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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/21

3 July 2018

Upcoming Events

WEEK 10

Wed, 4 July

- School Assembly
9.20am—all Welcome!
(weather permitting)

- Tu Meke time

Thurs, 5 July

- Regional Cross Country

Fri, 6 July

- Mid-Year Reports come home/LAST DAY T2

TERM 3

WEEK 1

Mon, 23 July

- First day of Term 3

Tues, 24 July

- Board Meeting—7pm

WEEK 2

- Hopefully moving back into Rms 1-4!

WEEK 3

Thurs, 9 August 2-8pm

- Parent-Teacher Interviews **SCHOOL CLOS-ES AT 2PM**



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone

This Friday is the last day of Term 2, so Mid-Year reports will be given out to every child in Years 1-8. New Entrants (Year 0) will not receive a report at this time. During my process of reading and signing these reports I was delighted to read of the many achievements students had accomplished over the last 6 months. Every child has made some progress to celebrate; whether that progress is a big step forward or a number of small steps, moving forward is the goal because learning is incremental.

For a little while now we have been thinking about becoming a Water-Only school, so we're looking into this further. Students will be driving this project, and we all feel it should not be too difficult for PBS to achieve. Statistics, from our Bee Healthy Dental Service nurses, support the need for us to move in this direction too. Below are the stats from their Term 1 dental checks at Paraparaumu Beach School. I think you will agree that more than a third of students with tooth decay is way too high!

Number of children examined	Number of children with tooth decay	Percentage of children examined with tooth decay
402	146	36%

Additionally alarming is Dental Service research which shows children with oral health problems are more likely to have lower academic achievement and school attendance. I hope you'll all agree that becoming a Water-Only school is a step in the right direction.

The weather tomorrow is looking fine for our Whole School Assembly at 9.20am, but get the kids to dress up warm – jackets and beanies sound ideal! We hope whanau and friends can come along and join us too.

Kind regards

Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki

STUDENT COUNCIL PLAYGROUND PROJECT



Last year our Student Council spent many months planning a new playground area for the back of the school field. This year's Student Council also assisted with this project. After a number of working bees, involving parents and students we are pleased to announce the first section open.

Thanks to everyone involved for adding more fun to our playground space!

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Eva McGinley – “Accounts Manager Extraordinaire” – I hope you’re reading this.

Thank you so much for everything you have done during your three years at PBS. The way you have diligently tackled every task sent your way, ensured the Board and staff were kept up to date on financial matters, kept meticulous records, taken on new elements such as XERO and KINDO, dealt with the Ministry’s protocols and put up with Mr Trask’s practical jokes has been spectacular. We are all going to miss your good sense of humour and dedication; you’ve been such fun to work with. Thanks a million from us all!



KIDS QUOTE

Everyone has their grumpy moments and sometimes things come out of our mouths that are unexpected. Recently one of our younger students was in a grump and said to their teacher...

“Who made you the boss?”

Naturally the teacher hadn’t expected this and replied

“The Ministry of Education.”



TEACHERS’ PAID UNION MEETING

Thank you for your understanding and support last week. 99.9% of students were collected at 12.30pm enabling all our teachers to attend this meeting.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Maths: Last week teachers from Paraparaumu College's maths department popped into PBS to surprise Year 8 student, Samantha Millar. The previous Monday evening, at the College's Open Night, Samantha entered a maths problem solving competition and won! Samantha was awarded a Casio Scientific Calculator, valued over \$100. Great job Samantha!

Rippa Rugby: Congratulations to this Year 5/6 Rippa Team who won the local Interschool's tournament last week. They came back to school muddy but happy. Well done on your outstanding success Katrina Kraus, Tiana Wallace, Jahzara Mei-Hall, Ben Sale, Jack Blake, Ethan Mupariwa, Tristan Chambers, Ciara King, Ella Gibson, Luca Albert and Coach Pem Chambers!



Rugby: Congratulations to Rico Albert, Isaiah Brown and Hayden Sale for making the Horowhenua Under12 rugby team and Shane Williams for making the Horowhenua U13 rugby team.

Netball: Congratulations to Korey Kavakura and Isabelle Rasmussen who made the Coastlands Kapiti Netball Year 8 rep team.

Hockey: Congratulations also to Stacey Collett who made the WHA U13 Girls A Team, Althea Morrin who made the WHA U13 Girls B team and Joel Harvey who made the WHA U13 Boys B Team.

Wow—lots of wonderful achievements by PBS kids!

RE-USABLE BAGS

Thank you to all those families that have returned their money and bags. Don't forget to keep selling the bags as this is a great way to help raise money for our school and at the same time look after our environment.

If you need any more bags, please either see Paula in the office or Whaea Sandy in Rm 22.



VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Would someone like to volunteer to go through the spare clothing that we have in the medical room? This desperately needs sorting out!

Please see Paula in the office if you can help us. Thank you.



TERM 3 PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST (afternoon and evening). In order to accommodate enough interview slots the school will be closing at 2pm on this day. Please ensure you have made arrangements for an early pick-up time on this day.

Bookings will close at 9am on Thursday, 9 August. Unfortunately, late bookings cannot be taken, but you can email the class teacher at any time to make alternative arrangements to meet. To book interviews times:

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home
- Enter the school events code dnfd7
- Click 'Go' and follow the prompts

If you do not have access to a computer, then please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. As always, if you cannot attend interviews on this date, alternative arrangements can be made directly with your child's class teacher. Please note there is only one interview slot available per child.



The school library (or another available space) will be open on this afternoon and evening for children who wish to wait indoors whilst parents are meeting teachers. If it is a cold winter's night, then this will be a cosy place to keep warm.

