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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2019/31

24 September 2019

Upcoming Events

WEEK 10

- **Wed, 25 September**
 - ◊ School Assembly 9.20am—All welcome (weather permitting)
 - ◊ JINGO fundraiser night
- **Thurs, 26 September**
 - ◊ Yrs 5-8 Inter-school Softball Tournament (selected students)
- **Fri, 27 September**
 - ◊ Te Motu syndicate speech cup final and cultural performances - 11.45am
 - ◊ Yr 1/2 Art displays open at 2.30pm

TERM 4

WEEK 1

- **Mon, 14 October**
 - ◊ Term 4 begins

WEEK 2

- **Tues, 22 October**
 - ◊ Board Meeting—7pm

WEEK 3

- **Mon, 28 October**
 - ◊ Labour Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
- **Tues, 29 October**
 - ◊ Year 8 Immunisations

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Term

Kia Ora

Firstly congratulations to our Acers and Conquerers Netball teams who both played their final games on Saturday. Your games were thrilling to watch and I was really proud of your teamwork and success!

A recent global survey collated the views of over 15,000 parents' opinions on technology. Findings revealed that 75% of parents said their kids were more likely to look something up online than to ask them for help with schoolwork. 60% of parents also admitted to looking something up online and pretended they already knew the answer when helping their child! And why not? That's nothing to be ashamed of. New knowledge is being created everyday; it's impossible to store everything in the brain and it doesn't make sense when we have information at our finger-tips anyway. Adults no longer have to be the experts on everything, however we do need to help children with checking facts.

One key message we try to teach kids is that not everything you read online is factual or accurate. Students need to check, check and check again. Once students have found a piece of information online which they want to use in their work, they are encouraged to find two other sources to back up their findings.

I know many of our families have both parents at work, but I hope you get to enjoy a little quality down-time with your kids over the term break. See you all next term ~ Hei ā tērā wāhanga!

Ka kite ano

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki



TERM 4 TEACHER ONLY DAY: REMINDER

Next term 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.**

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY



As you will know the whole school has focused on CREATIVITY this term and each syndicate has celebrated this in different ways.

The Year 1 - 4 classes have put on performances and cushion concerts.

The Year 7-8 classes have their speech cup finals and some cultural performance items on this Friday.

Year 5-6 classes have been busy creating artworks, which are on display in the hall along with work from a number of other classes between



Years 3 - 8.

Artworks created by Tatahi Years 1 & 2 will be on display in their own classrooms and open for viewing on Friday afternoon.



COMMUNITY SURVEY 2019

As mentioned last week, we are interested in hearing from our parent and whānau community about what is important about your child's PBS education. We will use the responses to inform our future work and consultation. This is a short survey, and should only take a few minutes of your time. The survey will be open until Tuesday, 1 October.

Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCSMNTL> to complete the survey.

Many thanks for your time
PBS Board of Trustees

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.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

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. Log onto Kindo [here](#), otherwise you can contact the school office.

Thank you for helping PBS offer all that we do!



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.

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

This week I want to acknowledge the wonderful work of my Office Team, Marie, Paula and Libby. These three hard working women do so much behind the scenes to keep school processes ticking over smoothly. I don't know where we'd be without them :)



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!

Kia tūpato! Be careful!



KID'S QUOTE

One of our 5 year olds recently was asked to draw a picture of himself (see photo). On completion, he paused, stared at the picture for a while and then excitedly exclaimed...

“Wow, that looks like my dad!”

RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Junior Hockey: Congratulations to Blake Whitfield who was awarded the prestigious Kayel Cup for “Most Outstanding Male Player” in the Kapiti Junior Hockey Competition. He was also selected for the Wellington U13 Boys “Hatch Cup” team that will be competing at the National Tournament in Palmerston North in the holidays.



NETBALL



Congratulations to the PBS Conquerors who won their grade in last weekend's final. It was a fantastic result, as the team they won against had not lost a game all season!

Also, congratulations to the PBS Acers who also won their final game to end up 3rd in their grade.

Well done and thank you to all players, coaches, managers, parents and other supporters.

Ms Wilson

YEAR 1 & 2 NETBALL—TERM 4 2019

Netball will be starting on Wednesday, 23 October and finishing on Wednesday, 20 November. Please get your registration forms into the office by Tuesday, 15 October. Payment can be made on Kindo [here](#).

Extra forms are available from the office.

Ms Wilson



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Enhance our Future

SCOOTER SAFETY

We have had a number of children bringing Allen keys into school to modify or 'dial in' their scooter. We have explained to the students that we are worried about the safety of this and that this is not to happen here at school. Whether you are happy for this to happen at home is up to you, but we do suggest that you check out your child's scooter to ensure it is safe, especially as we have seen younger students making modifications that are not safe. We would hate to see someone getting hurt.

