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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2019/07

12 March 2019

Upcoming Events

WEEK 7

- **Tonight**
 - ◊ **Parent Tackling Technology Information Evening 7pm**
- **Mon, 11-Fri, 15 March**
 - ◊ Life Education Programme for Ngaru Syndicate (Yr 3/4)
- **Tues, 12-Fri, 15 March**
 - ◊ Te Moana Camp #1 (Rms 2, 28 & 29)

WEEK 8

- **Tues, 19 March**
 - ◊ 1.30pm half of teachers at Paid Union Meeting (school remains open)
- **Tues, 19-Fri, 22 March**
 - ◊ Life Education Programme for Tatahi Syndicate (Yrs 1 & 2)
 - ◊ Te Moana Camp #2 (Rms 1, 3 & 4)
- **Thurs, 21 March**
 - ◊ 1.30pm second half of teachers at Paid Union Meeting (school remains open)
- **Friday, 22 March**
 - ◊ NE Parent Info Mtg—staffroom - 9.30am

WEEK 9

- **Fri, 29 March**
 - ◊ School Photos for Yrs 5-8

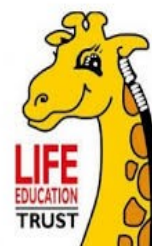
WEEK 10

- **Tues, 2 April**
 - ◊ School Photos for Yrs 3-4 and Touch Rugby groups
- **Wed, 3 April**
 - ◊ Te Motu (Yr 7/8) Camp Information Evening for parents—5pm in Rm 14
 - ◊ PTA AGM 7.30pm in the staffroom
- **Sat, 7 April**
 - ◊ Garden Working Bee (see newsletter)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

If you're around school over the next two weeks you will notice that we have the Life Education Classroom visiting again this year. Paula (Life Education Teacher) and Harold the Giraffe are working with our Year 3-4 classes this week and Year 1-2 classes next week, focusing on friendship. *Life Education is a charity which educates and empowers children to make healthy choices so they can live full and healthy lives. There's no argument that Paula and Harold deliver essential messages to our kids and we are so grateful that this Trust is available to all kiwi kids.*



Don't forget to get along to our **Parent Education evening**



TONIGHT! 'Tackling Technology' covers so many key messages, enabling parents to better understand kids today and ways to maximise their safety online. *Gold coin donation. Starts at*

7pm in the school hall.

Last but by no means least, best wishes to the students (Rms 2, 28 & 29), parents and teachers travelling to Vertical Horizons Camp in Inglewood, Taranaki today. I hope that you give everything a go, step outside your comfort zone and enjoy the challenges on offer. Kia Kaha!

Mā te wā

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki

UPCOMING PAID UNION MEETINGS—PBS WILL REMAIN OPEN



NZ Teachers have paid union meetings scheduled for March. Fortunately there are two meeting options for teachers in Kāpiti, which means we can keep the school open. Half of our teachers will attend a meeting from 1.30pm on Tuesday, 19 March and then the second half will be released to attend a meeting on the afternoon of Thursday, 21 March.

Our parent community have been highly supportive throughout these contract negotiations. Splitting the staff between the two meetings, to keep the school open, is one small way we can show our gratitude. Classes will be split on these afternoons to enable teacher attendance.

WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Thanks to Gill Snowsill and Shelley Evans who are both hosting Teacher Trainees this term. We cannot develop amazing teachers in NZ without the support of willing and highly capable staff to show them the ropes at the chalkface.

Welcome to Emma Deadman, studying at Massey University, who is currently placed with Gill in Rm 8. Jordan Hunt, from Victoria University, will join Shelley in Rm 2 next term.



ROAD SAFETY

Wow, what a morning out on Gray Avenue last Friday!

Once again the moment we get rain it seems some drivers forget how to drive safely around the school to keep our students safe. We had instances of drivers coming into the school grounds and letting children off on the scooter court, parking in the clearways, stopping on dotted yellow lines, letting children off in the school driveway and staff car park, stopping before and on the crossing waiting for those in the kiss and drop to move on. This led to a bank up of vehicles behind them which then led to these drivers passing them on the crossing. We also had instances of people not using the crossing to get across the road.



