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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

**Newsletter 2019/20**

**25 June 2019**

## Upcoming Events

### **TERM 2**

#### **WEEK 9—MATARIKI WEEK**

- **Tues, 25 June**
  - ◊ Our school FUN RUN! (in school grounds)
  - ◊ Yr 8 Visit to Kapiti College
- **Wed, 26 June**
  - ◊ Yr 5/6 Parent/Teacher Interviews 2pm onwards
- **Fri, 28 June**
  - ◊ Yr 5-8 Ripa Rugby Tournament at PBS

#### **WEEK 10**

- **Tues, 2 July**
  - ◊ Whole School Assembly 9.20am (weather permitting) followed by Tumeke Time and Whanau Fun
- **Fri, 5 July**
  - ◊ Last day of term—school closes at 3pm as usual

### **TERM 3**

#### **WEEK 1**

- **Mon, 22 July**
  - ◊ First day of Term 3
- **Tues, 23 July**
  - ◊ BOT Meeting 7pm

#### **WEEK 2**

- Wed, 31 July**
  - ◊ Parent-Teacher Interviews Yrs 0-4 and Yrs 7/8

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone - Kia pai tou tatou Matariki! Happy Matariki!

We had a very sad week last week with our beloved school cat, Smokey, having to be put to rest unexpectedly. She was only 7 years old and had been a member of our School Staff for the last 5 years. Bereavement is a sad but natural part of life, which can be hard to teach kids about unless they have experience it in some form. The loss of a pet can often be a child's first experience of bereavement and grief, though I'm aware a number of our students have dealt with grief on a much larger scale - and these kids are always in our hearts.

For some of our students, Smokey's passing was their first experience of bereavement, which brings with it the realisation that that special loved one won't be around anymore. However sad this is, learning about grief is part of life and growing up. We can continue to talk about shared memories of a loved one, how they made us feel and how much we miss them; and with time it is equally healthy to talk about ways to move forward and make peace with the twists and turns of life. Being grateful for all that a loved one has done to bring us joy and shape the person we are can also be celebrated. Yes, Smokey was just a school cat, but many kids have found this experience difficult because she was part of daily school life.



Thanks to those families who had recently contributed (via KINDO) to Smokey's vet fund. I would like to pass this money onto our student council, who are always full of cool ideas to make PBS the best place to be a kid. I'm sure Smokey would approve. However, if you'd prefer to have your vet donation refunded please contact Libby in the school office.

Warm regards

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki

*NB: Special stone pictured above for Smokey's resting place was created by Lincoln in Rm 2*



## PLAY EAT LEARN—COLLECTING PARENT VOICE

Next week we will be reviewing our Play, Eat, Learn timetable trial. We will be surveying students, staff and parents. In next week's newsletter there will be a survey link specifically for parents to share their thoughts on this. Cheers

## REPORTING TO PARENTS

Parents of Year 5-6 students, please remember we have parent-teacher interviews scheduled for tomorrow afternoon and evening. If you have not done so already, please book yourself a slot using the following link before 9am tomorrow: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/) enter the code nm4br and follow the prompts

NB: Whilst these interview slots start at 2pm, your Year 5 or 6 child will still remain at school until 3pm (supervised by other staff).

### Reporting to Parents Timetable for Terms 2 and 3:

#### Term 2

- Wed, 26 June - Parent-Teacher Interviews for Year 5/6 students only
- Fri, 5 July - Written reports come home for students in Years 1-4 and Years 7/8

#### Term 3

- Wed, 31 July - Parent-Teacher Interviews for Years 0-4 and Years 7/8
- Parent Portal to view progress of students in Years 5/6 will be open (date to be confirmed)

## NZ POLICE NEW NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

NZ Police have asked schools to let their communities know about the new, recently launched, non emergency number, 105. This phone number will make it easier to get hold of police in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have already happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately.

You can call the Police on 105 for all non-emergencies, or you can go online at [105.police.govt.nz](http://105.police.govt.nz) to report things like:

- ♦ Lost property
- ♦ Theft for a public place or car
- ♦ Intentional property damage
- ♦ Or to get an update or add info to a previous report



**In the event of an emergency, always call 111—Things that are happening now!**

## WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Last week the kids of Tatahi Year 2 team had an incredible time making toys with a wonderful bunch of parent, grandparent and whanau helpers, who we couldn't have managed without. These three classes spent all morning creating a huge variety of toys and games that they will now be able to use in their Learning Through Play time. Thank you to Vicki Howarth, Jo Mackay and Laura Mackfall for organising such a creative hands-on learning opportunity.



