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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/33

23 October 2018

Upcoming Events

TERM 4

WEEK 2

Tues, 23 October

- Yr 8 Gardasil Immunisations
- Inter-school Junior Athletics event (Yr 5/6) p/p day 25 Oct
- Board Meeting—7pm

Fri, 26 October

- Te Motu classes to Paraparaumu College for tabloid sports

WEEK 3

Sat, 3 November

- **SCHOOL GALA!**

WEEK 4

Sun, 11 November

- Movie Fundraiser—8.30pm

WEEK 5

Wed, 14 November

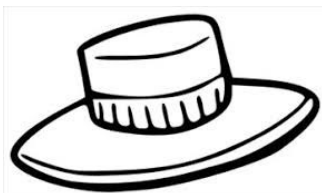
- Senior Inter-school Athletics

Fri, 16 November

- Possible Strike Action (see info in newsletter)

Brimming with

Protection ... Our school requires children to wear a bucket or wide-brimmed sun-hat when outside at morning tea and lunch times when UV rays are strongest



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tena Koutou whanau and friends

I hope you enjoyed the stunning weather we had for Labour Day. It almost felt like the start of summer. **Our School Gala is only 12 days away** and it would be a real bonus if the sun could turn out like yesterday. Thanks to everyone who has already brought in books, toys and quality goods for our white elephant stall, which reminds me..... I must make some mystery jars!

We're hoping for the biggest turn out ever, therefore, we need you to invite your extended family, friends and neighbours to come along. Every dollar raised is being spent on playground enhancements – so it will certainly be money well spent. **We still require your help though to make it a success** – so please get your name in to help on a stall (even if you can only give an hour it would make a real difference). Thanks in advance.

On another matter, if you have a child in Year 7 or 8 you may have caught up with the news that Raumati Technology Centre have been burgled twice in recent months. From what I believe their technology lab was targeted both times, leaving no devices in sight. It's gutting when this kind of thing happens. Schools have always been particularly vulnerable to thieves. We can have cameras, alarms and security patrols but somehow these crimes still occur.

With this in mind, I'd like to ask you to always remain vigilant around school, especially after hours, during weekends and term breaks. Keeping our eyes open and reporting suspicious behaviour is key to protecting the assets of our school community.

Ka kite ano,
Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki

POSSIBLE STRIKE ACTION – Keeping you in the loop

Teachers and Principals nationwide are hoping that conditions in the Teacher's Collective Contract will be addressed by the Government. However, if the Government's next offer is not considered reasonable then further strike action is proposed. **If this eventuates** a 'rolling strike' will be held across the country. A rolling strike means that each region will strike on a different day. The proposed strike day for our region is Friday, 16 November. We truly hope further strike action will not occur but we will keep you posted.



CHANGING THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2019

Next year we are looking to reduce some of our paper usage by moving away from a weekly paper newsletter. About half our families have the newsletter emailed to them each Tuesday, which certainly helps. We are looking to move to a digital format called Skool Loop, which other school communities are finding effective.

Whilst we will still continue to send some trip notices home on paper, the weekly newsletter will not be produced on paper.

PROCESS FOR 2019 CLASS REQUESTS

At PBS we prefer that parents do not submit requests, unless there are exceptional circumstances. For this reason, we have a formal process which parents must adhere to. Requests from parents must be for specific reasons (e.g. *based around the child's needs*). It is preferable that you don't name a specific teacher. I can assure you that we act professionally and thoughtfully when placing students in classes for the new year. This process is an extremely complex and time consuming task with many variables to consider. When undertaking this process we have to consider: *class size, gender balance in each room, the distribution of students with social/behavioural and learning needs (including special abilities), medical needs etc.*

In a school our size, it can take between 6-8 weeks to put class lists together; whereas in a small school there may only be one class at each level – so no process is needed. Therefore, we ask that parents/caregivers are both understanding and supportive of the complexities involved. Whilst we will continue to allow parents to submit such requests, we do ask in return, that the final school decision on class make-up (**whether or not** a request has been able to be met) is both respected and promoted positively by parents to their children. We are extremely lucky to have such an "across the board" teaching strength in our school, and with all classes within a syndicate following a similar, collectively-planned programme, we can confidently say that every class will offer access to quality teaching and learning, along with the opportunity for many wonderful new friendships to be made.

All requests must:

- be in writing to the Principal (jward@pbs.school.nz)
- be in by 4pm October 31
- specifically describe student's needs and reason for the request
- be from the child's parent/guardian

All requests will be carefully considered, however there is no guarantee that a request will be met. Thank you for reading.

CLASS OF 2019

RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Coastlands Star Search: Reiana (Yr 3) and Ripeka (Yr 1) took part in this year's Coastlands Star Search during the holidays. They performed "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus, with Ripeka singing and Reiana playing the ukulele and singing backing vocals/harmonies. After placing 3rd in the heats on Wednesday, they performed in the finals on Friday. They ended up runner up/second place! Their prize was a \$200 Harvey Norman voucher. They were so excited to perform and incredibly proud of themselves for working hard, doing a beautiful performance and coming second overall (out of 13 junior finalists). Congratulations girls :-)

SCHOOL CAT—SMOKEY

As mentioned in last week's school newsletter, Smokey the school cat recently needed medical treatment and will need her teeth de-scaled in the next 6 months. We would be very grateful for any donations to help with vet bills and have a donation tin on the front desk at the office if you are able to contribute.

