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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2019/14

14 May 2019

Upcoming Events

TERM 2

WEEK 3

- **Thurs, 16 May**
 - ◊ International Support Staff Day
- **Fri, 17 May**
 - ◊ Pink Shirt Day—Bully Free NZ
 - ◊ Fundraiser Discos (see newsletter)

WEEK 4

- **Tues, 21 May**
 - ◊ Yr 5-8 Ripa Rugby Tournament
- **Fri, 24 May**
 - ◊ Nominations for BOT elections close at 12pm

WEEK 5

- **Tues, 28 May**
 - ◊ Ngaru Cross Country
- **Wed, 29 May**
 - ◊ **NZ TEACHER STRIKE—**
School closed

WEEK 6

- **Mon, 3 June**
 - ◊ Queen's Birthday
- **Fri, 7 June**
 - ◊ BOT Election Day and voting closes

WEEK 7

- **Thurs, 13 June**
 - ◊ Declaration of BOT results out
- **Fri, 14 June**
 - ◊ New Board takes office



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone, Kia Ora, Talofa,

There are many, many things I love about my job and teaching in general. Watching children's minds grow and components of learning click into place is a huge motivator. Seeing the smile on a child's face when they share a proud moment or a fascinating discovery is joyful.

However, teaching also has its challenges. You will have read in the media all primary and secondary teachers in New Zealand will be striking on Wednesday, 29 May. This is one of the few facts that the media have got right. Unfortunately what the media cannot tell you is the day to day reality of teaching or leading a school. The claim that teachers are seeking a \$4b settlement is totally untrue. Quite simply our claim is being significantly over-estimated to make us look greedy and unreasonable; we are not. This claim seeks to address the conditions in education which are making it untenable, it is not merely a pay issue.

We know this strike action impacts on children, parents and families and for that we are sorry, but unless teachers and principals make a stand for better pay and conditions, then education will suffer. As it currently stands, we have a sizeable teacher shortage in NZ. More teachers are leaving and there are considerably lower numbers of people training. Five to ten years ago we'd receive 60+ CVs for every job advertised, now we're lucky to get 6 CVs. Yes, the Minister of Education, has announced a package worth \$95 million to attract new teachers, but that money doesn't address the needs of those already in the profession, who are quitting in droves. Students need and deserve qualified teachers in every classroom.

The fact is that teaching has become an undesirable career choice; it's high stress, paperwork heavy, emotionally taxing and the salary is not keeping up with inflation. Teaching and Principalship are career pathways with increasing expectations and decreasing recognition and respect. As a result, I see more teachers wanting to job-share and experienced teachers leaving the profession altogether. Classroom teaching aside, every day I see teachers trying to be counsellors, medical professionals, parenting advisors, mediators, road safety wardens, child minders (before and after school) and collegial mentors. With better conditions, perhaps more kiwis will decide to give teaching a go. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Kind regards

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki



RECENT NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to Campbell of Rm 23 who started this week.



STAFF FAREWELL

At the end of Term 2 we will sadly be saying farewell to Tony Webb, teacher of Room 4. Tony and his family are moving to the South Island to be closer to his wife's family. Tony is a charismatic teacher who is equally well liked by staff and students, so he will be missed. However, while we are sad, we must send congratulations his way as he has won the position of Principal in a small country school in Reefton! Congratulations Mr Webb!



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Have you put your name forward yet or had a friend nominate you? We are looking for parents who are team players with a genuine interest in the school community to help us keep moving PBS forward!

Current board members are very happy to chat with anyone who is considering standing for the Board. They can answer your questions and explain the governance role first hand. If you want to learn more just leave your name and contact details with Marie Barfoote (in the school office) mbarfoote@pbs.school.nz and she will arrange for one of our board members to get in touch.

Heads up: If you are one of our successfully elected Board Members, your first meeting will be Tuesday 11 June at 7pm in the staffroom.



KID'S QUOTE

When visiting a junior classroom last week I commented to the children on how wonderful they were at packing up at the end of the session.

One five year old boy proudly announced **"Teamwork makes the dream work!"**

SUPPORT STAFF DAY - Thursday, 16 May

Hey kids, did you know that Thursday, 16 May is National Support Staff Day?

On this day we acknowledge and show gratitude for the wonderful work our teacher aides, office staff, cleaners and Mr Trask do for us. If you've got some time maybe you'd like to make one or more of these staff members a thank you card.



FAMILY DONATIONS

Thank you for the family donations we received last term. Donations this year will be put towards buying new reading materials for all age groups. These payments, although voluntary are valued and appreciated, as they enable us to provide curriculum extras. Therefore, we appreciate every dollar donated, even if you cannot pay the full amount. Donations are currently set at \$65/child or \$100/family and can be paid in cash at the office or via Kindo. [Click here](#) to register and pay through our Kindo school shop.



UPCOMING LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

We are planning a lockdown practice for Tuesday, 28 May. We will be using the scenario of “a swarm of wasps”. Please reassure your child(ren) that our lockdown is only a practice and there are no wasps!

NB: School lockdowns are used for a variety of reasons including chemical spills, swarms, air dropped pesticide, intruders and harmful community events.

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

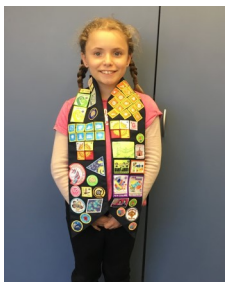
Recently I’ve noticed a growth in leadership and responsibility amongst our Year 7 & 8 students. It’s fantastic to observe senior students not just being active participants, but watching them encourage younger students and showing maturity and confidence. I know both parents and teachers have had a significant hand in this. I want to thank the teachers in our Senior Syndicate, Cath, John, Larisa, Gill, Alice and Colin for the part they play in this growth. With your encouragement and input these PBS kids have bright futures ahead of them!



