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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

# Newsletter 2018/35

6 November 2018

## Upcoming Events

### WEEK 4

*Wed, 7 November*

- 'Discover China' Day (Rms 2, 3, 13 & 28)

*Thurs, 8 November*

- Olympic Rower Rebecca Scown speaking to Yrs 4-8

### WEEK 5

*Wed, 14 November*

- Senior Inter-school Athletics

*Thurs, 15 November*

- E-Pro 8 Challenge (selected Yr 5-8 students)

*Fri, 16 November*

- Strike Action (see info in newsletter)

### WEEK 6

*Tues, 20-Fri, 23 November*

- Ngaru Syndicate (Yr 3/4) trips to Palm Grove

*Tues, 20 November*

- Board Meeting—7pm

*Wed, 21 November*

- Tatahi Yr 2 trip to Nga Manu

*Fri, 23 November*

- Yr 0/1 Tatahi Parent Information Morning—9.30 -10.30am in the staffroom

## LAY IT ON THICK

If you have to be outdoors between the hours of 10am and 4pm, make sure you wear plenty of sun-screen—apply it thickly and evenly



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tena Koutou katoa

I want to start this newsletter by thanking everyone who battled the elements and attended our School Gala on Saturday. Staying dry was mission impossible, but we still had heaps of fun! The turnout of families was a real testament to our community; it provided undeniable evidence that PBS families are committed to supporting our school and our students.

Last term we had a school focus on citizenship, so what happened on Saturday really showed our kids that when life throws you a curve-ball, you can gather a crowd of supporters and still make a success out of any situation.

This Maori Whakatauki sums our gala up well:

**Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi. Engari, he toa takitini.**

**My strength is not the strength of one. It is the strength of many.**

Of course our gala would not have been possible without our helpers, organisers and businesses. There were so many parents, school staff and whanau members who helped leading up to the event, as well as on the day itself - **Thank you so much on behalf of PBS kids** for the contribution of time and energy you gave.

And finally, to our steadfast Gala Committee of just 13 people!! I want to loudly applaud the work of Sandy Saunders, Sheryl McKnight, Sharleen MacInnes, Samara Shaw, Nikki Bradley, Nicky Holden, Fiona Turner, Jing Zhou, Kylie Morrell, Carlene Chester, Vanessa Kellogg and Connie Murphy and Sarah Chambers. This event simply would not have been possible without you. For various reasons many schools no longer have PTAs or Galas, and ideally I know our gala team would have loved more parents on their organising committee too. However I hope you know how very, very grateful our community is for your hard work, commitment and can-do attitude. You have given us so much more than fundraising; you have provided our kids with excellent role models of teamwork! "Thank you" doesn't even begin to express how grateful I am, personally, as the Principal of Paraparaumu Beach School.

Ka kite ano

Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki



## STRIKE ACTION ON FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

New Zealand's principals and primary teachers have just voted about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. We're agreed - we can't in good conscience accept the Government's latest collective agreement offer because it does not begin to address the crisis.

We have therefore voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held during November. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and **our region will be striking on Friday, 16 November.**

**Our school will be closed on that date.** While we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students.

Already children's education is suffering because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around. The Government recently announced a \$5.5 billion surplus, so there is no reason to make our children wait while the situation deteriorates further.

Through our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, we are asking for:

- ◆ Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- ◆ More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs – this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- ◆ A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers

We appreciate your continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child's teacher.

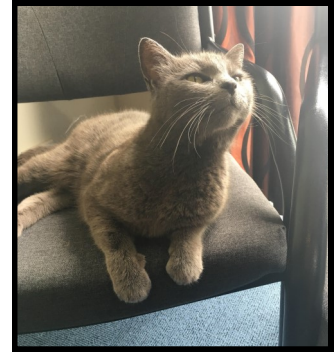


## CHANGING THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2019

Next year we are looking to reduce some of our paper usage by moving away from a weekly paper newsletter. About half our families have the newsletter emailed to them each Tuesday, which certainly helps. We are looking to move to a digital format called Skool Loop, which other school communities are finding effective.

Whilst we will still continue to send some trip notices home on paper, the weekly newsletter will not be produced on paper.



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Last week Jack in Room 3 shared his wonderful 'Weslandia' creation with me. Having read the book in class, many students created a scale model of their own land. It was obvious that Jack had put many hours of craftsmanship into his project. Wonderful work Jack!

Thank you to the wonderful PBS Staff for contributing to our Gala. Beyond the tremendous work of Sandy Saunders and Sheryl McKnight, every single one of you contributed in some way by either making products to sell, growing plants, setting up stalls, sizzling sausages, rearranging classrooms, running talent quests prior to the day, assisting performers, etc...etc...etc. You are such an awesome bunch of colleagues to work with!

Special mention must also go to Vicki Howarth who grew 90% of the plants for the gala in her own backyard. Go green fingers, go!



