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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2017/09

28 March 2017

Upcoming Events

WEEK 9

Tues, 28 March

- BOT Meeting 7pm

Wed, 29 March

- Crazy Hair Day

Thurs, 30 March

- Whanau Group Meeting—7pm

Fri, 31 March

- SCHOOL PHOTOS for Yrs 3-8 classes

WEEK 10

- Life Education for Tatahi classes starts this week

Mon, 3 April

- Local Inter-schools Swimming Sports

Wed, 5 April

- Tsunami Evacuation Practice (if not raining)

WEEK 11

Tues, 11 April

- Yr 8 Gardasil Immunisations

Wed, 12 April

- School assembly at 9.20am (weather permitting)

- Whole school "Tu Meke Time" (formerly Good Choices Day)

Thurs, 13 April

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello PBS families

Congratulations to all of our Touch Tournament players from the weekend! We are delighted with the results and the overall tournament trophy you brought home. Thanks to the parents who coached teams and supported on the day; such success would be much harder without you.



If you've wandered through the playground before school recently you may have seen the Pedal Ready programme in action. The Year 5-6 students have gained a lot of confidence and technical skills from these sessions, which forms part of our road safety programme.

I'm off to find a wig now for Crazy Hair Day tomorrow. See you then!

Warm regards

Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO...

Quin—Rm 21 and Joy—Rm 18.

PROPERTY PROJECT

We have received Ministry approval to completely refurbish Rooms 1-8! Whilst this is fantastic news it also creates a number of issues for us – first and most obviously where do we put all the students whilst we are doing it?

Ideally we would love to refurbish four classrooms at a time, but we do not have the spare classroom space to make this possible. The Board has decided that the only way forward is to refurbish two classrooms at a time, starting with Rooms 7 & 8 and then Rooms 5 & 6. Once Rooms 5-8 are finished we will timetable the refurb for Rooms 1 -4. Each set of two classrooms should take approximately 10 weeks to complete. We have decided to start the project with the Rooms 5-8 block, as the roof is in poor condition, whilst the roof on Rooms 1 – 4 was replaced a couple of years ago.



Any kind of building project in a school, whilst the school is open for instruction, comes with challenges. We will do our absolute best to mitigate issues, but ask that parents show an understanding of what we are trying to achieve within the constraints we're facing. The Ministry of Education will not give us relocatable classrooms to use; they have instructed us to use our hall, ICT suite or library as classrooms whilst we build. This is not ideal, but it is the reality many schools in New Zealand are facing in order to complete building projects.

Our architect and Property Project Manager are putting this project out for tender this week. Therefore we look likely to start this project mid-Term 2 at the earliest. I will keep you informed of our plans and progress via weekly newsletters.

Jess Ward

FAMILY NAMES FOR HALL

Thank you for getting your names and payments into the office. These names will be fabricated shortly and we hope to have them displayed around the hall architrave early in Term 2.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT SCHEME – TERM 3 & 4 NEW ENTRANTS

We are now at the planning stage for our intake of 2017 Terms 3 & 4 New Entrant five-year-olds.

If you have any children due to start school soon that you have not let us know about, or if you have friends or neighbours who don't currently have a child at PBS, but may be hoping to enrol a new entrant child here in Term 3 or 4, please ask them to contact our school office. Thank you.

n.b The 'out-of zone' applications process for Term 3 & 4 New Entrants will be advertised early May.



FRIIS PHOTOS AND KAROLINA STUS PHOTOS

In response to parent feedback on school photos last year, we are trying to offer you the best of both options this year.

Friis photographers are here to take class photos and individual photos for Students in Years 3-8 this Friday. These photos are in the more traditional format used in 2015. There is no need to send any money or order anything until your child receives their photo order envelope.

We have the added bonus of offering Karolina Stus' photography to you in Term Two for those families who want to have individual portraits of their children in her more personal, creative style. Karolina will not be taking class photos this year, but will be taking bookings for families who wish their children to sit for her. (See photos from last year below)



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: TSUNAMI INFO

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our whole school will be walking to Mazengarb Reserve on Wednesday, 5 April as part of a Tsunami evacuation practice. This practice will be discussed with children, leading up to the day, so that they know it is only a drill. We aim to walk calmly but at a good pace. This will take place between morning tea and lunch. Once at the reserve, classes will assemble for roll count.

