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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

## Newsletter 2018/08

20 March 2018

### Upcoming Events

#### TERM 1

##### WEEK 9

##### **Advance Notification:**

Teachers have a Paid Union Meeting on Tues, 27 March. School will close at 12.30pm on this day

*Mon, 26 March*

- Rms 1 & 2 Te Moana trip to Pukerua Bay

*Tues, 27 March*

- Snr Trip #3 to Kapiti Island

*Wed, 28 March*

- Snr Trip #4 to Kapiti Island
- Rms 4 & 29 Te Moana trip to Pukerua Bay

*Thurs, 29 March*

- Rms 3 & 28 Te Moana trip to Pukerua Bay

*Fri, 30 March*

- Easter Good Friday — SCHOOL CLOSED

##### WEEK 10

*Mon, 2 April*

- Easter Monday — SCHOOL CLOSED

*Tues, 3 April*

- Easter Tuesday — SCHOOL CLOSED

##### WEEK 11

*Fri, 13 April*

- Last day of Term 1

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

It makes me so proud to open the local newspapers each week and see the faces of PBS kids smiling back at me! Week after week, our kids and former pupils seem to feature in articles or photographs for involvement or achievement; it's just wonderful.

Thanks to the parents and teachers who have accompanied our senior students to Kapiti Island so far. Group 2 had a wonderful trip yesterday, with all students making it to the top to enjoy the amazing vista.

Thanks also to the parents who have paid the school donation already, your support is so appreciated.

This year all school donations at PBS will go towards playground enhancements and upgrades. The school donation for one child is \$65 and \$100 for two or more children. A receipt will be provided and this may be used for tax deduction purposes.



Kind regards

Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki

### Use your head—wear a hat

When you're outside protect your face and neck by always wearing a bucket hat or one with a wide brim.



### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Gage—Rm 22 and Emily—Rm 16

**Welcome**

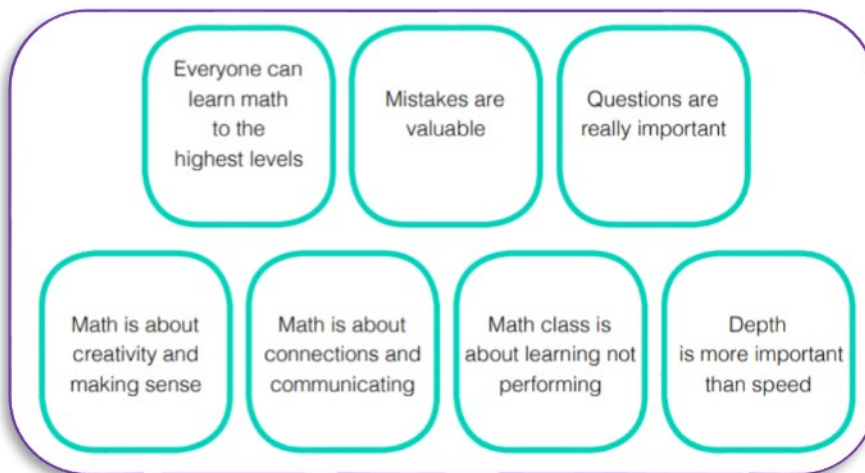
Embrace our Education  
Enhance our Future

## MATHS CHANGES AT PBS

For a long time now we have streamed maths classes within most of our syndicates. Whilst the academic results of this method at PBS have proved very good, a lot of national and international research highlights even better results when streaming is disestablished.

This year our staff are engaging with the research, predominantly from the “Best Evidence Synthesis”, and trialling new processes. We are doing this with the intention of finding richer ways to engage students in maths classes with their own classroom teacher, rather than in a streamed class. Initially what this looks like will vary from syndicate to syndicate, as the teachers adapt their practice for the age group they are teaching.

Throughout the year I will update you on our progress and the authentic reasons for change in this area. In the meantime if you wish to look into any of the research yourself you can start your reading at this link <https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/publications/series/2515/5951>



## KIDS QUOTE

Two Year 3 boys were talking...

