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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2019/06

5 March 2019

Upcoming Events

WEEK 6

- **Wed, 6 March**
 - ◊ PTA Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom

WEEK 7

- **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)
- **Tues, 12 March**
 - ◊ Parents Tackling Technology Information Evening—School Hall 7pm

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)

WEEK 9

- **Fri, 29 March**
 - ◊ School Photos for Yrs 3-8

WEEK 10

- **Wed, 3 April**
 - ◊ Te Motu (Yr 7/8) Camp Information Evening for parents—5pm in Rm 14

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone

The kids are thoroughly enjoying their tennis lessons at the moment. Every class is getting out there and working hard to develop their co-ordination and striking skills. Mr Trask is also being kept very busy retrieving tennis balls from the sandpit, swimming pool and field - so it's a great workout for all!



Students in Te Moana syndicate (Year 5-6) are getting very excited about camp. Next Tuesday Rooms 2, 28 and 29 head off to Vertical Horizons Camp in Inglewood, Taranaki and then the following week Rooms 1, 3 and 4 get to have their turn. PBS has visited this camp venue for a number of years now; the range of outdoor activities on site and the native bush opportunities (nearby) including eeling, river walking and glow worm gazing all add to the full camp experience.

Camp is a time for physical pursuit and social growth for our students. While they may feel nerves as they leave on the bus, I can guarantee they all return with great memories of the time they had. Personally, I'm looking forward to attending camp with Rooms 1, 3 and 4 in week 8 - can't wait!

Warm regards

Jess Ward - Principal~ Tumuaki

UPCOMING PAID UNION MEETINGS—PBS WILL REMAIN OPEN



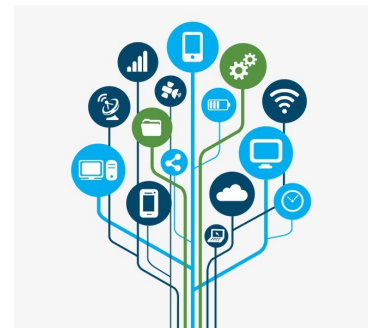
NZ Teachers have paid union meetings scheduled for March. Fortunately there are two meeting options for teachers in Kapiti, which means we can keep the school open. Half of our teachers will attend a meeting from 1.30pm on Tuesday, 19 March and then the second half will be released to attend a meeting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

Our parent community have been highly supportive throughout these contract negotiations. By 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.

TACKLING TECHNOLOGY—Highly recommended parent evening

Technology has come and it's here to stay—but it doesn't have to be overwhelming. Your young people need you right there with them as they figure out how to live in this ever changing technological age.

Join us in the PBS School Hall on Tuesday, 12 March at 7pm to hear about online safety, gadget addiction, boundaries, and the effects of technology on brain development. Gold coin entry. Child care will be available at the school library.



Principal's Recommendation

I have attended this parent information evening twice in recent years and can highly recommend it. Whilst it's aimed at parents with children in Years 7 and up, it is very valuable for all parents. The presenter will talk about apps and websites most commonly used by kids and teens in NZ today and why kids are selecting these tools to connect with others and express themselves. The need for parental involvement, to help kids navigate the digital world safely is paramount. I hope you can make it along.

Jess Ward

PROPOSED NEW PROPERTY MODIFICATIONS

Currently we are working with the Ministry of Education Advisors (MoE) in relation to improving safety for students by erecting gates at our exits. 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 back close to Martin Road. There will also be a gate erected for the car park and a fence on the side of the hall.

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 i.e. whether hooks are best option.

The 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.

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

PERSONAL QUALITIES

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

JOB-RELATED COMPETENCIES

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



WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

At PBS we are grateful for our amazing Teacher Aides and SENCO (Special Needs Co-ordinator) Carrie Reid. These staff members do so much work behind the scenes to support students and staff, and sometimes their work goes unrecognised.

The start of a new school year is incredibly busy, and the support of highly capable Teacher Aides and our SENCO, enables teachers to get everything ticking along more smoothly.

So thank you to Carrie and her multi-talented and multi-flexible TA's - Rebecca, Kim, Cherie, Lucy, Deb B, Sally, Julie, Kay, Melissa, Deb S and Anne. You are wonderful, wonderful workers!

Simple free download:
In Google Play and App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.



The PTA will be holding a meeting this Wednesday, 6 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. We welcome any new parents/caregivers/grandparents who would like to join our fantastic team.

Sandy Saunders

KID'S QUOTE

More frequently we hear students saying things which reflect their understanding of global and environmental issues. Sometimes these things uplift you and sometimes they hurt your heart a little. Recently I heard a 9 year old, who was watching a product being unwrapped, say...

"That's a lot of unnecessary packaging!"



