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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2017/29

12 September 2017

Upcoming Events

Week 8

MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

Wed, 13 September

- Tatahi: Yr 2's trip to Whakarongotai Marae
- Te Moana trip to Whareroa Farm for tree planting

Week 9

Tues, 19 September

- Junior Winter Tournament

Thurs, 21 September

- Science Roadshow (Yrs 5/6)

Week 10

Tues, 26 September

- Whole School Assembly 9.20am -ALL WELCOME

- 11am—Tu Meke Time

Fri, 29 September

- Year 6 Raumati Technology Visit

Fri, 29 September

- Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

Mon, 16 October

- First day of Term 4

No act of
KINDNESS
no matter
how small
is ever
wasted.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Koutou

It's MAORI LANGUAGE week; Naumai ki to wiki o te reo Maori. E hiahia ana tatou katoa ki te korero Maori; Ko te reo Maori he taonga. Kia ora tonu te reo. *We all need to speak more Maori; it is a treasure. Let Maori language live on.*

I have grown up as a fourth generation pakeha/kiwi of English, Irish and Swedish descent, to fully embrace the ways of Maori culture. I'm proud to be able to share in the culture of the country where I was born. Te reo and tikanga Maori is unique to this one place on the planet, and as I have explained to students, things which make us unique should be treated like a treasure or a secret superpower!

When my father arrived in NZ from England in 1965 to teach Art he discovered classes full of Maori students who were disengaged from education. The Maori culture was not embraced and students lacked self-esteem as a result. He gained help, training and permission from local iwi to introduce Maori carving at his school. Over the years he saw student confidence and pride increase, and parents started attending carving classes too. On my father's retirement a former pupil presented him with the most intricately carved pounamu, which he had made in gratitude for connecting him back with his culture. I think this proves that you do not have to be Maori to share in it or acknowledge the importance to keep a language or culture alive.

At the end of this term our wonderful Jackie Walker is retiring after 21 years of teacher aiding at PBS. Jackie will be missed for her warmth and can-do attitude. Jackie has a real way with kids, she goes the extra mile to help and get to know them, and as a result they thoroughly enjoy working with her. Jackie and her husband, who is also retiring from his job, are moving to Taupo. We wish them all the very best in the next part of their adventure. We will farewell Jackie at our end of term assembly; please come along and join us.

Ka kite ano, Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki

WELCOME TO OUR RECENT NEW STUDENT

Olive—Rm 17

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KINDO

Are you using KINDO yet? We are receiving lots of positive parent feedback on how easy it is to use. Next year we will be removing EFTPOS from the school office, as it is not cost effective for us considering the low number of people who use it. So register for KINDO now and give it a try.

KID'S QUOTE

Two students were standing outside the office trying to put some freshly copied sheets into a folder to carry back to class.

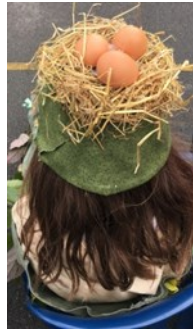
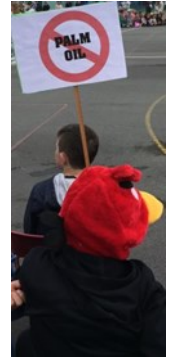
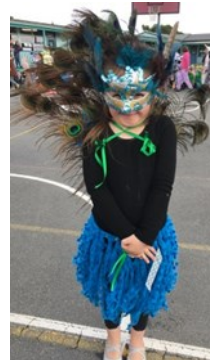
"But I don't want to be a dog's breakfast," said one boy.

"Not you! The teacher said the copies couldn't look like a dog's breakfast," replied the other.



SAVE OUR PLANET PARADE

Thanks to the Student Council for hosting a magnificent parade last week. There were some incredibly creative costumes on display. Here are just a few of the ones that caught my eye; a recycling bin, a little blue penguin, a shark, a peacock, an angry bird with a no palm oil sign, a jellyfish, a bird's nest hat, a pekapeka bat and a lizard.



STUDENT'S WORK

"Last night I heard the wind roaring outside the house. The rain was clattering against the metal roof and my baby sister was struggling to get to sleep. Suddenly I felt a flash. I opened my sleepy eyes. Now I see it! I rushed to Dad to see if he knew what it was. He said 'It was thunder'. I got a bit of a fright but I knew I was safe with my family."

By Lily, Room 24- written on her 7th birthday!

