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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

**Newsletter 2017/40**

**12 December 2017**

### Upcoming Events

#### **Week 9**

*Wed, 13 Dec*

- Yr 5-8 Prizegiving—9.15am start

*Thurs, 14 Dec*

- **LAST DAY** – School closes at 12.30pm

#### **2018**

##### **Week 1**

*Wednesday, 31 Jan*

- Term 1 starts

##### **Week 2**

*Tues, 6 Feb*

- Waitangi Day



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Koutou

It appears that I have blinked my eyes and all of a sudden it is the last week of the school year! How does this happen? It certainly feels true that the older you get the faster time seems to go by. Two years ago we finished the school year with 730 pupils; this year we finish with a student population of 696. Reducing our enrolment zone is slowly having an effect and over the next 2-3 years we look forward to a little more breathing room. First we just have to muster the strength to get through next year's building projects.

It was a pleasure to hear that former PBS kids took out the 5 major prizes at Paraparaumu College's Year 10 prize giving yesterday; congratulations to Luca van Gorkom, Aidan Romain, Micah Christensen, Aurelie Bray and Abi Bertham – we are so proud of you! With our 77 Year 8 students heading to college next year we know there will be many more college prizes on the horizon. We had a wonderful time saying farewell to these students at the Year 8 Leaver's Dinner last Tuesday night (see photo below). Tomorrow we look forward to celebrating more of their success at our Year 5-8 Prize giving ceremony!



Lastly, I want to wish everyone who is part of the PBS Community a very wonderful Christmas, New Year and summer time. Whilst we may not all celebrate the same thing at this time of year, we can all take the time to celebrate those special people in our lives. Take care, have fun and wear sunblock!

Kind regards, Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki



## 2018 TEACHER PLACEMENT/SYNDICATE STRUCTURES

Our school staffing organisation for next year is now complete.

<b>Year 1—TATAHI</b> Rachel McDowell—Rm 20 (Team leader) Sheryl McKnight—Rm 18 Jalah Davis—Rm 19 Kerry Knap—Rm 21 Sandy Saunders—Rm 22	<b>Year 2—TATAHI</b> Vicki Howarth—Rm 24 (Team leader) Jenny Roberts/Chrissie Sallis—Rm 23 Jo Mackay—Rm 26	<b>Year 3/4—NGARU</b> Sarah Chambers—Rm 11 (Team leader) - Yr 3 Tina Purdie/Rebecca Jackson—Rm 5—Year 3* Sarah Smith—Rm 7—Yr 3** Pene Davidson—Rm 6—Yr 4 *** Jon McCormick—Rm 9—Yr 4 Kathryn Siversen—Rm 10—Yr 4 Brenda Staples—Rm 12—Yr 3
<b>Year 5/6—TE MOANA</b> Vanessa Brewer—Rm 1 (Team leader) Shelley Evans—Rm 2 Kaye Gilman—Rm 3 Tony Webb—Rm 4 Rebekah Winter—Rm 28 David Parr—Rm 29	<b>Year 7/8—TE MOTU</b> Cath Franks—Rm 14 (Team leader) Gill Snowsill—Rm 8+ Alice Graham—Rm 13 Colin Siversen—Rm 15 John Needham—Rm 16 Larisa Mckenna—Rm 17	

### Class placements during Rms 5-8 construction:

- + Rm 8 will be in the library
- \* Rm 5 will be in Rm 25
- \*\* Rm 7 will be in Rm 27
- \*\*\* Rm 6 will be in the hall



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

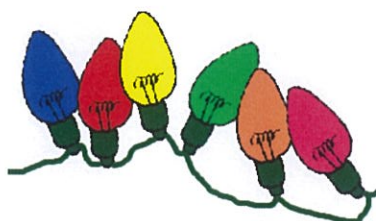
On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you to the school community for an excellent year at Paraparaumu Beach School. The year has seen some outstanding sporting, academic and cultural achievements for our students, which reflects the passion that our teachers and staff have for providing the best environment for growing minds and bodies. We have had this recognised by another extended review period from our ERO report this year (one of a small handful from the whole country) and it is also reflected in a number of our past pupils being recognised in college prize-givings this year.

On the property front, our hall refurbishment was completed this year and we have the refurbishment of two classroom blocks and the main playground scheduled for 2018. This will cause some disruption, but the board is confident that there are suitable plans in place to minimise the impact on the school's operations for next year. We are also excited to see how the new classrooms and playgrounds will turn out.

Thank you to all the families who responded to our parent survey this term. We are working on the presentation to come back to the school community around the results, and how the board is using the feedback in our planning processes.

We wish you all a safe and happy holidays, enjoy your break and we look forward to a successful 2018.

Julian Morrin  
Board Chair





## KIDS QUOTE

Two Year 2 classes were going outside to play t-ball against each other. Prior to the game one of the teachers had a discussion with her class about good sportsmanship, winning, losing and most importantly that they were going out to have fun.

One very astute PBS kid put her hand up and said:

"The person who has the most fun is the real winner!"

