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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2017/20

27 June 2017

Upcoming Events

WEEK 9

Wed, 28-Fri, 30 June

- Small Sticks Hockey cont'd

Thurs, 29 June

- PTA Meeting—7.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

WEEK 10

Tues, 4 July

- School Assembly 9.20am—All Welcome!

Wed, 5 July

- Yr 7 Boostrix Immunisations

Fri, 7 July

- Term 2 Ends at 3pm

TERM 3

Mon, 24 July

- Term 3 Starts
- Tues, 25 July*
- Hinepau Show (for whole school)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone

Tatahi syndicate held an amazing Fairy-tale Ball last Friday to celebrate their recent unit of learning. Our school hall was full of beautiful princesses, twirling fairies, dashing knights and soldiers, swash-buckling pirates and one incredible beast! The children delighted in dancing to some of their favourite tunes and hats off to the teachers who all entered into the spirit of things too, with their own costumes.



Last week PBS also basked in the glory of the Interschool Cross Country results. Special congratulations to Jack and Otis Blake, the speedy brothers who both took first place in their age group races! Well done to all our runners, to get to Interschool Cross Country means you have exceptional skills and you ALL did PBS proud! NB: We are still

waiting on the official list of results

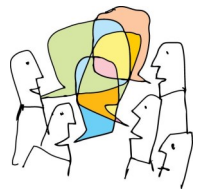
Finally, I would like to mention two very special parent helpers who help out with school road patrol, **Deb Leslie and Vanessa Kellogg**. Staff really appreciate that both these busy mums give up their time to help kids cross the road safely. Their support, a couple of times a week, also frees up teachers to get on with their core business of teaching and learning. If other parents can help out with road patrol we would love to hear from you. Thanks Deb and Vanessa.

Warm regards, Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki



KIDS QUOTE

During a healthy debate, between a teacher and a



Year 8 student, about which game was older soccer or rugby, the student stated **"Well that's a myth, so of course it's real!"**

He quickly realised the error of his statement!



The PTA will continue to sell Juicees every Friday at lunchtime for the rest of this term.

They will be available outside Room 17 and will cost \$1 each.

WHOOPIING COUGH

We have been notified of one case of whooping cough in the school. The class this involves has been notified via a separate newsletter. The student, who had been previously vaccinated against whooping cough, has since had a course of antibiotics and is now well.

The symptoms of whooping cough usually take a week to appear. In the initial stages the symptoms include a runny nose, sneezing, slight fever, a mild irritating cough and generally feeling unwell. This stage can last 1-2 weeks and it is the most infectious time. Therefore if you see these signs in your child take them to the doctor early.

In the second stage the patient develops spasmodic coughing followed by a big breath in or a high-pitched 'whoop'. Coughing at this stage can bring up thick phlegm or induce vomiting. Stay vigilant and stay well everyone.



MATHLETICS

From time to time parents ask "What is Mathletics?" and "What does my \$10 go towards?"

Mathletics is an award-winning learning software which is aligned with the NZ curriculum. We are in our fifth year of using Mathletics at Paraparaumu Beach School and we've seen benefits over this time, both in academic results and student confidence. Mathletics allows teachers to set levelled tasks for students to work through (at home and school); these tasks are either related to class work or areas of performance which require strengthening. The online content is engaging and the reward system is motivating. If students are having difficulty with a specific maths skill, they can watch video tutorials to boost their understanding and reinforce concepts. There is an optional element of competition too, which many students thrive on. This option enables students to challenge other students in other countries in real time! At the end of each term, at our Whole School Assembly, awards are given out to our top 'Mathletes'.



Any parent can purchase an annual subscription to Mathletics, starting at \$99, however because our school has a contract with 3PLearning we can offer the software to students at a much cheaper price. Our contract covers every student in Years 2 - 8 for just \$20 per student. To make this option even more viable, we ask parents for a \$10 annual contribution per child and the school pays the other half. If you have any other questions about Mathletics, pop in and speak to your child's teacher.

PROPERTY NEWS

We have a number of small property jobs taking place over the July break including; new vinyl and toilets between Rooms 25 & 26, new carpet in rooms 9, 10, 11, 12, 17 and the Admin block, and painted ceilings in many junior classrooms.

Our major refurbishment of Rooms 1-8 has been pushed back, whilst tenders are being worked through. We were pleased to receive tenders from 6 companies, which we are now talking with over pricing options. The Board has decided to undertake this work over the summer break and into the start of 2018, as our initial plans would cause too much disruption to learning and teaching. They do say 'Good things take time'!

STUDENT WORK



We have some ataahua (beautiful) Matariki artwork displayed in our hall from last week's buddy class time together. Check it out if you're passing by.



PLASTIC FREE JULY

As previously mentioned, Plastic Free July is approaching us fast. This initiative aims to raise awareness of the problems and amount of single-use disposable plastic in our lives and challenges people to do something about it. In 2017, join over 60,000 people, schools and organisations from 130 countries to be part of the solution. In New Zealand we use around 91,000 lightweight plastic bags an hour (around 1500 bags a minute – 800 million per year) which, once in our landfills, can take up to 1,000 years to decompose, or worse, end up in our oceans. About 90% of the waste floating in the ocean is plastic.



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Consequently, the PTA has taken on the initiative to help reduce the plastic bag waste by selling re-useable bags which also aligns with our Enviro Schools campaign. These bags are very compact and stylish. There will be a flyer coming home this Friday with all the information on how to purchase the bags and details about the awesome prizes that are up for grabs. If you want to see what they look like you will be able to check out our FB page and there will be samples hanging in the Library and in the Staffroom windows.

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LOST PROPERTY

Look out on fine days until the end of term for lost property on the netball courts. Anything un-named or unclaimed at the end of term will be sent to the Koha Shed.

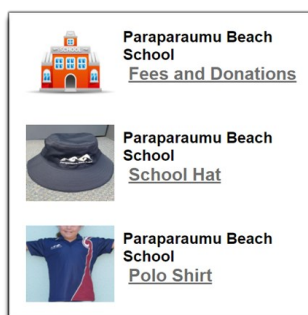


WHANAU FUN- SINGING ASSEMBLIES



Next Tuesday our Whanau groups will be getting together for a singing assembly with their group. This will be for about 20-30 minutes. The children may like to wear their whanau colours, but it would be best to keep it simple. We won't be doing any parades.

Online School Shopping – coming soon!



We are excited to let you know about our online school shop, which will be opening soon!

Our Kindo online school shop will be designed to make it easy for you to complete permission slips and view, register and pay for all of your child's needs.

It will be open 24/7 and will be our preferred method of payment. We'll be adding more items to our school shop as the year progresses. It's never been easier—pay anywhere, any time!

No cash, no paper, no hassle!

More information will be coming soon – so watch this space.

SAVE TIME – PAY ONLINE

YEAR 7/8 CAMP FUNDRAISER

We would like any good quality children's clothing to sell at a second hand stall at school. Please drop off clean good quality clothing, jackets and shoes that you no longer need or want to outside Rm 1 or next to the blue money box outside the staffroom in the container provided.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Order your NEW 2017/2018 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership now. See more info in previous newsletters.



COFFEE CART

Jeremy the Coffee man (and school parent) will be selling coffees from his cart on Wednesdays before school and most afternoons outside the staffroom. A percentage of all sales comes back to the school.