Thanks to those who have dropped a coin or few into our donation jar for Smokey to date. Her limp is improving which is good news. Please keep up the donations so we can save up for work on her teeth.



ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



STUDENT LEAVE—MARKING ROLLS

Please remember if your child is going to be absent from school on leave it is very important that you fill in a **Student Leave Form** available from the office before you go. If you do not do this, then your child will be marked with an unjustified absence.

This also applies to sickness. Even if you advise the school of your child's absence but you do not give a reason, your child will be marked with an unjustified absence; and if you do not advise the school at all of any absence, your child will be marked as truant.

KIDS QUOTE

Last week in the playground some juniors asked to interview me, this is how it started:

“So the first question is...What's your name Ms Ward?”



STUDENT WORK

Last week we had a robot roving the playground at lunchtime. Other kids were in awe of this incredibly creative costume, created by Isaac from Rm 28. This inspired creation took many, many hours to create and it highlighted a fun way to reuse and recycle materials. Creativity at its best!



WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

This week I want to give a shout out to our staff who undertake road patrol each week. Rain or shine, these staff members help ensure kids cross the road safely and guide the road patrol students in their responsibilities. It's not a glamorous job, especially when you try to address poor driver behaviour and the driver doesn't want to hear it. We are only trying to keep all our kids safe – their safety is number 1!

So thanks goes out to Mike Thomas, David Parr, Brenda Staples, Shelley Evans, Cath Franks, John Needham, Vicki Wilson, Colin Siversen, Kaye Gilman, Gill Snowsill, Alice Graham, Jon McCormick and Carrie Reid.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge students who have achieved at a very high level of their chosen pursuit (academic, sporting, cultural, community service or other activities). It is intended to be used to promote these students as role models throughout our school community in a manner that encourages other children to look up to and strive to emulate. Students in Years 4-8 are eligible to be nominated for the award.



Official nomination forms are available from the school office or on the school website under 'Board of Trustees'. They should be completed and returned as soon as possible. **The nomination closing date is this Friday, 26 October.**

For further information on the awards process, please contact Assistant Principal Vicki Wilson during school hours on 298 5775.

Year 5/6 2019 Fundraisers

MOVIE FUNDRAISER

This movie is apparently AMAZING so don't delay and get your tickets today! Tickets are selling fast!!

BOHEMIAN

Paraparaumu Beach School
Year 5-6 2019 Vertical Horizon Camp
Fundraiser

Tickets \$25 each - includes:

★ ~popcorn~

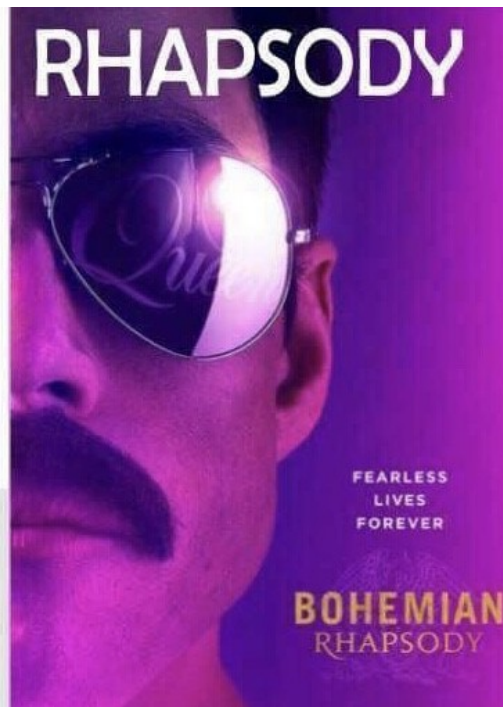
~nibbles~ ★

★ ~spot prizes!~

Event Cinemas Coastlands
Sunday 11th November 2018,
doors open 8pm, movie starts 8:30pm

For tickets or information, contact
Stace Winiata on organicglow101@gmail.com
or text 0275 606086

RHAPSODY



ICON PHOTOGRAPHY

We have a team from Icon Photography booked to come to the school on Sunday, 18 November as a fundraiser. They can take 60 bookings at this stage. If you would like to secure a time, please text or call Stephanie Caldwell on 027 856 9429 ASAP. Cut-off for bookings and payment is 9 November. **Please note if you choose to cancel the booking, the money is non-refundable.**

Please pass this message on to other school families so we can get these spots filled and then secure the Friday afternoon also for more bookings.

Cost will be \$15 for a 10x13 size print with others available to buy when they are back for viewing.



WHAKAARO HOU EDUCATION TRUST—EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CHROMEBOOKS

The Whakaaro Hou Education Trust is doing their year end roll out of Chrome books on 14 November. Expression of Interest Forms and more information is available at the school office for your child to collect.

The cut-off for expression of interest forms is 2 November. Please return your forms to the school office no later than this date.

WHITE ELEPHANT

It's the time you've all been waiting for ...

Your opportunity to turn your trash into someone else's treasure!! We will be gratefully accepting all of your good quality, pre-loved items to sell at the gala. Items can be dropped off outside the staffroom for collection.