Part of our role, when on gate duty, is to record the car registration and names (if known) of drivers/pedestrians who do not abide by the road rules. These are then passed onto the Senior Constable in charge of our road patrol team and if a car registration or name comes up regularly then a letter, and in some instances, a fine is sent.

Therefore, please remember the road code on wet ways and be a positive role model for our students and keep everyone safe.

Vicki Wilson



FESTIVAL OF COLOUR— SATURDAY, 23 MARCH

PBS School Parents, Aashish and Shweta Suri, are part of the driving committee behind bringing “The Festival of Colour” to Kāpiti for the first time this year! This year the venue is the field at Kāpiti Primary school, and PBS is hoping to host it in 2020.

We hope you can all get along and support this wonderful cultural event in two weeks’ time! Boxes of Colour will be available for purchase from our school office from Thursday onwards for \$10 each. For every box sold, PBS makes \$2, which is a great bonus for us.

Furthermore, if you are able or interested in helping at this event on Saturday, 23 March Aashish and Shweta would love to hear from you. Pass your contact details to Paula in our school office office@pbs.school.nz and we will forward them on. Thanks in advance.

MAJOR SPONSOR OF THE FESTIVAL OF COLOUR

TERRAMARK Real Estate is an independent real estate agency – Licensed under Real Estate Agents Act 2008. The agency undertakes commercial sales and leasing, residential sales and renting and property management throughout the Greater Wellington region. We have associated with another independent agency to cover the whole country. Both investors and TERRAMARK have enjoyed the benefits of solid repeat and referral business.

TERRAMARK – sold its first residential house in February 2019, within its agency period. This was sold for an Auckland investor to a local investor.

Developing and maintaining exceptionally productive relationships with both new and existing property clients is our on-going goal.

“My job is Real Estate and my business is building lasting relationships” – Aashish Suri, Director.

With respect to our mission, through our job of real estate, we shall build lasting relationships with our local communities. TERRAMARK will support “education in schools”, by donating \$1000 for every house SOLD. This will be to primarily focus on Year 5 students each year for their “Bring your own Device” Programme or similar (donations towards technology in schools).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

2019 is an election year for school trustees. NZSTA (NZ School Trustees Association) has been working on ways to encourage more parents to stand for election. They understand that asking people to put their hand up and stand for election is difficult, especially if parents aren't clear on what the role entails. NZSTA are offering evening workshops for parents who want to learn more about what trusteeship is. Attending this workshop doesn't mean you're standing for election - but it will give you more insight.

Our local workshop is being hosted at Waikanae School on Monday, 18 March at 6pm. So feel free to get along and find out more.

Recruitment

It is not expected that each trustee has all of these, but a variety is essential for an effective board.

GENERAL COMPETENCIES

- ◊ Visionary leadership
- ◊ Strategic thinkers
- ◊ Analytical thinkers
- ◊ Practical people
- ◊ People who can communicate well
- ◊ Team players

PERSONAL QUALITIES

- ◊ Integrity
- ◊ Honesty
- ◊ Curiosity
- ◊ Courage
- ◊ Interpersonal skills
- ◊ Genuine interest in the schooling community and its students
- ◊ Time and commitment

JOB-RELATED COMPETENCIES

- ◊ Strategic expertise
- ◊ Financial understanding
- ◊ Legal understanding
- ◊ Risk management
- ◊ People management
- ◊ Knowledge of education environment

PROPOSED NEW PROPERTY MODIFICATIONS

Currently we are working with the Ministry of Education Advisors (MoE) in relation to improving safety for students by erecting school gates. The current suggestion is to put a 'pool style' gate at the front entrance on Gray Avenue and one in the alley way at the Martin Road entrance. A carpark gate and a fence on the side of the hall will also be installed.