STUDENT WORK

If you’re passing by the junior classrooms take a look in the window of Room 23. The students have been busy creating “Shape Monsters”! Here are just a few of their fun creations:





RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Jessica Hewlett for her incredible dedication to Brownies. Jessica has worked hard over the past 2-3 years to earn more than 60 badges and awards! Now Jessica has joined Guides and she has set herself the goal of achieving just as many. Amazing achievement Jessica!

SCHOOL FENCING

The Ministry of Education has agreed to pay for new fencing and gates at the Martin Road and Gray Avenue entrances to the school, including the school car park. The purpose of this fencing is for the safety of special needs students. We are pleased that the Ministry is working with us to ensure the end product is an effective and attractive solution.

PINK SHIRT DAY—STUDENT COUNCIL

Paraparaumu Beach School has joined the Pink Shirt Day movement to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

On Friday 17th May, we're 'pinking out' to show our commitment to creating a place that is safe, welcoming and inclusive of all people.

Aotearoa / New Zealand has the second-highest rate of school bullying out of 51 countries. Many studies show bullying can have serious impacts for people. With your help we can turn this around by ensuring our school is a place where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. It all relates to our CREST values.

Pink Shirt Day is a national bullying prevention campaign run by the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand. Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against bullying at their school after a new student was bullied for wearing pink.

While all young people can be the target of bullying, some are more likely to be targeted. These are often people that are perceived as different in some way from the mainstream "majority culture".

Bullying is:

- Deliberate – harming another person intentionally
- Involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- Not a one-off – it is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated over time
- Involves behaviour that can cause harm – it is not a normal part of growing up.

We will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day and have been putting important messages each day in the Daily Notices about bullying. Posters have been given to each class. There will be a "compliments board" out on Friday where people can write kind words to each other. There are also balloons and stickers to be given out. And of course everyone is being encouraged to wear Pink on Friday, 17th May.

The teachers have been looking at the [Pink Shirt Day](#) and [Bully Free NZ](#) websites and we recommend you do too.

From (the wonderful) Student Council



Yr 7/8 Camp Fundraising

'PINK' DISCO THIS FRIDAY —TE MOTU CAMP FUNDRAISER

'Pink' Disco is this Friday, 17 May in the school hall:

Year 0-2

Lunchtime - Entry \$2; iceblocks 50c (smaller than after school discos). A range of Glow products will be for sale for \$2 and \$3 each

Year 3-5

4.30-5.30pm—Entry \$2; iceblocks \$1; pizza \$2/slice; drinks available to purchase. A range of Glow products will be for sale for \$2 and \$3 each

Year 6-8

6-7.30pm—Entry \$2; iceblocks \$1; pizza \$2/slice; drinks available to purchase. A range of Glow products will be for sale for \$2 and \$3 each



YEAR 7/8 CAMP CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Please can you return your outstanding chocolate fundraising money to the school office no later than this Friday, 17 May. This money is now well overdue.

We do still have boxes to sell, but you would need to purchase these boxes outright (\$72) so we can get your child's camp costs all up-to-date.

Any queries please contact Stephanie on stephanie.j.tessier@gmail.com

Yr 3/4 Syndicate Fundraising

NGARU SYNDICATE FUNDRAISER



Ngaru Syndicate will be fundraising for their end-of-year trip this term by holding Midweek Morning Tea Munchies over a three week period starting this week. (Wednesday, 15 & 22 May; and Thursday, 30 May).

There will be a selection of yummy treats available for purchase ranging from \$1-\$2.

This fundraiser allows us to significantly reduce the cost of the trip making it more accessible for all. Thank you for your support.



NGARU (YR 3/4) SYNDICATE CROSS COUNTRY

Ngaru Syndicate Cross Country will be held on Tuesday, 28 May here at school. The first race will start at 1.45pm.

PTA FUNDRAISING

SCHOOL FUN RUN

During Week 9 of this term (Tuesday, 25 June) we are going to be holding a whole school Fun Run. This is our major PTA fundraiser for the year.

Next week we will be sending home a sponsorship booklet with your children. All students who raise a minimum of \$10 will be able to choose from a range of prizes, depending on how much sponsorship they are able to get.

We will be looking for volunteers on the day to help out with the Fun Run. If you are able to help, please email Sheryl McKnight at smcknight@pbs.school.nz.

SKOOL LOOP

The App

Are you being 'kept in the loop' with goings-on at our school? If you haven't down-loaded the free app yet, then go to Google Play or the App Store, search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

Subscribing to Groups

Did you know that when you click on "Notices" in the app there are 3 lines at the top right of the screen? If you click on this symbol you can subscribe to notices for individual syndicates (and some classrooms), as well as general notices? Check it out today!

Automatic Payments

Don't forget you can set up an automatic payment any time in Kindo to start saving for your child's camp fees, or any expenses for that matter—just like automatic payments through your bank.

Queries

If you have any queries, please contact Libby Richardson in the office between 12 and 4pm.



TALKING TOGETHER WORKSHOP

A workshop for parents and teachers of children with unclear speech to be held on Tuesday, 28 May from 10-11.30am OR 4-5.30pm at Kapiti Impact Church, Tongariro Street, Paraparaumu. No cost.

The workshop will be run by a speech-language therapist from Learning Support at the Ministry of Education and forms part of the intervention programme for children needing support with their speech sound development. To confirm your attendance, please contact the Otaki office on 06 364 0840 or support.otaki@education.govt.nz