**“Have you ever noticed that you never see Mr Mac and Mr McCormick in the same room at the same time?”**

**“Oh yeah! Is he a superhero or something?”**

I suspect these boys don’t realise that Mr Mac and Mr McCormick are the same person!





## STUDENT WORK

Last week the clever kids of Room 29 tried to teach their Principal how to code robots! I don't think they quite realised the challenge this would pose.

However during my class visit I enjoyed watching the programming process, and the trial and error practice, which students utilised. They were programming the movement of small motorised vehicles by fractions of a second in order to move them through a maze. The mathematical processes in play were fantastic!

Thanks Mr Parr and Room 29 for getting my brain to think on a new wave length.

## BUILDING PROGRESS ON ROOMS 5-8

Despite the majority of the new windows not yet being delivered to site, the redevelopment of Rooms 5-8 is still on track. These light-filled classrooms will have glass sliding doors between every two classrooms. These sliding doors provide the opportunity for teachers to work with the class next door or operate as a single class.



## SICKNESS AT SCHOOL—A NOTE FROM REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH



Please remember that sick children need to stay away for **at least 48 hours** after the last symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting. This is a minimum time period. If the 48 hour exclusion period has past, but a child is observably still not well (ie has fever, lethargic and unable to participate), they should not be at school. A child who is sick at school should be collected by their parents and taken home as soon as possible.

There are some good resources for information about gastroenteritis on the Regional Public Health website and the Ministry of Health website.

*We have also been told of a few cases of scabies in the school. This skin infection is caused by tiny insects (mites) which get under the skin and cause a blister like rash. If you suspect your child has scabies, then visit your GP or pharmacist for medicated cream.*

## WERE YOUR EARS BURNING?

### Staff Gratitude Section

Thanks to Kathryn Siversen for taking over management of our school library this year, particularly as we are now using this space as a classroom! Kathryn and her team are trying different systems to get books out to classrooms – which is a huge task.

Thanks Mrs Siversen, your hard work is appreciated :-)



## MATHLETICS

*From time to time parents ask “What is Mathletics?” and “What does my \$10 go towards?”*

Mathletics is an award-winning learning software which is aligned with the NZ curriculum. We are in our fifth year of using Mathletics at Paraparaumu Beach School and we’ve seen benefits over this time, both in academic results and student confidence. Mathletics allows teachers to set levelled tasks for students to work through (at home and school); these tasks are either related to class work or areas of performance which require strengthening. The online content is engaging and the reward system is motivating. If students are having difficulty with a specific maths skill, they can watch video tutorials to boost their understanding and reinforce concepts. There is an optional element of competition too, which many students thrive on. This option enables students to challenge other students in other countries in real time! At the end of each term, at our Whole School Assembly, awards are given out to our top ‘Mathletes’.



Any parent can purchase an annual subscription to Mathletics, starting at \$99, however because our school has a contract with 3PLearning we can offer the software to students at a much cheaper price. Our contract covers every student in Years 2 – 8 for just \$20 per student. To make this option even more viable, we ask parents for a \$10 annual contribution per child and the school pays the other half. If you have any other questions about Mathletics, pop in and speak to your child’s teacher.

## GET FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL WITH KELLOGG’S AND NEW WORLD

For every New World receipt dropped into the instore collection box showing the purchase of two participating Kellogg’s products, our school will be able to redeem 1 free book. Promotional Period 1 Jan-31 March 2018. Max 20 books per school. For full list of participating Kellogg products and terms and conditions visit [www.kelloggs.com/freebooks](http://www.kelloggs.com/freebooks)



**NEW WORLD**





# From the Student Council

Hi Everyone

It's Emma and Maddie here from the 2018 Student Council. This year the Student Council has lots of fun and exciting ideas to make school fantastic. We are: **Imogen Davidson, Liam Strawbridge, Anika Barr, Rico Albert, Grace Garratt, Louise Scriven, Elena Groube, Amelia Dow, Ella Finlay, Maggie Webb, Shinae Bett, Corban Deller, Emma Coggan and Maddie McDowell.**

We can't wait to get the fitness course up and running. Planning continues to keep this moving.



