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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

## **Newsletter 2017/08**

**21 March 2017**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **WEEK 8**

*Mon, 20-Fri, 24 March*

- Te Moana (Yr 5/6) Pedal Ready Programme

*Thurs, 23 March*

- PTA AGM—7.30pm

#### **WEEK 9**

*Mon, 27 March*

- Vision and hearing testing for New Entrants

*Tues, 28 March*

- BOT Meeting 7pm

*Thurs, 30 March*

- Whanau Group Meeting

*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

*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**

Hi Everyone

Last week I really enjoyed attending the Attitude Team's parent information evening on 'Tackling Technology'. It was certainly insightful to hear the perspective of a youth educator. Our presenter, Paul Fakalata, discussed the apps and websites most commonly used by kids and teens in NZ today, and although we were familiar with them, it was interesting to learn more about how and why kids are selecting these tools to connect with others and express themselves.

The need for parent involvement, to help kids navigate the digital world safely, was reinforced. An awareness of your child's online activity outside of school hours and the importance of setting ground rules at home for internet use were two of the key factors to success. At school we use two layers of internet safety and filtering (N4L and Linewise), but we also need to teach rules for appropriate and safe use. Like parents, teachers cannot be looking over every child's shoulder at all times and neither should we, because otherwise trust and self-responsibility cannot be fostered. However together, parents and teachers can set ground rules, have open and honest discussions with kids about cybersafety and be there to listen to their concerns and answer their questions. The Attitude Team have sample 'contracts' available for parents to use with their children at home <http://www.theparentingplace.com/family-contracts/>

Thanks for reading.

Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki

### **A SPECIAL WELCOME TO...**

Ruby—Rm 21, Cody—Rm 9 and Isla—Rm 18.

## WORD OF THE WEEK

**Nga Korero o te Wiki**

(Chitcheal this week)

Ko Te Aka Matua to matou  
Pou.

Te Aka Matua is our Pou.

**Arachia  
to Run**

## 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 before walking back to school. This is a large under-taking but one we need to practise. Parental permission for this practice will be taken as a given, unless you inform us otherwise (in writing).



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



PBS is proud to acknowledge Bella Brewer's Surf Life Saving skills. Last week when Bella was at Surf Life Saving at Paekakariki she noticed another girl in trouble. This child was attempting to chase her board, which had blown away. She was making no ground and got stuck in the channel. Bella came and helped her, and although they both got a bit stuck for a while in the channel, she managed to get her back in.

Great skills Bella; we're proud of you!

## 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.*



## STUDENT WORK

Room 13 is...

Room 13 is a calculator, on task solving problems.

We are a whiteboard, jobs are set on us.

Room 13 is a tv channel, entertainment will apply.

We are a camera, perfection is a must.

Room 13 is a poem, as what we are makes us special.

Room 13 is also a candy, we are sweet.

Our class is a world, that makes us smart and perfect.

We are Sirius, the brightest star in our night sky.

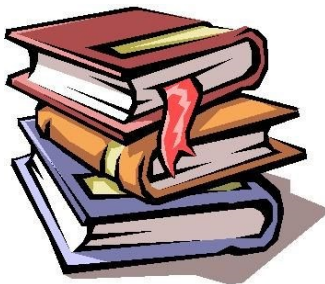
We are everything useful, special and important most of all.

*By Sam Lenny*

## KIDS QUOTE

Last week at camp, Mr Parr was telling the kids about the evening's exciting activities.

One of the students leaned over to a teacher and said "Is that his **excited face?**"



## 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!

## FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL—CRAZY HAIR DAY!

On Wednesday, 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. 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. "Come on, give it a go!" We'll see you there :)



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### **NETBALL—YRS 3-5**

If you are still interested in your child playing, we have extended registrations until Friday, 24 March. We will require players to fill teams.

### **HOCKEY—YRS 1-8**

If you are still interested in your child playing, registrations close on Monday, 27 March. We still require players to fill teams.



### **YEAR 3-8 SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Student portraits and class photos for Yrs 3-8 students will be taken next Friday, 31 March by Friis Photography. You do not need to order your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTO DAY. You will receive an order envelope featuring a photo of your child after photo day.

To request a family/sibling photo you need to return the completed form to school **before** photo day.

NB: Photos for Yrs 0-2 students and team photos will be taken later in the year.



### **ABSENCES AND LATENESS TO SCHOOL**



Please ensure you contact the office directly rather than the class teacher with any absences for your child(ren). Leave forms can be uplifted from the office or the school's ultranet page for any absence due to holidays etc.

Please also make sure that you advise the office by way of phone/text if your child is going to be late to school, then make sure they are signed in at the office when they arrive.

### **SWIMMING SPORT TRIALS**

A huge thank you to Jon Winter for assisting us with selection of our inter-school swimming team. Your expertise and skill in this area is greatly appreciated! Successful swimmers will be notified next week.



## **PTA AGM**

The school PTA is having their Annual General Meeting this Thursday, 23 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

We are looking for some keen people to join our fantastic team and fill some of the key personnel roles such as treasurer, chairperson and secretary. If you would like to help make a difference in our school and for our children, then come along.

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS**

Orders are due back by **9am on this Thursday, 23 March.**

You can now place your order and pay online yourself using the Scholastic LOOP website for parents: [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz). Please make sure you choose Paraparaumu Beach School (don't enter the postal code) and your child's teacher's name and room when you place your order.

If you order online DO NOT return any paperwork to school—thanks. Alternatively, you can still order by filling out the order form and returning it to the money box outside the staffroom along with your payment

Please do not ask the office for change for the order, as this is not possible.



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