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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/11

10 April 2018

Upcoming Events

TERM 1

WEEK 11

- BoT Meeting—7pm
Wed, 11 April
- Full school assembly—
9.20am—(weather
permitting) ALL
WELCOME
Fri, 13 April
- Last day of Term 1

TERM 2 STARTS—

Monday, 30 April

Mon, 30 April

- Hopefully moving into
the new classrooms!



Welcome to our New Students

Camryn and Ashton —
both Rm 22 and Alexis—
Rm 18.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora PBS families!

I'm not quite sure where the last 11 weeks have gone, there has been so much going on at PBS the time has simply disappeared!

The main highlight of my term has been visiting classrooms. In each class I have endeavoured to join in with the learning and share in the wide variety of experiences on offer. These visits have included; Learning about alphabet letter formation through song and dance, Reading and playing rhyming games, Developing advertising campaigns, 'Chapter Chat', Robotics and coding, Cooperative maths strategy tasks, Swimming, Narrative story writing, 'Genius Hour' projects, T-ball, Celtic knot artwork, Dreamtime painting, Metaphor work, Song and Dance, Blogging, and Video conferencing with Marine Biologists.

All of these opportunities certainly make me reflect on how 'plain' my primary schooling was. If I could re-live those years again today I'd definitely be more engaged and even happy to stay on after 3pm.



Finally, I'd like to thank the clever kids of Rm 24 for the lovely Owl Art now brightening my office. It is simply beautiful.

Kind regards

Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki



OUR SISTER SCHOOL IN CHINA

Last week we found out the name of our Sister School in China. The school is called “**Champagne Lake Primary School**”. This school is very new, having only been built in 2014 and is located north-west of Shanghai, in Changzhou City. Changzhou City has the same population as the whole of NZ. It is a state-owned, public full-time primary school. The school covers an area of 33 acres, with 9696 square meters of teaching buildings, so it’s quite different to PBS. Currently there are over 1000 students enrolled from Grade 1 (6 years old) to Grade 4 (10 years old). The school is near a famous China Dinosaur Park! We look forward to learning lots more about our Sister School over the coming months.

BUILDING PROGRESS ON RMS 5-8

We have been told that Rooms 5 – 8 will be ready to move back into on day one of Term 2! We have our fingers crossed that this is the case. Once the kids and teachers move back into their new classrooms, then those in Rooms 1 – 4 can move out ready for their rooms to go through the same process.

This means that for Term 2:

Room 1 will be based in the school library

Room 2 will be based in the school hall

Room 3 will be in Rm 27

Room 4 will be in Rm 25



Rooms 1-4 will be fenced off but there will still be access into the front door of the office. The exterior asbestos cladding on Rooms 1-4 (on the driveway side of the buildings) will be professionally removed during the school holidays, so we ask that kids stay off the school site during this time.

PLAYGROUND



The large adventure playground will be completely out of action from tomorrow until the end of the school holidays to enable the new matting and equipment to be installed.

The kids (and staff) can’t wait to have a play on the new equipment! **A huge thank you to our Board of Trustees and PTA** for ensuring we had the funds available to make this happen.

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Thank you to Pene Davidson, Gill Snowsill, Sarah Smith, Tina Purdie and Rebecca Jackson for their patience this term. All these teachers and their classes have been displaced and relocated in the far flung corners of the school, whilst their classrooms have been rebuilt. They have put up with having most of their resources in boxes and pieces of their normal classroom furniture in storage. I have really appreciated how each of these teachers have just got on with the job of teaching. Shortly they will find themselves in brand new modern classrooms and hopefully they will feel that the pain was worth the gain.



KIDS QUOTE

Last week I met two reasonably new 5 year olds in the playground who were walking to the office to give something to the "Principal". I could not convince them that I was the person they were looking for, so I suggested that I accompany them to the office to help them find the Principal. When we reached the office door, one of the children saw this AED sticker on the door and said ...

"Oh no we can't go in there. This is room is for emergencies only!"

STUDENT WORK

Recently I enjoyed reading some metaphor work written by the students of Room 2. Their clever creativity really impressed me. Here are just a handful of their brilliant ideas!