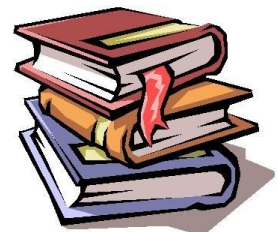
This is a large undertaking, but one we need to practise.

Parental permission for this practice will be taken as a given, unless you inform us otherwise (in writing).



HOME READING BOOK AMNESTY— MONDAY, 13-FRIDAY, 31 MARCH

We have a number of home readers missing and as they cost \$10/book, we are having a book amnesty. Please have a look at home for any readers that may not have made it back to school and drop them into the Amnesty Box in the staffroom—no questions asked!



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Whanau Group

The Whanau Group is scheduling its first meeting of the year on

Thursday, March 30th

At 7pm in the school staffroom.

The Whanau Group is a parent-led group which looks to encourage aspects of Maori culture into everyday lives of Paraparaumu Beach School families.

The group is open to everyone from any background/culture and we are welcoming to all.

If you are keen to be involved, want to find out more or want to 'chinwag' with other keen parents, please feel free to attend.

Kia Ora.

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KIDS QUOTE

Last week Aimee, Luca and Brooke from Room 13 shared their concerns with me around global warming. They asked me to put a note in our daily messages for kids and teachers to read, however I thought this spot in the newsletter was another great way to get their concerns out there. Here's what these senior students had to say.

"Please bike, scooter, skateboard or walk to school. Don't drive because you're letting gas into the atmosphere. Antarctica is melting which is drowning lands! In approximately 50 years places like Wellington could be under water, along with other parts of the world".

So let's all see what we can do to address their concerns—Jess Ward

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Athletics: Congratulations to Rico Poutama and Boston Winiata who competed at the Wellington Champs for Athletics on Sunday, 19 March and both were awarded 2 bronze medals each in the same events (long jump and shot put). This included the wider Wellington region, so well done!

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL—CRAZY HAIR DAY!

Tomorrow, 29 March the Student Council have organised a Crazy Hair Day! The students will make their hair as crazy as possible for an amazing parade at 10am. There will be lots of prizes to be won. We will be fundraising money to donate to the charity 'Shave for a Cure'. This is raising money for people fighting blood cancer. So please bring a gold coin donation to school on the day, it would be very much appreciated! Don't go too crazy though because remember we've got our school photos two days later. "**Comb** on, give it a go!" We'll see you there :)



LOST PROPERTY

Look out on fine days next week for lost property. Those who attended the Year 5/6 camps should have an extra look! Also, there are a lot of towels left from swimming.



KELLOGG'S NEW WORLD FREE BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS PROMOTION

The promotion is open to all participating schools. To have a book redeemed for a participating school, entrants must, during the promotional period, place a receipt/s showing the purchase of two Kellogg's cereal or snack products in the collection bins within the participating New World store linked to your participating school. The receipt/s must clearly show that the purchase was made during the promotional period at the New World store of deposit.

Hurry, only a few days left. The promotion ends at 11.59pm on 31 March 2017.

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YUMMY STICKERS



Thank you to the families who have been collecting Yummy stickers and labels. We are well on the way towards a healthy total again. Please use the collection sheets attached in this newsletter, or for extra sheets to pass on to whanau members, please see Mrs Evans in Room 26. Remember, we get lots of FREE sports gear, so every sticker counts! We have until September to collect as many as we can. Let's try and beat last year's total of \$787!

TOUCH RUGBY

Prize Giving

Sunday, 2 April at Mazengarb Park

Under 7/8–11am; U10–12pm; U12–1pm; U14 and refs–2pm

School vs School Tournament Results

U8 Grade–1st; U10 grade–2nd; U12 Grade–2nd; U14 Grade–1st



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A flier with more information was sent home recently.

URGENT SALE

I have the following items for sale that need to be **sold by this Friday (31 March)** as moving house. Please see Marie in the Office or phone 298 5775 between 8.30am-3pm:

- Rimu-look Wall Unit (154cm wide, 180cm high) –\$100
- Round glass dining table and 6 black leather chairs (150cm diameter) - \$350 (excellent condition)
- Black glass TV cabinet (180cm long, 53cm high) - \$150
- Blue sofa bed–\$75
- Westinghouse 420 litre frost free fridge/freezer Model BJ425–\$75



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