We also can't wait to see everyone in their colours at Whanau Fun Day. This will be on 6 April. We are busy arranging some new and fun activities for this.

We would like to make a special shout-out to all the sponsors on behalf of the 2017 Student Council:

- **Rob Haskell and Beta Engineers** have been amazing
- **M and M Butchers and Kenakena Four Square** were great for our sausage sizzle
- **Placemakers Paraparaumu, Piling and Drilling and Tony's Tyre Service** donated materials for the construction

And the following places helped us with contributions for the raffle:

- Burger Fuel - Paraparaumu
- D4 Raumati
- Hells Pizza - Paraparaumu
- Kapiti Aquatic Centre
- Ripples Cafe
- Pita Pit - Raumati
- Boundary Tap & Kitchen
- Spice Lounge
- Kapiti Kritters
- Gorgeous Things
- Bedlam Hair Design
- Shape Hair Design - Wellington
- Warehouse - Paraparaumu
- McDonalds - Paraparaumu
- Ballentynes
- Snap Fitness
- Pizza Hutt - Paraparaumu
- Jolly Miller

We would just like to say thank you so much for helping us. We will keep updating throughout the year.

Looking forward to a great year.

*Emma-Jane, Maddie and the rest of the Student Council*

## ENERGISING YOUNG MINDS COMPETITION

Help our school win \$25,000, \$15,000 or \$10,000 to spend on our school's science or tech equipment.  
Vote now:

- 1) Go to [www.schoolgen.co.nz](http://www.schoolgen.co.nz)
- 2) Click on Competitions/vote for our school
- 3) Search for our school name

You can vote daily—the more votes the better!



## TOUCH RUGBY

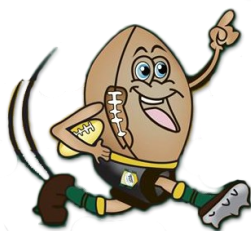
This is the last week for Kapiti Junior Touch. A School vs School Tournament will be held this Sunday starting at 9am at Mazengarb Reserve. The draw will be posted on our website when finalised:

U10-U14 Prizegiving will follow Schools vs School on Sunday:

- ◆ U10 Grade—3.15pm
- ◆ U12 Grade—3.50pm
- ◆ U14 Grade—4.30pm
- ◆ Referees—4.50pm

U 7/8s presented today:

- ◆ 7s—5.40pm
- ◆ 8s—6.20pm



Huge thanks to our committee, schools, parents, coaches, referees and players for another enjoyable season at Kapiti Junior Touch!

*A huge thank you also to Lynz Batty for once again being our school's Touch Rugby Co-ordinator. We appreciate all the work you do to ensure our kids get a great experience playing touch rugby!!!*

*Could all coaches please hand in their gear bags to Mrs Graham in Room 13.*

## KAPITI FUN KIDS OFF ROAD TRIATHLON

9am on Sunday, 25 March at Waikanae Swimming Pool, Ngarara Road, Waikanae. Registrations from 8.15-8.45am. EnterOnLine.co.nz. See our website [www.kapitiruntri.org.nz](http://www.kapitiruntri.org.nz) or Facebook page [www.facebook.com/KapitiRunningTriClub](https://www.facebook.com/KapitiRunningTriClub) for details and course maps.

## ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Congratulations on all those buying and selling houses! Don't forget to mention **Paraparaumu Beach School** when taking out a home loan (or top-up over \$50,000) with ANZ. We 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](http://www.anzolympicschools.co.nz) or contact our 'ANZ staff-parent', Angela Morris at [angela.morris@anz.com](mailto:angela.morris@anz.com).



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