Yes, indeed!



## TERM DATES 2018

### Term 1 (11 Weeks)

Wednesday, 31 January–Friday, 13 April

Waitangi Day–Tuesday, 6 February

Good Friday–Friday, 30 March

Easter Monday–Monday, 2 April

Easter Tuesday–Tuesday, 3 April

### Term 2 (10 Weeks)

Monday, 30 April–Friday, 6 July

Queens Birthday–Monday, 4 June

### Term 3 (10 Weeks)

Monday, 23 July–Friday, 28 September

### Term 4 (8 1/2 Weeks)

Monday, 15 October–Thursday, 13 December

Labour Day–Monday, 22 October



# 2018

## YEAR 5'S NEW CHROME BOOKS

Bring your Chromebooks (and your child) to school on 30 January to get set up for school.

We will have our technician in the Central Resource Room (by Rm 13) on site. This should be a quick job where your child's Chromebook will get connected with the school server and a school Google Account. To avoid everyone coming at one time, we have set up the following schedule:

Room 1	12.30-1pm
Room 2	1-1.30pm
Room 3	1.30-2pm
Room 4	2-2.30pm
Room 28	2.30-3pm
Room 29	3-3.30pm

If you can't make the day, the Technician will be back in on Friday, but we are hopeful to get most new Year 5's sorted before school starts.

**Please note:** You can use your Chromebook at home over the summer. This will not affect the school set up.

## END OF YEAR WRITTEN REPORTS

The majority to students will receive an end-of-year report on the last day of school. Those who will not be receiving a report are mainly Yr 0-3 students who are not due for an 'interim' or 'anniversary' report at this time of year. Recent arrivals to the school may also not receive a report (or may receive a limited one).

As per our regular practice, reports will not be given out prior to the last day. Children who are not present at school on that day will have their report mailed out. Reports are in a sealed envelope addressed to parents/guardians, and it is our expectation that they arrive home unopened. For those children returning to this school next year, also included in the envelope is notification of class placement and teacher for 2018; and an appropriate stationery list. **Please remember the school does not sell bulk stationery.**



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## WHAKAARO HOU EDUCATION TRUST – for Chromebooks

The Trust's next roll out date is 13 & 14 February 2018. If your child is in Year 5 – 8 next year and if you want to use the Trust (e.g. lease to buy a



chromebook) please visit their website or collect an 'Expression of Interest form' from the school office. We need to send forms into the Trust by 9 February. Pricing and dates are all on their web-

site <https://whetrust.weebly.com/>

## 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 ACHIEVEMENTS:

**Archery:** Congratulations to Jenson Young who shot at his first archery tournament and won a silver medal in the Manawatu Turbine Tournament recently.

**Regional Athletics:** A great bunch of children qualified for this event held in Masterton last week. The athletes competed admirably in their events during extreme heat. Special mention to Boston Winiata who came first in the quoit event and Rico Poutama who came 3rd in the long jump. Well done athletes!



## LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be on display by the netball courts (most days) from the beginning of December and remaining days of school. All unclaimed or unnamed items will be sent to the Koha Shed at the end of the term.



## STUDENT COUNCIL

If you could spare a few hours to help out at our **Working Bee on Saturday, 16 December at 9am**, it would be most appreciated. We need to do some digging for our fitness circuit which we have been working on all year. Feel free to bring along a shovel/spade and perhaps a pick or bar or a wheel-barrow, but mostly willingness to get stuck in! Please let Mr Thomas know if you can help out—[mthomas@pbs.school.nz](mailto:mthomas@pbs.school.nz).



## Raffle

The raffle will be drawn shortly. Thanks for those who have supported by buying a ticket. There are still a few tickets to go, so grab one at the school office or gate. We will put the results on our school Facebook page.



## MAJOR END OF YEAR SCHOOL EVENTS

School Prizegiving Ceremony (Tomorrow, 13 December from 9.10am)

Parents and wider-family are also warmly invited to attend the 2017 School Prizegiving Ceremony (for Yrs 5-8 students). Please be aware that seating/standing room is at a premium for the Prizegiving; and being a long and formal event, it is not suitable for pre-schoolers' attendance.



## WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? – Staff gratitude section

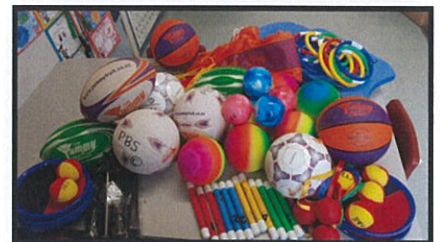
I am so grateful for the amazing Staff and Board at PBS! Coming to work every day, no matter how busy things are, is uplifting. My colleagues, all 59 of them, form an incredibly supportive and fun team. So after another four fantastic terms of work I wish to acknowledge and celebrate my Terrific Teachers, Super SENCO, Marvellous Management team, Tremendous Teacher Aides, Charismatic Caretaker, Out-standing Office team, Cool Cleaners and Brilliant Board of Trustees!

