out.

Chilton St James School Centenary: Celebrating 100 years of education. Book now—26, 27, 28 October. See www.chilton.school.nz/centenary or email centenary@chilton.school.nz.

Spade Aid: Greater Wellington Planting Programme at Whareroa Beach (Mackays Crossing entrance, Queen Elizabeth Park) on Sunday, 29 July. Join us from 10am with warm clothes, sturdy footwear and a spade if you have one. We'll bring the plants! Live music and free sausages.