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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2019/33

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Upcoming Events

TERM 4

WEEK 2

- **Tues, 22 October**
 - ◊ Board Meeting—7pm
- **Thurs, 24 October**
 - ◊ Golf Tournament (selected Yr 7/8 students)

WEEK 3

- **Mon, 28 October**
 - ◊ Labour Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
- **Tues, 29 October**
 - ◊ Year 8 Immunisations
 - ◊ Yr 5/6 Athletics Day
- **Wed, 30 October**
 - ◊ Yr 7/8 Athletics Day
 - ◊ Senior Kapa Haka attending hui at Aotea College—6pm
- **Fri, 1 November**
 - ◊ Nominations close for the BoT Outstanding Achievement Award

WEEK 4

- **Mon, 4 November**
 - ◊ Teacher Only Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
 - ◊ Yr 7/8 Inter-school Athletics event

WEEK 5

- **Mon, 11-Fri, 15 November**
 - ◊ Senior Camp #1—Rms 8, 15 & 17
- **Wed, 13 November**
 - ◊ Yr 4-6 Inter-school Athletics

Hi Everyone

Have you seen the fantastic new murals along the pathway at our Martin



road gate? If not, I encourage you to take a wander. These cool art-works have been created by senior students working with Cath Franks. They not only beautify this area, they advertise that cultural

inclusion is important at PBS. Over 35 students were involved in the research, design and creation of these panels and I wish to thank them on behalf of our school community.

Thank you for the small influx of payments recently. Like most schools we don't like asking for money, especially when donations are voluntary, however we are down in contributions this year. Therefore we would really appreciate any outstanding contributions for the annual parent donations, IXL Maths software, Manual training costs and Education Perfect software etc. Requested amounts should be listed on KINDO otherwise you can contact the school office. Your contributions help us offer all that we do!

Finally, just a reminder that we have two short weeks coming up. Next week we have Labour Day on Monday (28 Oct) and then the following week we have Teacher Only day on the Monday (4 Nov).

Kia pai te rā! Have a nice day!

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki



TERM 4 TEACHER ONLY DAY: REMINDER

Next month on **Monday, 4 November** our school will be having a **Staff Only day**. Our first teacher only day was in February this year and this November date will be our last for this year. Staff are using this day for professional development and to progress the redesign of our school curriculum. **School will be closed for instruction on this day.**



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENT

Benji—Rm 20.

PROCESS FOR 2020 CLASS REQUESTS

At PBS we prefer that parents do not submit requests, unless there are exceptional circumstances. For this reason, we have a formal process which parents must adhere to. Requests from parents must be for specific reasons (e.g. *based around the child's needs*). It is preferable that you don't name a specific teacher. I can assure you that we act professionally and thoughtfully when placing students in classes for the new year. This process is an extremely complex and time consuming task with many variables to consider. When under-taking this process we have to consider: *class size, gender balance in each room, the distribution of students with social/behavioural and learning needs (including special abilities), medical needs etc.*

In a school our size, it can take between 6-8 weeks to put class lists together; whereas in a small school there may only be one class at each level – so no process is needed. Therefore, we ask that parents/caregivers are both understanding and supportive of the complexities involved. Whilst we will continue to allow parents to submit such requests, we do ask in return, that the final school decision on class make-up (**whether or not** a request has been able to be met) is both respected and promoted positively by parents to their children. We are extremely lucky to have such an “across the board” teaching strength in our school, and with all classes within a syndicate following a similar, collectively-planned programme, we can confidently say that every class will offer access to quality teaching and learning, along with the opportunity for many wonderful new friendships to be made.

All requests must:

- be in writing to the Principal (jward@pbs.school.nz)
- **be in by 4pm October 27**
- specifically describe student's needs and reason for the request
- be from the child's parent/guardian



All requests will be carefully considered, however there is no guarantee that a request will be met. Thank you for reading.

SHADE SAIL UPDATE

Ensure your kids have lots of sunblock on

As per our notice in last week's newsletter the entire shade structure over our big adventure playgrounds needs to be removed due to an identified fault. A new structure, using the correct diameter of posts will be installed as a result. Fortunately this comes at no cost to the school,

however the price we'll pay is that we will be without shade from the sun (in this area) until further notice. This also means that sun blocking your kids is extra important.



Whilst this is incredibly frustrating and disappointing, we must ensure the safety of our kids and community by rectifying this matter. We have new structural engineers overseeing this work which provides us with much needed confidence.

NEW SCHOOL GATES AND FENCES

PLEASE BE AWARE: The pathway gates will be clipped open before the start of school and after the 3pm bell, and pulled closed during 9am - 3pm. **If your child arrives late to school you will need to let them through the gate by lifting the top latch.**

RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Coastlands Star Search: A big congratulations to Reiana and Ripeka Walker for winning 3rd place in the junior category of the Coastlands Star Search during the holidays. They presented a beautiful rendition of 'A Million Dreams', using their ukuleles and vocals. Well done girls!