If Room 2 was a piece of clothing, it would be a Maori Cloak because we respect our New Zealand Maori culture. Harley

If Room 2 was a type of weather, we would be summer because we all shine. Emily

If Room 2 was a drink, we would be lemonade because we are bubbling with science and physics. Kayla

If Room 2 was a food, we would definitely be sushi because we all stick together. Vanessa

If Room 2 was a sea creature, we would be a dolphin because dolphins are caring and loving friends. Tyler

If Room 2 was a fruit, we would be a watermelon because deep down inside we could be soft, but outside we are strong. Sienna

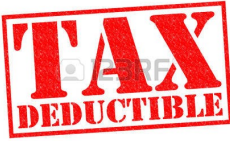
If Room 2 was a sport, we would be rugby because we are always finding a way to get to our goal. Logan

If Room 2 was a building, we would be a lighthouse because we can make anything shine. Miya

Room 2 is love because we care about each other and love each other as a PBS family. Sienna

DONATION RECEIPTS VIA KINDO

As previously notified in the newsletter on 13 March, the receipts which were provided by Kindo (The Growth Collective) for donations were not completely compliant for tax credit purposes. This issue has now been resolved as at Tuesday, 3 April. Now when you make a donation to the school via Kindo, you will be provided with your usual email receipt and in addition to this, you will be given a PDF donation receipt for any donations which are claimable for tax credit purposes. You need to use the PDF receipt for your tax credit claim with IRD.



For any donation payments that were made in Kindo prior to 3 April, you will need to use your school receipt. These school receipts have all been given out to the children in the last month once we were made aware of the issue. If you have not received your receipt, we can provide you with a copy. Just email emcginley@pbs.school.nz to request a copy.

Thanks—Eva

RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Basketball: Congratulations to Isabelle Rasmussen and Louise Scriven who have been selected to play in the Capital Zone Basketball Trust Wgtn Region U15 Girls rep team this season. This is an awesome achievement for such young players!



MATHS UPDATE

Did you know that question asking is often linked to high achievement? We want our students to ask lots of questions and to explore different ways of solving maths problems independently and cooperatively.



Talking about maths is particularly important, but typically this only happens successfully in an environment where the learner feels safe and comfortable to share their ideas. Staying with your own classroom teacher and the peers you know well provides this level of comfort, rather than being divided up into streamed maths classes for 4- 5 hours per week.

When students talk about their maths and their mathematical workings, it gives them the opportunity to clarify their own thinking and learn from others. Dialogue also enables a teacher to gauge a student's level of understanding. Maths discussions include talking and listening, questioning and responding, and agreeing and disagreeing. As educators we hear the term 'friendly arguing' more and more in maths circles; friendly arguing is the beginning of having an opinion and finding evidence to justify or prove your claim. This is a healthy 21st century skill!



LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be on display during this week out by the netball courts facing the quad side. If wet weather, some may be outside the staffroom. Anything un-named or unclaimed will be sent to the Koha Shed.

KELLOGG "BOOKS FOR ACTIVE MINDS" PROMOTION

Thank you to everyone who shopped at New World and nominated our school to receive a selection of Penguin books in the recent Kellogg "Books for Active Minds" promotion. We have received 20 new books for our library!



PBS SCHOOL GALA—3 NOVEMBER 2018

The PTA are looking for volunteers to help with this year's gala. The gala is our school's major fundraiser which is held every two years and historically we raise around \$20,000. We cannot raise this sort of money for our school without help. The PTA are organising a separate committee just for the Gala and our children NEED YOU! We would love to have you join the Gala Committee. The next meeting is on 2 May at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

If you have any questions or bright ideas, please see either Sandy Saunders in Rm 22 or Sheryl McKnight in Rm 18.

Remember, without enough volunteers, this major fundraising event will not be able to go ahead, so every little bit of help is needed! Even one hour's support will help lighten the load for everyone and make this event a success.

Remember to start keeping your jars for the mystery jar stall and saving goods for the white elephant stall.

If you would like to donate something for the major raffle or quick fire raffle, please contact Samara on gavinandsamara@gmail.com

Sandy Saunders



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

2nd Hand PBS Polo Shirts for Sale: Sizes 10, 12 and 14. \$15 each. Ph Bronwyn on 021 767 434.

Holiday Fun at KCDC Libraries: Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt from 14-29 April—be in to win books! Construct potions as well as Hermione at Waikanae on 17 April from 10.30-11.30am; Paraparaumu on 18 April 10.30-11.30am; Paekakariki on 23 April 2-3pm or Otaki on 26 April 10.30-11.30am.