YUMMY STICKERS

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting Yummy Stickers this year. We look forward to getting our FREE sports gear again! The final day for dropping them to me is **this Friday, 15 September**. Please return any sheets to Mrs Evans in Room 26. If you need another collection sheet please see me.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



The purpose of this award is to acknowledge students who have achieved at a very high level in their chosen pursuit (academic, sporting, cultural, community service or other activities). It is intended to be used to promote these students as role models throughout our school community in a manner that encourages other children to look up to and strive to emulate. Students from Years 4-8 are eligible to be nominated for the award. Official nomination forms are available from the school office or on the school website under "Board of Trustees". They should be completed and returned as soon as possible. The nomination closing date is Friday, 20 October.



TERM DATES 2018—For your Diaries!

Term 1 – 2018

Wednesday, 31 January - Friday, 13 April

Waitangi Day - Tuesday, 6 February

Good Friday - Friday, 30 March

Easter Monday - Monday, 2 April

Term 2 – 2018

Monday, 30 April - Friday, 6 July

Queens Birthday - Monday, 4 June

Term 3 – 2018

Monday, 23 July - Friday, 28 September

Term 4 – 2018

Monday, 15 October - Thursday, 13 December

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BUILDERS NEEDED

We have a few beautiful blossom trees at PBS which we would love parent help to build seats around. We will supply the materials if you can supply the hands! If you have time and know-how please email John Trask on jtrask@pbs.school.nz Thanks



Kapiti's Bright Lights Music Competition 2017

The Kapiti Coast based 'Bright Lights Music Competition' is Back! Bright Lights is a three stage event starting with heats on 7 October at the Kapiti Community Centre, moving to Semi's and work-shops with some of New Zealand's most famous and hardworking musicians on 21 October at Southward Auditorium. All acts will then have a chance to be chosen to play the Grand Finale Gala Concert at night and win some epic prizes which include performing at Coastella Music Festival 2018, half a day's recording, over \$1000 of musical equipment and heaps of spot prizes all to be given away!!

Bought to you by the team at House of Sound Music Academy, Zeal, The Family Music Store, Coastella Music Festival and Creative Communities funding. To find out how much this event costs and how to enter, visit: www.brightlightsmusiccompetition.co.nz

HOCKEY

We will be having a shared lunch for all hockey players on Friday, 22 September.

A separate notice will be sent home.

Vicki Wilson



TE MOANA SYNDICATE RECYCLING GROUP

Te Moana Syndicate Recycling Group is collecting Oral Care waste to be recycled through **Colgate's TerraCycle programme**. Please drop your Oral Care waste in the collection bin outside the staffroom to help our school be in to WIN some great prizes.

Accepted Oral Care Waste:

- Toothpaste tubes and packaging
- Non-electric toothbrushes and packaging
- Floss containers and packaging
- Interdental brushes and packaging

Any brand accepted. Visit terracycle.co.nz for more information.



BUCKET REQUEST

The Enviro Group are looking for 10 litre plastic buckets and lids to place around the school for collecting food scraps. These scraps will be emptied into the school compost bin.

Are there any painters and decorators in our school community who have old buckets and lids they could please donate? They can be delivered to Room 3. Thank you.



SCHOOL ENROLMENT SCHEME - TERMS 1 & 2, 2018 NEW ENTRANT ENROLMENTS

As I am sure everyone is aware, enrolment at this school is governed by an Enrolment Scheme. By law, we are unable to enrol any student who does not reside within the school's "home zone". This regulation applies even to the siblings of current pupils, if the family is now living "out-of-zone". However, in line with its philosophy on the importance of keeping families together at the one school, our Board of Trustees advertises twice yearly the availability of a specified number of enrolment vacancies for "out-of-zone" five-year-old new entrants; siblings of existing pupils having legislative priority for taking up these vacancies.



In establishing the number of places to be made available, it is crucial that the school is notified of these children. If all families have fully completed and returned "Information Update" forms, then we should have accurate data with which to track "out-of-zone" siblings. If, however, for any reason parents have not advised the school of children in this category wishing to enrol at

the school in future, please do so immediately!

The advertisement for applications for "out-of-zone" five-year-olds due to start school between 31 January and 6 July next year will be published next month in the newsletter and the "Kapiti Observer".

From a different enrolments perspective, for planning purposes we would also be most grateful to know of any intended new enrolments in upcoming years from in-zone pupils. Thank you.