### KID'S QUOTE

On road patrol this morning:

*Patroller 1: "Explain your life in 2 syllables"*

*Teacher: "Awe-some"*

*Patroller 2: "O-kay"*

*Patroller 1: "Ker-chow!"*

### RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Kumite & Kata:** Congratulations to Branden Withers of Rm 2 for winning gold and silver medals for Kumite and Kata, at a Wellington area competition at the weekend!





## PERSONALISED ARTWORK CALENDARS, CARDS, DIARIES, MOUSE MATS AND NOTE BOOKS

Your child's art can be made into calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and notebooks. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are great for posting overseas. Look out for further details and order forms around the start of Term 3.

While there are lots of fundraising events on at the moment, this one is a good one—because once Christmas is upon us, you will be organised and already have some of the gifts sorted! I think a set of cards is deal for that personal thank you note or Christmas card.

## SCHOOL FUN RUN

What a great time we all had at the School Fun Run today! Congratulations to all our students, parents and teachers who got out there and made our Fun Run such a blast!

It's an exciting time as we now get to focus on the prizes you've worked so hard to achieve.

### HOW TO ORDER YOUR PRIZE

**STEP ONE:** Please make sure you hand in any cash to **the school office or Mrs McKnight in Room 23** asap.

**STEP TWO:** ALL PRIZES ARE ORDERED ONLINE THIS YEAR.

**Between tomorrow and 4 July simply visit [schoolfundraising.co.nz](http://schoolfundraising.co.nz) and create/log into your Profile Page. Then click on the 'ORDER PRIZES' button and follow the prompts.**

If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun-Run* team on 0800 377 170 and they will gladly assist!

## WOOD OFFCUTS

Are you a builder? Or do you know anyone who would have some 2x1 woodcuts surplus to requirements?

John Trask has a little project which requires some 2x1 timber offcuts, treated or untreated. So if you have some, please drop them off outside his workshop (opposite the staffroom). CHEERS!

## KID'S JOKE

"Where do mice park their boats? ... Hickory Dickory Dock."





## ARBOR DAY 2019: SPONSOR A TREE FOR THE SCHOOL GROUNDS!

As you may know, the Bird Savers group has been awarded 100 trees to plant at school from Trees That Count and Kiwibank Predator Free New Zealand. After our successful working bee last term clearing up the school grounds, we have lots of room for trees at school!

The Bird Savers talked about it and decided on an ambitious goal. They want to plant a tree for every child in the school – aiming for 640 trees and shrubs! This would go a long way to making our school grounds a safer and healthier environment for birds, as well as an enjoyable place for children now and in the future.

**Sponsor a tree!** Gus Evans, from Gus Evans Nurseries in Waikanae, is helping us with our project. He has kindly offered us trees at reduced prices so that we can achieve our goal. There are a number of different options below for you to sponsor a tree. Please return slips with money to the money box, or alternatively, you can pay using KINDO, by **28 June 2019**.

All children at the school will help to plant a tree in early Term 3. We would love to hear from you if you think you could assist us with our project in any way, including at planting time. Contact David Parr on [birdsavers@pbs.school.nz](mailto:birdsavers@pbs.school.nz) Thank you!

*The Paraparaumu Bird Savers Student Group*

Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Rm No(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we will sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ tree/shrub(s):

\$2.50 (small shrub)

\$4.00 (medium shrub)

\$7.00 (established 1m tree)

TOTAL COST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, my business could make a donation to purchase trees/or and compost:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No/Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Paraparaumu Beach School years 7/8 are fundraising for a camp. Please support us by purchasing Kiwi Wraps, an eco-friendly alternative to plastic wrap.

"Wrap your food in style with Kiwi Wraps, the reusable and biodegradable alternative to plastic food wrap. Handmade in New Zealand with a combination of beautiful cotton fabric, beeswax, natural tree resin and jojoba oil".



Available in a range of packs, we have brought you the most popular sizes (note - the images are examples - packs will arrive in a variation of prints to suit):



Pack Size	Price
Boys Lunch Pack (small & medium wrap)	\$17
Girls Lunch Pack (small & medium wrap)	\$17
Neutral Lunch Pack (small & medium wrap)	\$17
Large Wrap	\$14
Family Pack (small, medium & large wrap)	\$29



Small = 19x21cm (crackers/cheese/top of a jar size)

Medium = 26x32cm (sandwiches/snacks/cover a small bowl)

Large = 33x37cm (salad bowls/half a watermelon/small loaf of bread)

Please order your wraps via the online school shop (Kindo) website - <http://paraparaumubeach.school.nz/Web/678/> (or for help please see school reception or email Nicola Goddard on nicolagoddard40@gmail.com)  
 Orders are being taken between Weds 19 June - Weds 3 July. Your wraps will be available for collection at the school office during the first week of term 3.