Enhance your Child's Creativity: Chrissie Sallis is an experienced and enthusiastic artist and registered teacher offering 10 children aged 8-12yrs the opportunity to attend structured, fun-filled art classes at Waikanae Beach from 9 May–27 June on Wednesdays from 3.45-5pm in printmaking, ceramics, collage and drawing. All materials provided—cost \$120. Enquiries to cjsallis@gmail.com or ph 021 148 5716 or Facebook Chrissie Sallis Art Studio & Gallery. Contact me if you are also interested in future visual art courses.

Casual Vacancy Available at sKids Kenakena: Energetic member of staff needed to join a team of dedicated sKids staff. Applicants must have a passion or growing awesome Kiwi kids. Hours of work 7am-8.30am, 2.30-5.30pm and be available part-time during school holidays. A full, clean driving licence would be an advantage. Successful applicants will be police vetted. Job description available upon request. CVs to jools@skids.co.nz.

Jennian Homes Mothers Day 5km Fun Run: 10am on Sunday, 13 May at Aotea Lagoon, Papakowhai, Porirua. Register online at jennianmothersday.com and do your bit to help beat heart disease.

Connect Kids Out of School Care: After school care to 7pm. Talk to us about our additional services. Autumn School Holiday Programme 6.45am-7pm or 8.45am-3.15pm. Book online at www.connectkids.nz

After School Tutoring: Judy Atkinson has a couple of slots available from 4-5pm on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Willing to take two students at once (shared cost) in maths and literacy to Year 6.

Crawshaw Music School: Crawshaw Music School is taking private music lessons and band class applications now. We specialise in one on one lessons at a great rate of \$32/ half class. Our teachers have years of experience teaching privately. We teach guitar, piano, keyboards, singing, drums, bass, ukulele, flute and band. Write to aj@crawshawmusicschool.co.nz to get a free trial lesson booked at our Sheffield Street studio today.

Wilderkids School Holiday Programme: Open for bookings. Programme running from 16-27 April. The programme get kids aged 5-12yrs exploring nature and learning about sustainability in a fun, hands-on way. Different activities every day. \$56/day/child and \$10 places available for families with a Community Services Card. Bookings on www.sustaintrust.org.nz/wilderkids.

Kapiti Bird Exhibition: Kapiti Community Centre on Saturday, 21 April from 10am-3pm. Gold coin donation. For more info email president@kapitibirdclub.org.nz or Ph Adam or Helen on 298 6291.

Waikanae River Raft Race: Sunday, 22 April from the Otaihangā Domain to the Boating Ramp situated past the Otaihangā Boating Club at 3.30pm. Two races—one for primary school students and one for high school students. (2 students/raft) - no cost. Contact Ralph Lane on 297 3323 or entry forms and raft race rules.

April Football Holiday Programme at Weka Park: Aimed at 7-12yr olds from 9am-3pm at Weka Park, Raumati Beach. Kids will learn new skills, keep active and play fun games. Week 1—Tues 17th, Wed 18th and Fri 20th April and Week 2—Tues, 24th, Thurs, 26th and Fri, 27th April. Cost \$40/day or discounted to \$100 for 3 days. Please ensure children have water, a packed lunch and appropriate clothing/footwear. Contact 023 556 340 or email magnoaqui@yahoo.co.uk or facebook page @footballholidayprogramme.

COMMUNITY NOTICES (Continued)

Badminton: Paraparaumu Junior Badminton will be starting again next term on Monday, 30 April for Yrs 4-7 students from 5-6pm and Yrs 8 and above from 6-7pm. \$3/night or \$20/term at Kapiti College old gymnasium. Contact Mike Robertson on 027 282 4589.

Kapiti Island Kids School Holiday Programme: For ages 9-13yrs from 25-27 April \$395pp. Email bookings@kapitiisland.com.

Kapiti Basketball Assn April Holiday Camps: Camp 1 (19/20 April); camp 2 (26/27 April). Session 1 for ages 7-10yrs from 10-11.30am—\$15 for 2 days; Session 2 for ages 10-14yrs from 12-3pm—\$35 for 2 days; Session 3 for ages 14 and over (open skills session) from 3-5pm—\$20 for 2 days. All held at Paraparaumu College Gym. Email mattlintmba@gmail.com or ph 022 473 2104 to register.

Child Minding & Dog Walking: Yr 10 college student available for child-minding or dog walking at weekends, over the school holidays and some week nights. Responsible and polite. Ph Olive Chandler on 020 4108 5743.

