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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/39

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 8

Tues, 4 December

- Yr 8 Leaver's dinner—6pm

- E Pro8 finals

Wed, 5 December

- Whanau Fun—lunchtime picnic together on the field

Thurs, 6 December

- Regional Athletics

Fri, 7 December

- Year 5-8 Kapa Haka Hui
- Tatahi Christmas Singing—9.15am

WEEK 9

Mon, 10 December

- Cultural Performances—1.30pm—Please come along!

- Board, staff and PTA afternoon tea at 3.15pm followed by Board meeting at 5pm

Tues, 11 December

- Whole School Assembly

- Transition visits

Wed, 12 December

- Te Motu trip to Waikanae Pools

Fri, 14 December

- Prizegiving/Last day of Term

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

There are **only nine school days left for 2018** and there are so many events on, it's hard to keep track of everything. No doubt we will see all the parents of our Year 8 students at the Leavers' Dinner tonight, but we also hope to see lots of whanau members and friends coming along to our picnic tomorrow (on the field at 12.30pm - if fine), our Cultural Performances Showcase on Monday, 10th at 1.30pm and of course end of year Assembly on Tuesday 11th at 9.15am.

Every year I get goosebumps watching our Cultural Performances show. I just love watching the diverse and wonderful talent the kids have to share. Every year I also wish the students had a bigger crowd of parents, family and friends to perform to as well, as they revel in the opportunity to be in the limelight - and rightly so too. So please spread the invitation far and wide—I certainly think our grandparent community would be impressed.

Hope to see you at upcoming events, ka kite ano

Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki

PS Best of Luck to our Year 5-6 E-Pro 8 team members who are competing in the finals today. Go PBS!

PPS a BIG thank you to Kim and Shane Hunter for the recent donation of an HP Chromebook to our school. Your kindness is gratefully received.



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CLASSES FOR 2019 AND TRANSITION VISITS

As mentioned last week, this year we are introducing a 'Transition Visit' so students in Years 0-7 can meet their 2019 teacher and classmates in the last week of school. The Transition Visits will take place on Tuesday, 11 December. On this day students will have a half hour visit to their new class and bring a letter home informing parents. Class lists will then be displayed in the Library windows from Tuesday evening onwards.

In a school our size, it takes about 6-8 weeks of work to put class lists together; whereas in a small school there may only be one class at each level, so the task may not be as complex. When undertaking this process many variables have to be considered including class size, gender balance in each room, the distribution of students with social/behavioural and learning needs, medical needs and so on. However, I can assure you that we act professionally and thoughtfully when placing students. Therefore, we ask that the school's decision on class lists is 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.

Thank you.



VANDALISM

We very rarely have vandalism at PBS, but recently we had a spate of tagging, which was annoying and up-setting. The three people responsible were caught on our security cameras and have since been trespassed from our grounds. The tagging was swiftly removed/painted over so that those responsible had next to no time to gain any enjoyment from it.



Our school grounds are beautiful and our students take great pride in helping Mr Trask, the cleaning team and the staff to keep it looking tip-top. I will not stand for those who trash it, it's unacceptable. Therefore, I ask the wider school community to be vigilant if using the grounds after hours or over the summer break to report anything of this nature.

Thank you for your help—Jess Ward

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH OUR SCHOOL APP 'SKOOL LOOP'

Have you found our school newsletter on Skool Loop yet? If not, download the free app 'Skool Loop' in Google Play or the App Store and search for Paraparaumu Beach School; it's so easy and you will have the weekly newsletter at your fingertips! Also, this is a quick and easy way to text in your child's absence, and get notifications on events.

Thanks again to the businesses in our community who are sponsoring this app for us - Anthony Van Den Berg - One Agency Real Estate, Rob Ewan Plumbing, Coast Kitchen and Catering, Doug Palmer- Harcourts, New World Kapiti, Samantha Hedge - NZ Travel Brokers, Stratford Electrical, sKids Kenakena, Spectrum Collision Repairs and A1 Homes Kapiti Horowhenua.

We really appreciate your support, thanks a million!



PTA RAFFLE RESULTS

Congratulations to the following people who won prizes in our PTA raffle drawn yesterday:

1st prize	Rozanna Steel
2nd prize	Brenda Frazer
3rd prize	Avelene Kavakura
4th prize	Gee Family
5th prize	Grace Innes



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



It was fantastic to open my mail this week and discover a letter from Stroke Central Region Inc, informing me that one of our Year 8 students had been volunteering for them at a recent event! So I must give a big shout out to Ciorstiadh Hamilton for her kindness and citizenship.

The letter said "Ciorstiadh was polite, efficient, helpful and a delight to all the people she came in contact with. A huge thanks to her, she is a credit to Paraparaumu Beach school and her parents."

We agree! Great work Ciorstiadh :-)

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

As another school year draws to a close I want to show some much deserved gratitude to our magnificent Board of Trustees. Julian Morrin, Kate Bowater, Matt Burden, Pembroke Chambers, Mark Nash and Cath Franks (Staff rep) give many hours of their time each month to oversee governance at PBS.

