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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

## Newsletter 2017/36

14 November 2017

### Upcoming Events

#### **Week 5**

*Tues, 14 Nov*

- Board Meeting—7pm  
*Tues, 14 & Wed, 15 Nov*
- Technology catch-up  
days for Year 7/8  
*Wed, 15 & Thurs, 16 Nov*
- Epro 8 Challenge  
(selected Year 5-8  
students)

*Fri, 17 Nov*

- Te Motu Athletics Day
- Whanau Fun at 1.30pm

#### **Week 6**

*Tues, 21-Fri, 24 Nov*

- Ngaru Syndicate's trips  
to Palm Grove

*Fri, 24 Nov*

- Board's Outstanding  
Achievement Award  
Assembly—11am
- Yr 8's visit to  
Paraparaumu College

#### **Week 7**

*Tues, 28 Nov*

- Tatahi New Parent's  
Information Evening—  
7pm

*Wed, 29 Nov*

- Student Council  
Sausage Sizzle

*Fri, 1 Dec*

- Kapa Haka Hui at Kapiti  
College

#### **Week 8**

*Mon, 4 Dec*

- Road Patrollers function  
*Tues, 5 Dec*
- Regional Athletics  
(Masterton)
- Year 8's Leavers Dinner

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora,

Thank you to all the amazing parent helpers who accompanied Cath Franks, Alice Graham, Mike Thomas and John Trask on camp last week. We were so glad that you missed the worst of the weather and were able to undertake all the activities as planned. From all accounts it sounds like the parents had just as much fun as the students, which makes for a wonderful positive atmosphere. Thank you so much!

Thanks also to the 119 parents who completed the Board's Parent Community Survey. The Board are currently reading through your feedback and will provide a summary to you all before the end of the year. From my reading of the results there was some constructive feedback that we can certainly use to progress PBS further. So thank you for taking the time to share these ideas and thoughts with us.

**Exciting news!** We have finally had confirmation that we can start the major refurbishment of Rooms 5-8 over the summer holidays. Construction will take approximately 10 weeks, but I'd factor another 2 or 3 weeks into that to be sure. This means the teachers in Rooms 5-8 need to start boxing up items and the classes will move their furniture to the hall on the very last day of school this year. For this reason we are holding our end of year Prizegiving on the second to last day this year. At the start of the 2018 school year the teachers and students who are assigned to Rooms 5-8 will be re-housed until the new rooms are complete. I imagine the re-housing will last till mid-term 1, before the flash new rooms are ready to move back into. We will have a couple of spare classrooms at the beginning of the year which we can use and we may look to use the library or hall as temporary classrooms too.

Kind regards, Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki



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## YEAR 4 CHROMEBOOKS FOR 2018

We are aware that some families of current Year 4 students have already purchased or leased their Chromebooks in preparation for 2018 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 families 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 17 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. School will send home more information about this with the Year 4 student shortly. For more information on the Trust go to:

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



## NEW ENTRANT PARENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION— TATAHI SYNDICATE

A New Entrant Information Presentation will be held for all parents of new children on Tuesday, 28 November from 7-8pm 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, and explain the purpose of the Home Learning Books

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.

### Welcome to Our Recent New Students

Hope and Miane —both Rm 17.

welcome

## STUDENT WORK

Wow, PBS students have won 257 Mathletics Gold Awards this year! It's great to hear that students are making the most of Mathletics and earning points as they work through mathematical challenges and tasks. Achieving Mathletics Gold is no easy task, so to hear that 257 awards have been earned since January is fabulous. Keep up the great work kids.

## KID'S QUOTE

A Year 5-6 student was reporting information about the Netherlands to their class, but experienced a slip of the tongue...

**'The capital of the Netherlands is Instagram.'**

This error was quickly corrected and everyone shared a giggle together!



## JUCEES & COOKIES FOR SALE—PTA FUNDRAISER

The PTA will be selling Juices and Cookie Time cookies every Friday this term at lunch time. They cost \$1 each and will be selling them outside Rm 17 from 12.30pm.



## WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? – Staff gratitude section

A HUGE THANK YOU to Cath Franks, John Needham, Alice Graham, Colin Siversen and Gill Snowsill for all their hours and hours of work organising our senior syndicate camp to Curious Cove in the Marlborough Sounds.

As a result of your preparation, 161 students got to sail across the Cook Strait to a beautiful, bush-lined, beach-front camp for four fantastic nights of fun and adventure. These students will treasure this experience for many years.

Thanks!



## STUDENT COUNCIL SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On 29 November the Student Council will be hosting a sausage sizzle as a fundraiser for our amazing fitness course.

The cost will be \$2 per sausage and we hope to have gluten-free sausages too. We are giving everyone as much notice as possible, so keep your eyes peeled for pre-order forms.

We will require parent help on the day. If you can help please contact [mthomas@pbs.school.nz](mailto:mthomas@pbs.school.nz).

*From Rikki on behalf of the Student Council*



**P.S. Thanks to our wonderful PTA for purchasing one of our two new school barbeques!**

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## WHANAU FUN—STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council will be organising Whanau Fun on Friday, 17 November at 1.30pm. We were not able to have this last term due to poor weather and needed to head inside for singing, but the weather is certainly looking much more settled now.

