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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2017/38

28 November 2017

Upcoming Events

Week 7

Tues, 28 Nov

- Tatahi New Parent's Information Evening—7pm

Wed, 29 Nov

- Student Council Sausage Sizzle

Fri, 1 Dec

- Kapa Haka Hui at Kapiti College

Week 8

Mon, 4 Dec

- Road Patrollers Function

Tues, 5 Dec

- Regional Athletics (Masterton)

- Year 8's Leavers Dinner

- Rooms 3, 28 & 29 trip to Te Papa

Wed, 6 Dec

- Whole school assembly—9.15am PLEASE JOIN US!

- Te Moana Yr 5/6 Kiwiana Day

Thurs, 7 Dec

- Rooms 1, 2 & 4 trip to Te Papa

Fri, 8 Dec

- Tatahi Yr 2—Teddy Bear's Picnic

- Te Motu Yr 7/8 Fun Day

- Ngaru Yr 3/4 Showcase—1.45pm

- Tatahi Christmas Sing Along—2.30pm

Week 9

Mon, 11 Dec

- Cultural Performances Show—9.15am PLEASE COME ALONG

- Parent Helper's Morning Tea

Wed, 13 Dec

- Yr 5-8 Prizegiving

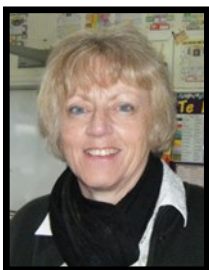
Thurs, 14 Dec

- LAST DAY – School closes at 12.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora,

It's hard to believe that it is December later this week! Our official school report from the Education Review Office has now been published online. We are tremendously proud of the report findings and of course the hard work we know we have put in to achieve these results. As mentioned previously, we are one of three NZ primary schools to have received three consecutive ERO reports of this highest grading. You can read the full report at the following link <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/paraparaumu-beach-school-03-11-2017/>



In next week's newsletter I will be publishing the Teacher Placement for 2018. We are just waiting on the appointment of two final positions to complete our line up of staff. On the subject of staffing, at the end of this year we will be saying farewell to Maryke Goggin (Room 5 teacher), who is retiring and going to enjoy the 'good life' with her husband Colin. Maryke has taught at PBS for ten years and has made a significant contribution to the school in that time, especially with her management of our school library. I wish to thank her whole-heartedly for her dedication to her job, so many kids have benefitted from her teaching and staff have loved her gentle and positive nature. Maryke, we wish you all the very best and secretly hope we still see you often as a relief teacher!

Furthermore, Tara Vertongen has decided to spend a few more years as a "stay at home mum" with her two youngest girls. She will still be at PBS next year, but in a part-time capacity. We are happy to release Tara from full time teaching for now, as we know she will return to full time teaching once her young ones are all at primary school. Enjoy your time at home with Lani and Jade!

Kind regards, Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki

Welcome to Our Recent New Students

Megan—Rm 17, Hunter—Rm 12 and Linkin—Rm 23.

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2018 BUILDING PROJECTS

Whilst I always look forward to the new school year, seeing our cheery kids returning refreshed from their summer break, there are a few aspects of school life next year that I'm not looking forward tobuilding projects! I know the end outcome of beautifully refurbished classrooms and stage one of our playground rebuild are needed and will be fantastic; I also know that all this change can cause upheaval too. Therefore, I want to pre-warn all our families that staff and students will need to make some compromises

and be flexible about school resources (e.g. use of the hall and library) whilst we undergo these projects. Having a sense of humour, remaining positive and looking towards the end outcome is what I ask of everyone in our community.

The Ministry will not give us spare classrooms to move into whilst the buildings are refurbished, which means using our hall, ICT suite and library as classrooms instead. Please bare with us.

STUDENT WORK



Last week the students of Rooms 28 and 29 were involved in Kiwiana Arts. They had a range of tasks to choose from including poi making, a local photo quiz, Geo-guesser task and making pavlova to name a few. Nelly and Riley decided to try the tricky art of Putiputi o Harakeke (Flax flowers). They both described the technique as “difficult at first” until you got the hang of which section to weave next. Nelly said she was proud of her creation. Riley said he found the process very interesting.

KID'S QUOTE

A Year 3 girl in the playground last week told me “ **My Mum's from England. She speaks English and sometimes I can't even understand her!**”

I can only guess that perhaps ‘mum’ has a strong accent like my Yorkshire relatives!



KAPA HAKA HUI

Our Kapa Haka will be performing at the local schools' Hui this Friday, 1 December at Kapiti College Gymnasium. We have been given the time of 1.15pm for our performance and welcome you to come along and tautoko (support) us!

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? – Staff gratitude section

Last week I got the opportunity to visit Palm Grove and see some of our Year 3-4 classes enjoying all the fun activities available. A huge thank you to Sarah Chambers, Maryke Goggin, Pene Davidson, Sarah Smith, Jon McCormick, Kathryn Siversen and Brenda Staples for their excellent planning and organisation. The kids and parents had an absolute ball, especially on the waterslide!



EPRO8 TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 team of Bella Brewer, Cody Henderson, Thomas Hobson and Sophia Strawbridge who came 6th in the semi-finals of the ePro8 Challenge held at Tawa Intermediate.

Great team work. Well done!

EPro8 Challenge
Engineer Problem Solve Innovate



JUICEES & COOKIES FOR SALE—PTA FUND-RAISER

The PTA will be selling Juices and Cookie Time cookies every Friday this term at lunch time. They cost \$1 each and will be selling them outside Rm 17 from 12.30pm.



YEAR 8 LEAVERS DINNER

Reminder that the Year 8 Leavers Dinner will be held next Tuesday, 5 December. Parents are invited to join us from 6-7pm for formal speeches and presentations.

All students will need to be collected at 9pm from the school hall.

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KINDNESS MAKES THE WORLD GO AROUND

Most PBS kids will know I'm big on kindness. It takes no effort to wish someone a good day, pick up a piece of rubbish, smile and pat someone on the back for a job well done. Recently one of our PBS parents shared this Kindness calendar on Facebook and I thought what a cool idea to share with our community. December starts this Friday so please join with me and let's see how much we can achieve. Kids can feel free to email photos of them undertaking any of the tasks and I'll create a Kindness Wall to post them on at school. You can download a copy of the calendar here http://www.actionforhappiness.org/media/625566/kindness_calendar.jpg or kids can collect a paper copy from the office.



NGARU SYNDICATE INVITATION

The Ngaru Syndicate would like to invite whanau and friends to our End of Year Show Case on Friday, 8 December in the school hall at 1.45pm.

STURDY PACKING BOXES REQUIRED

The school requires sturdy packing boxes for moving classes at the end of the year. Please drop off to the office.

Thank you.



NGARU SYNDICATE THANKS

Ngaru Syndicate would like to thank all the parents who helped out at our Palm Grove trips last week. The students had a great time and it was cool to see the warm weather enticed many adults to enjoy the water slide too!



FOUND HOODIES



Ms Wilson

I have two Paraparaumu Rugby Club hoodies in my office. One is named and the other is not.

The named one belongs to someone who was in the Blairs Auto Electrical team; if you tell me what name is on the back it's yours. The other has no name in it and it belongs to someone who was in the 2016 team called the Boas; if it's yours please come and get it.