While safety of students (and toddlers) is the biggest consideration and motivation, we are also conscious of maintaining effective flow for everyone as these are busy areas. Of course we are also thinking of the aesthetics of the fencing. We are still working on the options and possible processes for securing the fences. This fencing is important for current students of our school but also students in the future. The

MoE will be covering the cost of the fencing.

KID'S QUOTE

Teaching geometry and pattern making in the juniors, a student was asked to name the shapes in this pattern:

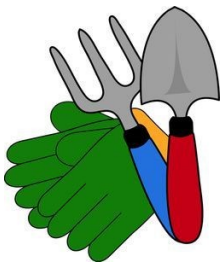


"Circle, triangle, square, mexican, circle, triangle, square, mexican..."

Hexagons have never been so cultural!

SCHOOL GROUNDS WORKING BEE

Late last year the PBS student-led Birdsavers group received \$1000 of funding through the Kiwibank Predator Free NZ Schools Programme, which included 100 native plant seedlings.



We are seeking a group of keen volunteers to help get the school grounds ready for planting later in the year and to generally help our terrific caretaker Mr Trask tidy up our lovely school grounds at the end of a dry summer.

Please bring your boots, tools and energy on Sunday, 7 April from 9am-12pm. Morning tea will be provided!

Enquiries to Mr Parr at dparr@pbs.school.nz

NEW ENTRANT PARENT INFORMATION PRESTATION—TATAHI SYNDICATE

A New Entrant Information Presentation will be held for all parents of new children on **Friday, 22 March 2019, from 9.30-10.15am 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.

In Tāhahi 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.

SKOOL LOOP

Wow! We now have 314 users of Skool Loop being kept 'in the loop' with goings-on at our school. If you haven't downloaded the free app yet, then go to Google Play or the App Store, search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.



SCOOTERS FOUND

We have four scooters in the office area that have been found. Please come to the office if you have lost yours. Please also remember that if you bring your scooter (or other belongings to school) they should be clearly labelled with your name.



RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Cricket: Congratulations to the PBS Superstar Cricketers. Both teams played really well throughout the tournament. The Yr 6 team came 3rd overall, and the Yr 4/5 team came 3rd too.

Thank you to the parents who managed and supported our teams.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Shortly we will be having school photos taken for Yrs 5-8 students (29 March); and Yrs 3-4 students and touch rugby teams (2 April). Juniors and all other sports/groups will be taken later in the year. You **DO NOT** order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until **AFTER PHOTODAY**. Order forms for sibling/family photos **MUST** be returned to the school office before photo day for photos to be taken. See sample below:

Paraparaumu Beach School on 29th March, 2019

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.

You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p>Pack A \$40.00</p> 	<p>Pack B \$35.00</p>  <p>Packs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pack A: 10x8, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar and Class <input type="checkbox"/> Pack B: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, and Class <input type="checkbox"/> Pack C: 1x 5x7 and Class <input type="checkbox"/> Pack D: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, but no Class <input type="checkbox"/> Pack E: Class only <p><small>Complimentary Packs A-D include portrait file voucher. Email the code on the included voucher to us, and we send the file by return. A, B & D include complimentary B&W 5x7's.</small></p>	<p>Pack C \$29.50</p>  <p>Pack D (Portraits) \$20.00</p>  <p>Pack E (Class) \$15.00</p> 	<p>Pack prices (do not pay now)</p> <p>A = 40.00 B = 35.00 C = 29.50 D = 20.00 E = 15.00</p>
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Family/Sibling Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form **MUST** be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

NETBALL

Year 7 - Year 8

Registration form is to be returned by Tuesday 19th March to enable you to trial.

Payment due Tuesday 30th April

Year 5 - Year 6

Registration and payment due by Tuesday 30th April

Year 3 - Year 4

Registration and payment due by Tuesday 30th April

Year 1 - Year 2

Registrations closed



HOCKEY (all on-line)

Year 7 - Year 8

Registration to be completed by Tuesday 9th April. Payment due Friday, 26/4

Year 5 - Year 6

Registration to be completed by Tuesday 9th April. Payment due Friday, 26/4

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Vicki Wilson