YUMMY STICKERS

A huge thank you to the families that have been collecting Yummy stickers and tokens over the summer break. Please keep an eye out for apple stickers or any other Yummy fruit over the winter.

If you buy a bag of apples, you can clip the token which is worth 10 apple stickers! Or, just collect the stickers off individual pieces of fruit. Every sticker collected counts towards FREE sports gear for our PE shed. Let's see if we can beat last year's total of almost \$800. We have until September to collect as many as we can.

Please return any completed sheets to Mrs Evans in Rm 2 and thank you for your continued support. New sticker sheets are attached to the end of this newsletter and available from the office.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK RETURN—URGENT REMINDER

Please remember to return your unsold Entertainment Books/ payments to the school office. These are now overdue. Thank you.



JUICEES & COOKIES

Juicees and cookies are for sale on Friday lunchtimes outside Rm 17—\$1 each.



LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be on display during this week out by the netball courts facing the quad side on fine days. Anything un-named will be sent to the Koha Shed.

Do you know where the lost property is normally kept? You can check out the lost property now housed at the back of the old dental clinic area behind the doors as shown below:



School Holiday Fun with Entertainment!

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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

Hookway Tutoring: I offer regular lessons at Paraparaumu Beach School in language skills and maths for 30 minutes per week. In the afternoons and weekends I also offer regular weekly tuition or one off lessons for exams in college maths and science Yrs 9-11 and maths and biology through to Yr 13. I have 35 years of teaching and tutoring experience and regular Police check updates. Further details can be viewed at www.hookwaytutoring.co.nz or contact Brian Hookway directly via hookwaytutoring@gmail.com or Ph 902 2453 or 021 179 0223.

SKIDS Kenakena: Quality before school, after school and holiday programmes that help our kids thrive and grow. Now taking bookings for T3. For more info call Jools Da Silva on 021 0254 3249 or email jools@skids.co.nz.

School Holiday Events at Mahara Gallery: Come along to Mahara Gallery to help us continue celebrating Matariki with storytelling, lantern-making and weaving. See notice on noticeboard at the office for more details. Space is limited, so bookings are essential. For more info email info@maharagallery.org.nz or ph 902 6242.

Wilderkids Programme: Wilderkids, run by Sustainability Trust, is a school holiday programme for kids who really want an adventure. We’ve got another great Wilderkids programme lined up for the July school holidays. You can book at <https://sustaintrust.org.nz/pages/school-holiday-programmes>.

Kapiti Wildheart Art Classes: Term 3, 23 July-30 August. Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday or Thursday 3.30-4.45pm for ages 8-16yrs. See www.kapitiwildheart.co.nz or jacquivandenbergartist@gmail.com or ph 021 069 6555.

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 or email jacksgilmore@gmail.com.

Mamma Mia: Paraparaumu College PTA Fundraiser on Friday, 27 July. Doors open 7.30pm at Event Cinema, Coastlands. \$20/ticket including great food, spot prizes and raffle. Raising money for CPR training for our students. Tickets available from Paraparaumu College office or email nzcherr@outlook.com.

Netball Kapiti School Holiday Programme: Coastlands Netball Kapiti will be running primary school holiday programme in Week 2 of the holidays on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am-1pm. \$85 for the 3 day programme or \$30/day. The programme has been developed with age appropriate skills and fun activities in alignment with the MotherEarth futurFERNs Junior Netball Programme and the NNZ Yr 7 & 8 Development Programme. Registrations due by Wednesday, 11 July. See our website www.netballkapiti.org.nz for registration info.

Sari Saturday: Women’s pre-loved clothing sale and kids pre-loved clothing and toys sale on Saturday, 14 July at Connect Church, 1 Realm Drive, Paraparaumu from 9am-12pm. Clothing from \$1. Gold coin donation entry. All proceeds to go towards Missions Work in India.

Beyond the Page: A literary festival for tamariki and their whanau in the winter school holidays is back bigger than ever with events expanding to 25 libraries across the Wellington region in 2018. For more info, please visit the website www.beyondthepage.nz or check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/beyondthepagenz.

Eco Art Exhibition at Mahara Gallery: 9-29 July. Come and celebrate our launch with artworks from local schools. Come and see the students creative expressions of Mahinga Kai and Matariki. See the No. 8 Wire Programme for free workshops at Mahara on 17 & 18 July.



Understanding ‘Mid Year’ Reports

With National Standards now removed, we have returned to reporting progress and achievement against the New Zealand Curriculum Levels. We feel this system is more useful and appropriate at the Primary School Level.

The New Zealand Curriculum has 8 “curriculum levels” (see diagram below) which stretch from Year 1 to Year 13. Each level represents a learning stage in each curriculum area. Most students will progress through levels 1-4 while at Paraparaumu Beach School. The curriculum level that each student is learning at may vary compared to the other students in the same year. Once your child has mastered most of the skills, knowledge and understanding within a curriculum level, the next level will be incorporated into their learning.

The chart below shows how the curriculum levels typically relate to years at school. Not all students however, fit this pattern. Students with special learning needs, those who are gifted, and those who come from non-English speaking backgrounds are examples of these exceptions. It is important to remember that curriculum levels are of more importance to us than to your child, because we use them to guide our teaching, assessment and evaluations of learning.

Your child’s progress against the New Zealand Curriculum levels will be indicated on your child’s report at mid and end of year. Teachers will use of a range of assessment tools to make overall judgements. These will show where your child sits in relation to the curriculum level appropriate for their year group.

If you are in any way concerned or surprised about your child’s progress, then please raise this with their classroom teacher.