Their collective wisdom and support is highly valued, but above all their vision to keep the best interests of our children at the core of decision making deserves praise. Thank you team, it is a pleasure to work with you.



YR 5/6 CAMP A-THON MONEY

Please ensure you return your money and forms in a clearly labelled envelope to the money box outside the staffroom no later than Friday, 7 December.

ROAD SAFETY

Hi Everyone,

I'd like to make a plea to everyone using the roads around school to display exemplary driver behaviour. I've had a number of concerns raised with me recently which all relate back to driver judgement. Good driver behaviour keeps pedestrians safe, other road users safe, helps our road patrol kids do their job effectively and provides good role modelling for others.

Therefore I ask road users to:

- ◇ Not drop kids off in the clearway
- ◇ Not use the school driveway as a turning area
- ◇ Slow speed when approaching the crossing and the school area in general
- ◇ Give way to pedestrians at all times
- ◇ Not park over the neighbours' driveways
- ◇ Wear your seatbelt and ensure your children are buckled in



ROAD PATROL FUNCTION

Yesterday our School 2018 Road Patrol Team participated in the annual Orange Day Parade. This parade is organised by the Kapiti Coast District Council to celebrate school patrollers and recognise how important they are in improving road safety around schools.



For the parade, each school designed a safety banner. This year's banner was designed by Alexis MacInnes, Shinae Bett and Maggie Webb.

Also, each school's road patrollers of the year were acknowledged. This year our recipients were Shinae Bett who was presented with two netballs and Joel Harvey who was presented with a basketball

and volley ball. Well done Joel and Shinae!

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES DAY

On Monday, 10 December at 1.30pm we will be having our annual Cultural Performances Day. There will be seven different acts to enjoy. It is a great chance to celebrate and acknowledge some amazing talent and hard work. It is also a chance for the Tatahi One, Tatahi Two and Ngaru students (who are the main audience) to enjoy and be inspired by the performances.

Parents and whanau are very welcome to attend.

Mike Thomas



NEWS FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Whanau Fun - Picture Perfect Picnic

Tomorrow (Wednesday) the whole school will enjoy a picnic on the field. We will eat our lunch on the field sitting in our Whanau groups. Then there will be optional and exciting activities as well as cool dance music for everyone to enjoy. Dress in your Whanau colours and have some fun! Parents are welcome.

Activities will include:

- ♦ Tug of War
- ♦ Limbo / skipping
- ♦ Obstacle course
- ♦ Cricket skills
- ♦ Three legged race
- ♦ Your choice



KAPA HAKA HUI

This year's local schools' Kapa Haka hui is on this Friday, 7 December at Kapiti College Gymnasium. Our Kapa Haka group will be performing at 1.15pm. You are more than welcome to come and tautoko (support) us.

The organisers are adamant that performance times must be adhered to this year. They have also said that doors will be shut during performances and no one will be allowed to enter or leave during any performance, so you will need to time your arrival carefully.

THANKS

Thank you to Aashish Suri for transporting and supervising our superstar girls cricket team on Monday to the inter-school festival. Our students were great role models and performed well!

HELP A CHILD IN FOSTER CARE HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR

*By being part of Foster Hope's annual new Christmas Gift Drive. Foster Hope is collecting new, unwrapped gifts for children aged 1-18 years. We would appreciate all donations by 10 December. Please check out our website for further information regarding our Christmas Gift Drive and drop off locations:
www.fosterhope.org.nz.
Thank you for your support.*



Year 5/6 Camp 2019 Fundraising

JINGO NIGHT YR 5/6 CAMP FUNDRAISER

Tickets are now for sale on Kindo for \$10 each for Jingo Night at the Jolly Pub & Kitchen to be held on Tuesday, 12 February 2019. [Click here](#) to log in or sign up to Kindo to purchase your tickets.

Tickets are also available via cash. Please place your order and money in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, class and "Jingo Night" on the front and place in the money box outside the staffroom. Tickets will be sent to your child's class.

For any prizes or raffle items you would like to donate, please contact Stephanie by emailing stephanie.j.tessier@gmail.com.

Google www.jingo.co.nz for more info on the quiz.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be on display by the netball courts (most days) from now until the end of term. All unclaimed or un-named items will be sent to a charity shop at end of term.



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



ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOLS PROGRAMME is still running!!! Anyone who mentions Paraparaumu Beach School when taking out a home loan (or top-up over \$50,000) with ANZ can earn 800 points (worth approx. \$400) for the school to spend on a huge range of items at the ANZ Awards Centre. Please continue to tell friends and family (anywhere in NZ) who may be considering a home loan with ANZ! (This applies to existing and new ANZ customers). Simply tell the ANZ home loan specialist before drawdown that you are supporting PBS in the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme! See www.anzolympicschools.co.nz or contact our 'ANZ staff-parent', Angela Morris at angela.morris@anz.com.