Thanks Mr Thomas

THANKS

A huge thank you to all those who have chipped in over the past couple of terms to help raise funds for our Yr 7/8's to go on camp in Nelson next term. Our Yr 7/8 students really appreciate your help.



TERRACYCLE RECYCLING PROGRAMME



TerraCycle's goal is to eliminate the idea of waste by creating collection and solution programmes for all kinds of typically non-recyclable waste. These programmes are free, and for each unit of waste collected we will earn Terra Cycle points redeemable for upcycled products, charitable gifts, or payment to our school.

We are collecting any brand of used toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, plastic toothbrush packaging, floss packaging, interdental brushes, wispis, pumps, stand up toothpaste bottles and any kind of non-electric toothbrush and all affiliated non-recyclable packaging. Please use the full product before sending it in.

KAPA HAKA

Is anyone able to take a bundle of dresses or shorts and t-shirts home to wash over the holidays? Please see Cath in Rm 14 if you can.

Kia ora.



LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be out on display near the tennis/netball courts on fine days during the final week of term. There is quite a lot, so be sure to have a look. All unnamed and unclaimed items will be donated to the Koha Shed at the end of term.

YUMMY STICKERS

The last day for collecting stickers this year is today Tuesday, 24 September. If you need more collection sheets, then please see Mrs Evans in Room 2. Otherwise, you can pop them onto a blank piece of paper. Remember, you can collect any Yummy product too!

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.

My Ride Kapiti: With 14 weeks until Christmas now is the time to get things sorted with Layby and Afterpay options now available in store. So, pop in and test out a bike today!

sKids Kapiti & Kenakena: Specialising in delivering quality before school, after school and holiday programmes. We strive to create a fun and safe environment that our kids just love! Now taking bookings for Term 4. For more info on our action-packed holiday programme, please call Jools Da Silva on 021 0254 3249 or email jools@skids.co.nz.

Kakariki Nature Play's October Holiday Programme: Now open for bookings—Week 1 at Kaitawa Reserve, Paraparaumu; Week 2 at Nga Manu Nature Reserve. Contact Anna for details on 021 0243 0430 or FB Kakariki Nature Play.

Fun Zone: Spring School Holiday Programme is out now! Check out our itinerary on the noticeboard at the office or visit our website for bookings, enrolments and more info at <https://funzone.co.nz/spring-school-holiday-program/>

Leonie's Tennis Holiday Programme: Paraparaumu Beach Tennis Club, Percival Road, Paraparaumu Beach on Monday, 30 September, Wednesday, 2 October and Friday, 4 October from 9am-12pm. Cost \$30/day or \$80 for 3 days for 5-12yr olds. BYO morning tea. To register, contact Leonie Ware on 021 169 0603 or email leonietennisinc@gmail.com.

30 Minute HiiT Workout—Metafit Kapiti: 10 sessions to chose from a week and the first session is FREE! At Action Indoor sports Stadium, 4 Manchester Street, Paraparaumu. For more info go to www.metafitkapiti.com or call Rebecca Casey, Personal Trainer on 021 790 094.

Summer Football with Hearts Academy—Term 4: Hearts Football Academy are a new football academy on the Kapiti Coast running summer coaching sessions at Weka Park for kids aged 7+. Players from all clubs welcome. Sign up for either 1 or 2 sessions/week. See www.heartsacademy.co.nz for more info and to register.

Paraparaumu Track & Field: Registrations now open online through our website www.paraparaumuathletics.club. First club night Monday, 7 October—U6yrs 5pm; 7-14yrs 5.30pm at Paraparaumu Domain, Aorangi Road entrance.

Paekakariki Surf Lifeguards Nipper Open Day: Sunday, 20 October at 2pm at the Paekakariki Surf Club—all welcome.

Coastlands Star Search: 2nd week of the October school holidays. If you've got talent—singing, dancing, gymnastics, acting or anything you think the judges would like to see, then please pick up an entry form from the Coastlands Information Desk or email Alison.drury@nzme.co.nz for a copy. Be in to win awesome vouchers totalling \$1,500 from Harvey Norman.

2019 Inline Hockey National Champs: Free entry school holiday activity for anyone interested in watching inline hockey being held at the Horowhenua Events Centre in Levin from 5-12 October with senior and premier finals on 13 October. The event is hosted by Levin Thunder in association with Inline Hockey NZ.

St Mary's College Y9 Enrolments for 2020: Limited preference places are available. Contact the enrolment team at office@stmw.school.nz or ph 04 473 5554.



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