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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/23

31 July 2018

Upcoming Events

TERM 3

WEEK 2

Thursday or Friday

- Hopefully moving back into Rms 1-4!

WEEK 3

Tues, 7 August

- Jnr Winter Tournament (Yr 5/6 students)

Thurs, 9 August 2-8pm

- Parent-Teacher Interviews—**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM**

WEEK 4

Wed, 15 August

- NZ Teachers' Strike

WEEK 5

- School Photos this week

WEEK 6

Wed, 12 September

- Snr Winter Tournament (Yr 7/8 students)

WELCOME TO OUR RECENT NEW STUDENTS

Khloe, Emily, Felix and Madison—Rm 25, Amelia, Jackson and Nikora—Rm

welcome

20, Tyra—Rm 16

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone

It was lovely to receive a copy of Toitō Children's Journal in the mail yesterday, informing me that Isobel Chisholm had had a story published in the latest issue. Isobel is a talented young writer, so I was not surprised that the editor had selected her story "The Special Tree" for publication. Both Isobel and the school were given copies of the journal, which will be treasured. Well done Isobel!



Last Friday's lock down was an unexpected and unusual occurrence for PBS. As I was away sick on Friday, I'd like to pass on my grateful thanks to Mike Thomas and Vicki Wilson for managing this event. Thanks must also go to the teachers, office staff and teacher aides who assisted in keeping kids calm and safe.

In a lock-down our first priority is the safety of everyone on site, kids and staff. With 670 kids and 50+ staff this takes time to ensure everyone is indoors and secure. Kenakena school had been told to go into lock-down quite a while before PBS; our period of lockdown was only 10 minutes in total. With the lock-down being a short time frame, and this time being consumed with student/staff safety checks, a text was not sent to parents. The staff will conduct a full de-brief of this event to ensure our processes are as tight as possible.

Kind regards

Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki

NATIONAL TEACHERS' STRIKE

UPDATE: The Ministry of Education have offered to enter mediation with the teacher's union (NZEI). However, at this stage there is no change to the planned strike action on August 15.

Our Campaign, "It's Time – Kua tae te wā", focuses on having time to lead, time to teach and time to learn. Numbers of people training to be teachers are dropping significantly. This means fewer teachers in front of students, which ultimately leads to larger class sizes! Currently teaching in NZ is not an attractive career choice; it is a highly stressful job which is emotionally, mentally and physically draining. The statistics show teachers and principals leaving the profession in higher numbers than ever before due to well-being concerns. There are ways that this campaign can address workload and make teaching more sustainable and enjoyable, a pay increase is only one aspect of this campaign.

TERM 3 PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST (afternoon and evening). In order to accommodate enough interview slots the school will be closing at 2pm on this day. Please ensure you have made arrangements for an early pick-up time on this day.

Bookings will close at 9am on Thursday, 9 August.

Unfortunately, late bookings cannot be taken, but you can email the class teacher at any time to make alternative arrangements to meet. To book interview times:

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home
- Enter the school events code `dnfd7`
- Click 'Go' and follow the prompts

If you do not have access to a computer, then please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. As always, if you cannot attend interviews on this date, alternative arrangements can be made directly with your child's class teacher. Please note there is only one interview slot available per child.

The school library (or another available space) will be open on this afternoon and evening for children who wish to wait indoors whilst parents are meeting teachers. If it is a cold winter's night,



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please don't forget to phone (298 5775) or text (027 755 7915) the school office by 9am if your child is going to be away from school sick or late because of an appointment.



Also, please remember to fill in a student leave form ahead of time if you are taking your child out of school for other reasons such as holidays.

This is very important, as a lot of time is taken up each morning following up on student absences.

Thank you.



WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Thanks again to Mike Thomas and Vicki Wilson who handled the lockdown of the school last week, in my absence. Thank you for helping to keep our kids and staff safe in a VERY stressful and upsetting situation. I felt reassured knowing the school was in capable hands.

Jess Ward

KIDS QUOTE

How to give a compliment and then unknowingly take it away.

Junior student says to teacher:

"Your hair looks beautiful! Is it a wig?"



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Former PBS kid, Cody Atkinson, featured in the local newspaper last week for winning Australia's largest junior tennis tournament. Cody's talents in tennis were obvious from a young age, but with limited opportunities for taking his talent to the top in NZ, his family made the brave decision to move across the ditch to further develop his skills. Cody's long term goal is to win a grand slam, and with his talent and determination I wouldn't be surprised if he achieves just that. We're proud of you Cody!



It was also great to see another former PBS student, **Tall Fern, Jacinta Beckley** in the newspaper last week as well. Jacinta has recently completed a double degree at Seattle University and it's wonderful to watch her setting and achieving so many of her goals. Congratulations Jacinta!

SCHOOL PHOTOS—20-22 AUGUST

Just a heads up that class, individual and sport/group photos will be taken for everyone over the period 20-22 August. At this stage, we are planning to have Yrs 5-8 photos taken on Monday, 20 August and Yr 0-4 photos taken on Tuesday, 21 August.

Sport/group photos will be taken over the 3 day period and more details will be available once finalised.

Order envelopes will be coming home soon, so please look out for these.

PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED

Thanks so much to those parents who have already offered to volunteer in the library. Your help is greatly appreciated!

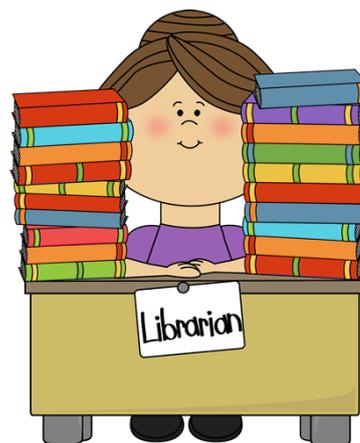
There are still some library slots that we need parent librarians to volunteer for. The times available are:

Tuesdays 11am-12.30pm

Thursdays 9.45-10.30am

Thursdays 11am-12.30pm

If you'd like to help out, please email ksiversen@pbs.school.nz.



YUMMY STICKERS

A huge thank you to the families that have been collecting Yummy stickers and tokens over the break. Please keep an eye out for apple stickers or any other Yummy fruit over the winter.



If you buy a bag of apples, you can clip the token which is worth 10 apple stickers! Or, just collect the stickers off individual pieces of fruit. Every sticker collected counts towards FREE sports gear for our PE shed. Let's see if we can beat last year's total of almost \$800. We have until September to collect as many as we can.

Please return any completed sheets to Mrs Evans in Rm 2 and thank you for your continued support. New sticker sheets are available from the office.

YEAR 5/6 QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP 2019

Thursday, 13 September

Quiz starts at 7pm

Meal deals from 5pm

At The Boundary Tap & Kitchen, 3 Raumati Road, Raumati Beach

Tickets \$10

See flier at the end of the newsletter for more details

