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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

**Newsletter 2018/19**

**19 June 2018**

## Upcoming Events

### WEEK 8

*Tues, 19 June*

- Te Motu Syndicate (Yr 7/8) Tiki Tour

*Fri, 22 June*

- Yr 8 College Orientation at Paraparaumu College

### WEEK 9

*Tues, 26 June*

- Yr 8 College Orientation at Kapiti College

*Wed, 27 June*

- Teachers' Paid Union Meeting—**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION from 12.30pm**

*Fri, 29 June*

- Marcel Bernard (speaker) Yrs 5-8

### WEEK 10

*Tues, 3 July*

- Regional Cross Country

*Wed, 4 July*

- School Assembly 9.20am—all Welcome! (weather permitting)

- Tu Meke time

*Fri, 6 July*

- Mid-Year Reports come home/LAST DAY T2

### TERM 3

#### WEEK 1

*Mon, 23 July*

- First day of Term 3

*Tues, 24 July*

- Board Meeting—7pm

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

Last Friday we celebrated Matariki in our Whanau groups and as a school. The rain held off, which enabled us to get together for a waiata session and lunch. These get-togethers are really valued in a school our size. The kids get so much out of mixed age-group events.

As the end of Term 2 draws closer, so does Mid-Year report time. On the last day of this term parents will receive their child's report. For the first time in many years we will not be reporting against National Standards, which in the opinion of many educators, including myself, were neither national nor standard.



National Standards assumed many aspects of learning were linear, which is not the case; both young and old learners attain **different skills** in a **different order** and at **different times**.

National Standards was a (government mandated) benchmarked system which ranked a student's achievement as *well below, below, at or above* the benchmark for their year level. As learning is not linear, and as there is always an age variance with each year level, the National Standards system disadvantaged some young learners.

Moving back to reporting against New Zealand Curriculum levels means the focus shifts from reporting benchmarked achievement to reporting progress and achievement. Yes, there are still benchmarks to achieve, but the curriculum levels take into account the non-linear nature of learning. Reporting against these levels is much more appropriate for primary aged students :-)

Parents tell me that they are really interested to know what progress their child is making. They want to know that their child is moving forward, gaining new skills (academic, physical and social), working on areas of need, just as much as they want to know where their child sits in terms of achievement levels. So whether your child is the oldest or youngest in the class, a child with learning needs or a child with talents in certain areas, we are able to celebrate their progress, not just how well they meet the expected curriculum level.

Ka kite ano

Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki

**Embrace our Education  
Enhance our Future**

## Welcome to our New Student

Grace & Jermayne—Rm 20.

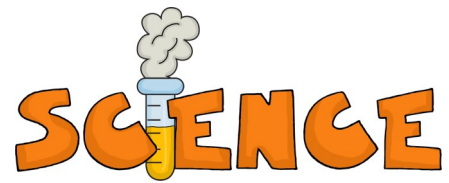
# WELCOME

## DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS—JUNIOR CUP WINNERS

Congratulations to the wonderful scientists below who won awards at last week's district science fair. We are so proud of your achievements!

Overall Junior Winner	Isobella Marshall, Luka Dinou, Fei Naulder (Yr 4 Group Exhibit)
Excellence	Emily Summers (Rm 1)
Merit	Zachariah Weir, Bailey Hunt, Ezra Silbery, Monty Parr, Cody Fletcher (Yr 4 Group Exhibit)
Merit	Isobel Chisholm (Rm 28)
Merit	Noah Leslie (Rm 1)

Overall winners and excellence exhibits are on display at Paraparaumu Library.



## EARLY NOTIFICATION OF TEACHER'S FINAL PAID UNION MEETING FOR 2018

Next week our Teachers will be attending a Paid Union meeting on the afternoon of **Wednesday, 27 June**. The task of teaching is increasingly more complex than it was 20+ years ago, so we hope these collective contract negotiations can address some of these aspects for all NZ teachers.



On this afternoon, I will remain at school with Teacher Aides and office staff, and whilst we are happy to supervise students unable to be collected, we would appreciate parents making alternative arrangements for collecting students early on this day if possible.

Thank you all in advance for your ongoing support.

*Jess Ward*

### What are we campaigning for?

- More teachers—recruitment and retention
  - ◇ There is a serious teacher shortage which is growing
  - ◇ A 40% drop in teacher graduates in the past 5 years while there are growing school rolls
  - ◇ 20% more permanent teachers left teaching in 2017 than in 2013
  - ◇ More teachers mean your children get more attention
- More resources and staff to support children with additional learning needs
- A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage and encourage people into the profession
- Recognition of the job, what has to be dealt with in a day and the emotional involvement

## WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Paula James is the Administration Assistant in our school office, but Paula does way more than answer phones and tend to queries.

Paula is our energizer bunny, who mops tears, applies plasters, keeps the staff kitchen in order, follows through student absences, “dresses up” for special event days, as well as a hundred and one other tasks. She keeps us all laughing too, which is the icing on the cake.

Thank you Paula!



## KIDS QUOTE

Last week I joined one of the Whanau groups practising the school waiata for Matariki,. After the first practice, a Ngaru Syndicate student turned around and said to Mrs Purdie *“You did well”*. After the second practice, the same student turned to me and said *“Everyone sounded good, even you!”*

## RE-USABLE BAGS

Wow! What a great week!

We have had a fantastic response so far with our reusable bag launch. Thank you to all those families that have returned their money and bags. Don't forget to keep selling the bags as this is a great way to help raise money for our school and at the same time look after our environment.

If you need any more bags, please either see Paula in the office or Whaea Sandy in Rm 22.



## NEW ENTRANT PARENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION—TATAHI SYNDICATE

A New Entrant Information Presentation will be held for all parents of new entrant children on Friday, 29 June 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.

## PROGRESS OF ROOMS 1-4

The interiors of these rooms are well underway. However, we are playing the same waiting game on windows and aluminium joinery as we did with Rooms 5-8. Depending on when these arrive the schedule maybe pushed out a little further.

## JUICEES & COOKIES

Juicees and cookies are for sale on Friday lunchtimes outside Rm 17—\$1 each.

Juicees



## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK RETURN—URGENT REMINDER

Please remember to return your unsold Entertainment Books/ payments to the school office. These are now overdue. Thank you.



## MATARIKI

To celebrate Matariki the Paraparaumu Library will be holding the portable planetarium Starlab. This will take place **today** (19 June) within the youth area of the library and is a free event. The show will run for approximately 45 minutes. The public sessions are at 3pm and 4pm which people can register for online. For more info check out the website <http://www.starlab-astronomy.co.nz>

## School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow