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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2019/19

18 June 2019

Upcoming Events

TERM 2

WEEK 8

Life Education classes for Te Moana this week

- **Tues, 18 June**
 - ◇ Yr 8 visit to Paraparaumu College
 - ◇ Kids Yoga—Yr 5/6

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

WEEK 10

- **Fri, 5 July**
 - ◇ Last day of term

TERM 3

- **Mon, 22 July**
 - ◇ First day of term

WEEK 2

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



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone

WHY WE NEED YOU TO SUPPORT OUR PTA'S SCHOOL FUN RUN NEXT WEEK.....

As Paraparaumu Beach school has a Decile 8 rating, I was gutted to hear that Decile 8 - 10 schools will not be included in the Government's "Voluntary Donations Scheme". When this was first proposed the Government said schools would receive \$150 per student instead of asking for an annual parent donation. However, when the budget was announced recently the higher decile schools were dropped from the scheme.

This feels unfair for many reasons, firstly the decile rating is incredibly out-dated. Decile ratings are calculated using census information to rate schools based on five socio-economic factors (in relation to schools in other parts of the country). Furthermore, this rating is not based on information from a school's entire school community, just a random selection of students. This often results in the common misconception that a decile rating is an indicator of how wealthy a school community is! However, we all know that within every school there is often a wide spread of family circumstances and incomes.

The decile rating and the number of students enrolled in a school, help the Ministry calculate how much operational funding a school will receive each year. The lower the decile rating the more operational funding a school receives. **This year our nett entitlement is \$825,000 and whilst this may seem like an incredible amount of money, it's not.**

This \$825K has to cover costs for curriculum resources for 620+ kids, wages of all our teacher aides, support staff and cleaners, school insurance, building/grounds repairs and maintenance, ICT network and devices, special needs programmes, teacher professional development, security, rubbish disposal, furniture, library books, electricity, gas, rates, water, health and safety, playgrounds, and so, so much more. It is an incredibly difficult task to make this money stretch every year and I am finding myself applying for grants and funding opportunities more and more often.

This is why we need your help to keep Paraparaumu Beach School the best place to learn, work and play. Please, please, please get behind our School Fun Run next week, even if your child only makes \$10 this will add to our funds and mean so much. Out of 620 students, only 265 have registered and raised funds so far. Follow this link to register your child:

www.schoolfundraising.co.nz and click on the student sign up button.

Warm regards

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki

REPORTING TO PARENTS

When it comes to reporting to parents, PBS is quite a traditional school. We hold two opportunities for parent-teacher interviews and we send home written reports at Mid and End of each year.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, this year the Year 5/6 Te Moana Syndicate are trialling an online parent portal for reporting called 'Spotlight'. As the training and set-up has been extensive, parents of students in Years 5/6 will get to view their child's mid year progress at the start of Term 3 and then again at the end of the year.

However, Year 5/6 teachers will be conducting parent interviews at the end of this term, on Wednesday 26 June, to talk about student progress. **Whilst these interview slots start at 2pm on this day, your Year 5 or 6 child will still remain at school until 3pm (supervised by other staff).**

You can book your interview slot for your Year 5 or 6 child at this link: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/login. Use the code nm4br and follow the prompts.

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)



WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Front of house means being a jack of all trades. Paula James is our key staff member on the front desk and I'm always amazed by her ability to multi-task. With 620 kids, 50+ staff and 400 school families, she does a great job of juggling a number of jobs all in one go.

Thank you Paula - we appreciate you!

PS The kids love how you always wear a cool costume on dress up days :)

WINTER ILLS

Even though we're having a mild winter, we have high numbers of sick kids, many suffering from head colds and coughs, at the moment. One day recently we had 74 kids away sick! So thank you to parents and whanau for arranging to keep them away from school and tucked up in bed.

It's really important that sick kids do stay home when they're under the weather, as sneezing and coughing ills spread quickly when you're in a room with 20 - 30 peers.



KID'S QUOTE

Since we have introduced 'fruit breaks' mid-morning, the students have been trying to remember that fruit and vegetables are the only acceptable munchies. There's always someone who will try their best to get around this though.

Teacher: "Fruit break time everyone! Grab a piece of fruit if you have one today."

Senior Student: "I have a banana Miss."

Teacher: "Where is it?"

Senior Student: "In my muffin".



WOOD OFFCUTS

Are you a builder? Or do you know anyone who would have some 2x1 wood off-cuts 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!

SCHOOL FUN RUN—25 JUNE

There is just one week until our School Fun Run. This will be next Tuesday, 25 June. The postponement date will be Friday, 28 June. Please sign up your child online at www.schoolfundraising.co.nz if you have not already done so and continue to get sponsors as this is our major PTA fundraiser for this year.

As we would like to make this as much fun as possible, we would like to encourage the children to dress up for the run. You can wear your Whanau colours as you may already have dress ups in these colours, or feel free to dress up in anything you would like.

You are invited to come and watch the Fun Run. The times are below:

Te Motu	-	9.30am
Tatahi	-	10.15am
Ngaru	-	11.30am
Te Moana	-	12.15pm

SKOOL LOOP

The App

Are you being 'kept in the loop' with goings-on at our school? If you haven't down-loaded the free app yet, then go to Google Play or the App Store, search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

Subscribing to Groups

Did you know that when you click on "Notices" in the app there are 3 lines at the top right of the screen? If you click on this symbol you can subscribe to notices for individual syndicates (and some classrooms), as well as general notices? Check it out today!

Queries

If you have any queries, please contact Libby Richardson in the office between 12 and 4pm.

INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

A huge congratulations to all our runners who participated in the inter-school cross country last Wednesday. You were all amazing and gave it your best. You did PBS proud and should be thrilled with your results. Further congratulations to the students who placed in the top 10 for their category and will represent BPS at the regional cross country. Please note the Year 3's DO NOT go to regionals.

Year 3 Girls

1st Mia Thomson, 2nd Holly McCullagh, 3rd Phoebe Corin, 4th Kyra Pulepule, 6th Quin Steinmetz, 7th Alessia Young

Year 3 Boys

5th Zach Leeksma, 8th Mitchell Moloney, 10th Shion Tavendale

Year 4 Girls

8th Emily Johnstone, 9th Renae Vertongen, 10th Anika Rehal

Year 5 Boys

4th Fletcher Cooper, 7th Luca Steinmetz

Year 6 Boys

4th Keenan Hussman

Year 7 Boys

1st Jack Blake, 3rd Rico Poutama

Year 8 Boys

4th Otis Blake, 7th Willem Young, 9th Anaru Leith



TERRACYCLE RECYCLING PROGRAMME

TerraCycle's goal is to eliminate the idea of waste by creating collection and solution programmes for all kinds of typically non-recyclable waste. These programmes are free, and for each unit of waste collected we will earn Terra Cycle points redeemable for upcycled products, charitable gifts, or payment to our school.

We are collecting any brand of used toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, plastic toothbrush packaging, floss packaging, interdental brushes, wisps, pumps, stand up toothpaste bottles and any kind of non-electric toothbrush and all affiliated non-recyclable packaging. Please use the full product before sending it in.

Vanessa Brewer

Yr 5/6 Syndicate



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 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.