Whanau Fun involves the whole school participating in fun sporty activities. Your child will need their sun hat to participate. While of course it is optional, it would be great if your child/children could come wearing their team colour. It can be a tee shirt or shorts or even a ribbon in your child's hair or a scarf.



We have organised the groups so siblings will be in the same whanau group and there is an even spread of children in terms of ages.

Feel free to come and enjoy the fun!

## SLAPPED CHEEK RASH

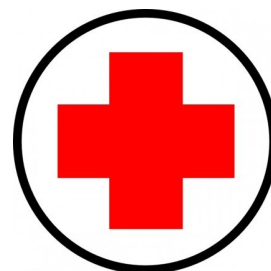
We've noticed a number of cases of Slapped Cheek recently. Slapped Cheek is a common childhood illness which causes bright red cheeks and a lace-like rash on the body. It most commonly affects children under 10 and is passed on by coughing and sneezing. Early symptoms may include a low-grade fever, headache, body aches, sore throat, diarrhoea and/or chills. The rash appears about 3-7 days after these symptoms.

Whilst there is no specific treatment for Slapped Cheek your child will benefit from:

- ◆ Plenty of rest
- ◆ Paracetamol to relieve a fever
- ◆ Cold cloths to relieve the discomfort of hot cheeks
- ◆ Drinking plenty of water

If your child has Slapped Cheek, they will be infectious for 5-6 days before the first symptoms appear.

Once the rash appears they are no longer infectious. Keep well everyone!



## NEW SCHOLASTIC BOOK CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for someone to take over this role starting in Term 1 2018. This is a great way to support the school. If you are interested in this volunteer position or want to know more, please email Rebecca at [rttranter@gmail.com](mailto:rttranter@gmail.com). Full training and support will be given.

Unfortunately if we cannot get a volunteer to fill this role, Scholastic book orders will not be available in 2018.



## ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Paraparaumu Beach School has redeemed a total of 12,080 points to date (which is equal to spending power of \$6,040). Easy fundraising!

This is fantastic; thank you ANZ!



## 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.

**Connect Kids:** Before School Care from 6.45am; after school care to 7pm. Holiday programme from 6.45am-7pm or 8.45am-3.15pm. Book online at [www.connectkids.nz](http://www.connectkids.nz). OSCAR subsidies available.

**Parenting Through Separation:** Free 4-hour information programme designed to assist individual parents who have separated or are contemplating separation, being held at Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu on Saturday, 16 December from 10am-2.30pm. To enrol or for more info contact us on 0800 299 100, email [info@skylight.org.nz](mailto:info@skylight.org.nz) or see [www.skylight.org.nz](http://www.skylight.org.nz).

**RailEx Model Train Show:** Walter Nash Centre, Taita 10am-5pm Saturday, 18 November and 10am-4pm Sunday, 19 November. The largest model train show in the lower North Island! See [www.railex.org.nz](http://www.railex.org.nz) for more info.

**Fast-Track Phonics:** A lively, fun course to accelerate your child’s reading and spelling is being offered this term at the Kapiti Community Centre, Kowhai Room, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu. Both classes and private tuition are available. For more info see [www.fast-track.nz](http://www.fast-track.nz) or ph 022 328 1757.

**Welcome Tours:** We have designed a three-day small group tour to the Wairarapa, designed specifically for grandparents and primary school aged children. The Fun-times School Holiday Tour itinerary is based on activities that will appeal to both generations and make it easy to spend quality time together. See [www.welcometours.co.nz](http://www.welcometours.co.nz) or ph 04 478 6033.

**Crawshaw Music School Annual Music Competition:** \$300 cash prize! Post a video of you playing either an original song or cover to the Crawshaw Music School Facebook page before 15 December. The intro of your video must include these words: “This is my entry to the Crawshaw Music School 2017 video competition”. Make sure you personally like our page so your entry is valid [www.facebook.com/crawshawmusicschool](http://www.facebook.com/crawshawmusicschool).

**Kapiti Youth Orchestra Auditions for 2018:** We invite all young musicians in Kapiti to join our exciting programme. If you play an orchestral instrument and are between 9-19yrs old, KYO might be what you’re looking for. Auditions are Sunday, 26 November from 10am to 2 or 3pm. You will be allocated an audition time and emailed further info about how to prepare and where to come when we receive your registration. Audition music will be sent out on 16 November so please sign up asap to ensure you receive yours without delay. Register at <https://kyomusic.nz/kyo-2016-application-form/>

**Annette’s Place:** Offering one-on-one weekly teaching in a quiet place with the parent present for those children 4-8yrs old who require special care in order to learn or just need a bit of extra teaching time. Free initial consultation. Phone Annette on 021 299 7456 or email [annette@theinnerpath.co.nz](mailto:annette@theinnerpath.co.nz).

**Kapiti Art Therapy:** Art therapy can help your child by using colour and simple art techniques to improve wellbeing following trauma, shock, unhappiness, anxiety, Asperger’s, dyspraxia, dyslexia, dyscalcula, ADD, autism etc. This is a non-verbal technique ideal for everyone to connect with their emotions in a safe way. Ph Corinne Allan on 027 246 4488 or [www.kapitiarttherapy.com](http://www.kapitiarttherapy.com).



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