Hockey: Congratulations to Emileo Rosson and Matty Prentice who represented hockey in the Wellington B U13 rep team during the holidays playing 7 games over 5 days, winning the tournament 1-0. Both boys are members of the Kapiti Junior Hockey Club and play hockey for PBS!



Halberg Games: Well done to Harrison Stratford who participated in the Halberg Games with Team Wellington (dSport) in Auckland recently placing as follows: Discus 2nd; Club Throw 2nd; Shotput 4th; 50m Sprint 4th; 100m Sprint 4th; 200m Sprint 4th; 25m Freestyle 5th; and 50m Freestyle 6th. Very impressive!

Jazz: Recently Eloise and Katelyn from Room 26 popped in to share their jazz dance awards with me. As you can see from the photo they were beaming from ear to ear. I just love it when kids are eager to share achievements with me. Being involved in even one activity outside of school hours really does add to the overall development of a child. Great work girls!



WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

This week I want to thank Board members Kate Saunders and Jim Dryburgh, and staff members - Sarah Chambers, Vanessa Brewer and Cath Franks for giving up many extra hours of their time recently to assist with shortlisting and interviewing new staff for 2020. I could not have done this without your input and help. Thanks a million! Jess Ward.

USING MĀORI LANGUAGE AT HOME

Each week we will be picking a phrase from *"MĀORI AT HOME"* by Scott and Stacey Morrison that you might like to try out at your place. After all it will take the whole nation to keep this unique language alive!

Look after each other ~ Me tiaki tētahi i tētahi



KID'S QUOTE

A junior student was talking to me in the playground about the whole school assemblies that we hold each term. He asked me about the part where I stand up and speak to all the students, "Why are they called your 'words of wisdom'?"

Oh dear, maybe I'll have to re-think that title :)

Jess Ward



BOARD OF TRUSTEES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



The purpose of this award is to acknowledge students who have achieved at a very high level of 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 in Years 4-8 are eligible to be nominated for the award.

Official nomination forms are available from the school office or click [here](#) to download a copy. They should be completed and returned as soon as possible. **The nomination closing date is Friday, 1 November.**

For further information on the awards process, please contact Assistant Principal Vicki Wilson during school hours on 298 5775.

CHROMEBOOKS FOR YR 5s in 2020

We are aware that some families of current Year 4 students have already purchased or leased their Chromebooks in preparation for 2020 and BYOD. Of course there is no rush with this. As a school our preferred device is a Chromebook – the brand itself doesn't matter.

About a third of our school families with students in Years 5-8 have purchased direct from a shop e.g. Harvey Normans, Noel Leemings, Warehouse Stationery etc. The other two thirds have either leased or paid outright for a chromebook through the local Education Trust (Whakaaro Hou Education Trust) which assists all schools on the Kapiti Coast.

If you wish to go through the Trust you can buy a device outright or lease to buy over a two year or three year period. The Trust only does one roll-out of devices per term. Their next roll out requires 'Expression of Interest' forms to be in by 25 November. Putting in an expression of interest does not tie you into anything, it merely starts a line of communication between yourself and the Trust. Year 4 students will receive Expression of Interest forms today. For more information on the Trust go to:

<https://whetrust.weebly.com/>



SUNHAT TERM

A reminder that Term 4 is a sunhat term. Students must wear a bucket-style/wide brim hat when outside. Caps and fedora style hats (with a small brim) do not provide enough protection to the face or neck, so please ensure your child has the appropriate sun protection. We also recommend that students keep a small tube of sunscreen in their bag for daily use; roll-on sunblock seems to be the easiest for kids to dispense and apply themselves. School hats are available to purchase from the school office at a cost of \$14.

ROAD SAFETY

Just a friendly reminder that along Gray Avenue (school side) there is a signposted clearway. The times it operates are 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm. When vehicles park along here it makes it extremely difficult for traffic to flow and for our road patrol team to safely man the crossing. Please refrain from parking in this area.



NETBALL Shared Lunch

A reminder that there is a shared lunch in the hall this Friday. A separate notice has already been sent home in regards to this.

Netball Uniform

Please return any outstanding uniforms by Friday, 25 October. Any outstanding uniforms after this date will be presumed to be missing, and parents will receive an account for payment. Thank you.

Ms Wilson

KINDO iPHONE APP IS HERE

Now you have an even easier way to order and pay, when and where it suits you on the myKindo iPhone App.

- To get started, just search 'myKindo' on the Apple App Store
- Download, sign in and set up a PIN (you can even use Touch ID or FaceID)
- Pay for last minute lunches, sports subs, trip fees, fundraising products or anything school-related, right from your mobile device
- Contact the helpdesk Monday-Friday 8am-4pm on 0508 454 636 if you need assistance.



Credit Card Statements Now Showing Kindo

Parents and caregivers will now see payments on their Visa and Mastercard statements as 'Kindo Auckland NZ' rather than 'The Growth Collective'. Parents have sometimes been confused by the use of our company name. Now it should be easier for them to spot payments!