**Ngaru Syndicate would like to thank Dean Murphy for supplying and attaching seat belts to our syndicate go-karts. These will be in action on Fridays at playtimes for the students of Ngaru Syndicate. Students are being encouraged to use their bike or scooter helmet when riding them.**



## RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Spring Gala Talent Quest:** Congratulations to all the students who were finalists in the Spring Gala Talent Quest. Results are as follows:

First Place	Mason O'Connell
Second Place	Solomon Bolton-Smithson
Third Place	Regan Fraser



## NEW ENTRANT PARENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION—TATAHI SYNDICATE

A New Entrant Information Presentation will be held for all parents of new children on Friday, 23 November from 9.30-10.15am in the staffroom. This session will:

- ◇ Provide an overview of the 'Transition to School'
- ◇ Provide an overview of the New Entrant Programme in reading, writing and mathematics
- ◇ Highlight how you can help at home with learning

In Tatahi Syndicate, we believe that successful partnerships between home and school are established when both parties have a shared expectation and knowledge of their child's learning. We would love to see you there.



### SCOOTER LOCK-UP

Well done to Alexis MacInnes from Room 17 on winning the scooter at the Gala on Saturday. She pulled the lucky key that opened the lock. Have fun Alexis!

## WHAKAARO HOU EDUCATION TRUST—EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CHROMEBOOKS

The Whakaaro Hou Education Trust is doing their year end roll out of Chrome books on 14 November. Expression of Interest Forms and more information is available at the school office for your child to collect.

The cut-off for expression of interest forms is 9 November (please note change of date). Please return your forms to the school office no later than this date.



# Year 5/6 2019 Fundraisers

## MOVIE FUNDRAISER

Sadly we have had to cancel the Bohemian Rhapsody movie fundraiser due to low ticket sales. Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far.



## ICON PHOTOGRAPHY

We have a team from Icon Photography booked to come to the school on Sunday, 18 November as a fundraiser. They can take 60 bookings at this stage. If you would like to secure a time, please text or call Stephanie Caldwell on 027 856 9429 ASAP. **Cut-off for bookings and payment is this Friday, 9 November.** *Please note if you choose to cancel the booking, the money is non-refundable.*

Please pass this message on to other school families so we can get these spots filled and then secure the Friday afternoon also for more bookings.

Cost will be \$15 for a 10x13 size print with others available to buy when they are back for viewing.



## FREEZER WANTED FOR MEDICAL ROOM

We are still looking for a small freezer to store ice packs in the medical room as our current one has died. If you would like to donate one that is in good working condition, then we would love to hear from you!

Thank you.

## 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

**SKIDS Kenakena:** Specialising in delivering quality and affordable before school care, after school care and holiday programmes that kids just love! Our aim is to create a fun and safe environment for all primary school children. Limited spaces are available during Term 4. For more info please call Jools Da Silva on 021 0254 3249 or email [jools@skids.co.nz](mailto:jools@skids.co.nz).

**Pony-Tales Indoor Riding School:** Riding lessons, catered pony parties and school holiday programmes. Special introductory lessons \$25. All sizes and abilities catered for. Contact Jackie Gilmore on 293 8161 or 021 420 071 or Julie Caister on 021 058 7422.

**Free Parenting Helpline:** Parent Help is a non-profit organisation supporting parents to build resilient and positive families/whanau. We run a free confidential parenting helpline for parents and caregivers. The Helpline is available from 9am-9pm, 7 days a week providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting challenge. Ph 0800 568 856.

**Neurodiversity Parent/Family Workshop:** (Dyslexia, dyspraxia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia). Presenter: Sarah Sharpe, Neurodiversity Education Consultant and Teacher in Charge Neurodiversity Education at Kapiti College on 13 November at 21 Tongariro Street, Paraparaumu from 7-8.30pm. Cost \$20/head or \$30/family. For more info and to register visit [www.facebook.com/events/1885014414952897](http://www.facebook.com/events/1885014414952897).

**Armistice Day Concert:** KCDC is proud to support the ‘Kapiti Remembers its Own’ Armistice Day Concert with the Otaki RSA and Paraparaumu RSA on Sunday, 11 November at 2pm at Southward Theatre, commemorating the end of World War 1 through song, dance, music and poetry. The concert frames its story through four sections, with a twenty minute intermission. Tickets are \$5/adult or \$2/child available from i-SITE Visitor Centre, KCDC and the Waikanae and Otaki Libraries.



We are passionate and keen to teach your child the important lifesaving skill of ‘learning to swim’. All levels catered for, from babies to adults. We have 24 years of experience, a warm non-chlorinated pool, we are exclusively swimming lessons and we offer weekly payment of fees

Many thousands of Kapiti Coast children are now strong efficient swimmers because of the tuition we have provided them with and we are now teaching the next generation. Give your child the gift of life.

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