Have a great summer break everyone; you have earned it!  
Jess



## YUMMY STICKERS

Thanks to all the families that helped us collect Yummy fruit stickers over the past year. We won new sports gear worth \$787! Well done, this is an amazing boost for our PE shed. Please continue to collect stickers over the summer. Look out for plums, nectarines and other summer fruit with the Yummy stickers as these all count too. You can also cut out the token off plastic bags and these are worth 10 points. You can download your collection sheets from: [http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/Sticker\\_Collection\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/Sticker_Collection_Sheet.pdf).



## WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON

The event for 2018 will be held at Kilbirnie Park on Sunday, 18 March. Please check out the link for more information at <https://tryathlon.co.nz>.



## SPECIAL OFFER FOR KAPITI COAST HOCKEY PLAYERS

We have negotiated a special deal for Kapiti Coast Hockey Club associated players who register for the Kapiti based UpSkill Hockey—Pre-season Academy. This is a four week coaching programme run from 5 February—3 March 2018 targeted at school children aged from 7-17 years.

Instead of \$120 for the Kapiti Academy, we have negotiated a price of \$100 for Kapiti based players—school, KCHC or college aged teams. If you want to make use of this offer, please put “KCHC Offer” into the comments box of the academy online registration form at - <https://www.upskillhockey.com/pre-season-academy> Please pay your registration fee directly into KCHC Junior Hockey account 38 9005 0930179 02 with the players name and “Kapiti Upskill” in the payment details.



**Merry  
Christmas**





## 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

**Charis O'Connor Theatre Arts—Summer School and Acrobatic Arts Workshop January 2018:** We will include jazz, singing, musical theatre, contemporary, drama, lyrical and acrobatics giving children a variety in theatre. Book now. Limited spaces only. [info@charisoconnorthatrearts.co.nz](mailto:info@charisoconnorthatrearts.co.nz); 0274 585 578 or [www.charisoconnorthatrearts.co.nz](http://www.charisoconnorthatrearts.co.nz) or see notice board at the office for more info.

**Knife Sharpening for Xmas:** Get your knives sharpened by a qualified sharpener for the Christmas ham/roast and bbq season ahead. \$4/knife. Ph or txt Rick on 029 777 9920 for details on where to drop off. Must be done before 22 December.

**Pre-Xmas Kids' Workshops:** December 18-20 8.45am-12 noon. Sustainability-themed workshops for kids aged 5-12yrs while you get Xmas errands done! Build a garden out of wooden pallets, upcycle found materials for decorations and cards and more. \$28/session. Bookings essential to [sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events](http://sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events).

**Wilderkids:** January 15-26 8.30am-3.30pm. A school holiday programme which gets kids exploring nature in Wellington town belt. \$56/day (\$10 for community services card holders). Bookings essential to [sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events](http://sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events).

**Rock the Border Collie is Still Missing:** See flier on the office notice board for more details.

**Looking for a Babysitter?** Yr 12 Paraparaumu College student great with children, trustworthy, reliable, caring and responsible available after school and weekends. \$10/hour. Ph Zara on 027 551 6036.

**Waikanae Kindergarten Fundraiser:** Tea towel with NZ anthem in the shape of NZ—\$10. Check out our facebook page or email [waikanae@wmkindergartens.org.nz](mailto:waikanae@wmkindergartens.org.nz).

**Free Xmas Holiday Workshop at Mahara Gallery:** Wednesday, 20 December from 10am-12 noon. Textile workshop for ages 8yrs and above. Bookings essential. Ph 902 6242 or email [info@maharagallery.org.nz](mailto:info@maharagallery.org.nz).

**Fast-Track Phonics:** Accelerate your child's reading with synthetic phonics. Tuition by arrangement. Ph Robin on 022 328 1757 or email [info@fast-track.nz](mailto:info@fast-track.nz).

**The Gingerbread Christmas House:** Open 20-24 December from 6-10pm every night at 16 Meredith Way, Paraparaumu Beach. Beautiful Christmas décor and themed trees. All welcome. Adults \$5, children free. Proceeds to Mary Potter Hospice.

**Kapiti Coast District Council Libraries Summer Reading Programme “Wild About Reading”:** Registrations open for ages 5-12yrs until 16 December. Children can register at their local branch library or go online and register at <http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/libraries/childrens/summer-reading-programme>. This is a chance to keep up with your reading over the summer holidays and have fun while you're doing it.

**Tutoring for Dyslexics:** Lisa Cain uses the Zannie Danks Davies method of tutoring that uses spelling for dyslexics. She has recently moved to the area and would love to continue changing the lives of dyslexic students. Ph Lisa on 027 846 7088.

**Skids Kapiti/Kenakena:** Specialising in delivering quality before school, after school and holiday programmes that help our kids thrive and grow. We strive to create a fun and safe environment that our kids just love. For more info on our action-packed holiday programme run from Kapiti Primary School Hall, please call Jools Da Silva on 021 0254 3249 or email [jools@skids.co.nz](mailto:jools@skids.co.nz).

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