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

RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Track & Field Club: Congratulations to the following students from Rm 10 who got placed in events in the Paraparaumu Track & Field Club yesterday:

Lusia Duseigneur-Alaiasa	2nd place in discus and 100m 3rd place in 300m and 60m running
Zach Leeksma	2nd place in discus and long jump 3rd place in 100m and 60m
Renae Vertongen	3rd place in shot put, 60m, long jump and 100m





HOCKEY

Information will come out later this week for those who want to play for our school

NETBALL

Yrs 1 & 2

Starts this Wednesday at 4pm at Te Atiawa Netball Courts

Yrs 3 & 4

I am still waiting for information from Coastlands Netball Kapiti on start dates

Yrs 5 & 6

Netball registration will come out later this week. The season will start on Saturday, 4 May

Yrs 7 & 8

Don't forget to get your registration forms back. They are due by Tuesday, 19 March. Fees for 2019 are \$85.00.

Ms Wilson



BIKE FOUND

Merida mountain bike and helmet found on school grounds. See Mr Trask if you know anything about it.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please note—community notices are accepted on a “publication if space allows” basis (thus no guarantee of publication can be given) three times per term (start/middle/end); a **small contribution of \$10 to the school for short “business” notices is appreciated before publication**; and finally and importantly, the publishing in the school newsletter of any community notice does not imply school sanctioning of, support for, or knowledge of the event or activity described

Neighbours Day: Celebrate 10 years of Neighbours Day. Over the Fence Cuppa running from 22-31 March. Hold a get-together with your neighbours and we'll help out with ideas, support and a goodie pack to help create a fun event. Register by 13 March at www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/neighboursday. For more info email neighboursday@kapiticoast.govt.nz.

Plunket Fun Run 2019: The Wellington Plunket Fun Run will be held on Saturday, 13 April at the Rimutaka Rail Trail.

Kapiti Music Centre: Enrolling now—30 lessons for \$180. We offer small group music lessons in 14 different instruments, ensembles and rock band. We teach all types of music styles for students aged 5 years to adults. Visit our website www.kapitimusiccentre.org.nz.

Kapiti Run for Youth: Fun run on our beautiful beach, or just a walk if you like on Sunday, 31 March raising money for Kapiti youth. Choose from a 6km or 12km fun run or walk. For more info see www.kapitirunforyouth.co.nz.

Migrant Connect: Making NZ your home? Join us for a free lunch and information session on Saturday, 9 March at 11am in the Rimu Room, upstairs in Coastlands, Paraparaumu (entrance between Pagani and Black Pepper). For more info contact Kapiti Citizens Advice Bureau on 0800 367 222. Funded by Immigration NZ.

sKids Kenakena: Specialising in delivering quality before school, after school and holiday programmes. We strive to create a fun and safe environment that our kids just love! Limited places available for Term 1 and we are now taking bookings for Term 2. For more info please call Jools on 021 0254 3249 or email jools@skids.co.nz.

The GO Club: Back for Term 1. We offer a fun, exciting after school STEM Club for girls Yrs 1-8 in Paraparaumu on Tuesdays and in Paekakariki on Wednesdays. Over 2 hours of science and technology based activities and crafts, we also provide a light afternoon tea. See all the info at www.enrolmy.com/the-go-club. A PBS parent has kindly offered to transport girls to the club.

Crawshaw Music School: High quality one-on-one private lessons from our new premises at 6a Sheffield Street. The instruments we currently offer are guitar, keyboards/piano, singing, drums, ukulele, bass, flute and band classes. Free introductory lesson. Mention this ad to get a free introductory lesson. Valid until 12 April. Cost \$32.50/half hour private lesson. \$15/1 hour band class. Contact 021 772 561, email info@crawshawmusicsschool.co.nz or see www.crawshawmusicsschool.co.nz.

We are also looking for band students on Friday afternoons. If you play an instrument or sing and would like to try being part of a band, email aj@crawshawmusicsschool.co.nz today. Band classes are only \$15/week during term times.

Paraparaumu Beach Sea Scouts: Our Keas (ages 5-8) and Cubs (ages 9-11) programme runs on Thursday nights from 6.30-8pm at the John Roger Hall, Te Kupe Road, Paraparaumu Beach. Come along and visit us on Thursday, 21 March to see what we're about! For more info contact Baillie (Kea leader) on 027 389 4817 or check us out on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ParaparaumuBeachSeaScouts>.

Gear Jammers Annual Hot Rod Show: Car show at Kapiti School, Rimu Road on Sunday, 17 March; cruising from Southwards Car Museum at 9.30am.



We are passionate and keen to teach your child the important lifesaving skill of 'learning to swim'. All levels catered for, from babies to adults. We have 24 years of experience, a warm non-chlorinated pool, we are exclusively swimming lessons and we offer weekly payment of fees

Many thousands of Kapiti Coast children are now strong efficient swimmers because of the tuition we have provided them with and we are now teaching the next generation. Give your child the gift of life.

For bookings and information visit our website www.swimminglessons.co.nz, call 2972465 or email klts@xtra.co.nz