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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2019/12

1 May 2019

Upcoming Events

TERM 2

WEEK 2

- **Tues, 7 May 1.30pm**
 - ◇ Half of teachers at Paid Union Meeting—School remains open
 - ◇ Board Meeting at 7pm
- **Thurs, 9 May 1.30pm**
 - ◇ Second half of Paid Union Meeting—School remains open

WEEK 3

- **Fri, 17 May**
 - ◇ Pink Shirt Day—Bully Free NZ

WEEK 6

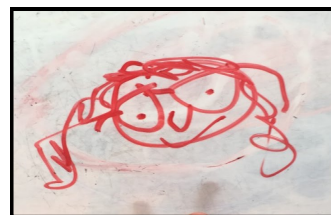
- **Mon, 3 June**
 - ◇ Queen's Birthday

Welcome
Back To
School

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 2 Greetings!

It's obviously time for a new business card including this portrait a young student drew of me! I think the likeness is evident, especially that messy 'weekend' hair - I must have been spotted at the super-market.



I'd like to take a moment in this newsletter to tell you how much I love my job. Nothing makes me smile more than working for the children of this school. They are simply great kids! However this job is incredibly hard too, teaching and education are incredibly hard full stop.

Leading a big school is complex and as Principal it's impossible to please all the people - all the time. There will be times when school decisions don't suit everyone, there will be sporting events that we cannot attend, there will be opportunities that can't be squeezed into the school calendar, there will be events we cannot send representatives to, and/or resources beyond our financial reach etc. Every day this job brings as many problems to solve as it does successes to celebrate; I just love it when students proudly share their work/achievements with me.

But I know I'm not alone. Many of us have complex jobs or life issues that we're trying to solve and balance, which makes me think how we as adults can use our experiences to teach kids. I think the age-old advice of work hard, try your best everyday, and try to improve on what you achieved yesterday are all still highly relevant pointers. Equally these days we need to teach kids that resilience is important, we need to be able to bounce back and give our best.

As for me, whilst it's impossible to meet everyone's expectations, it won't stop me from trying.

Kind regards

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to our new students who have started this term: Joshua—Rm 22, Kaysi—Rm 22 and Arden—Room 23.

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NEXT WEEK'S PAID UNION MEETINGS - PBS WILL REMAIN OPEN

Paid Union meetings were postponed during Term 1 due to tragic events in Christchurch. These meetings are now timetabled for the **next week**. 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, 7 May and then the second half will be released to attend a meeting on the afternoon of Thursday, 9 May.

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

SENIOR STUDENTS USING SOCIAL MEDIA: INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK etc

Recently we've had to talk with a small number of senior students about their use of social media. **Whilst this is happening outside of school hours, there have been a couple of social media posts which have upset kids at school.** Social media is a rough sea to navigate for anyone, but especially young people. Whilst the user age stipulates 13 years and above, we are aware that many students have accounts (which is the business of parents not school staff). However, parents need to be aware of their child's online activity, in order to help them stay safe online and ensure their posts are not harmful or hurtful—to themselves or others.



Why not make time this weekend to sit down with your child and start the conversation? <https://www.theparentingplace.com/technology/teaching-your-kids-to-swim-in-the-sea-of-social-media/>

SUPPORT STAFF DAY

Hey kids, did you know that National Support Staff Day is later this month? On this day we acknowledge and show gratitude for the wonderful work our teacher aides, office staff, cleaners and Mr Trask do for us. If you've got some time maybe you'd like to make one or more of these staff members a thank you card.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Nominations are invited for the 2019 election of 5 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form and notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters shortly.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **24 May 2019** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph. The voting roll will be open for inspection at the school from next **Monday, 6 May** and can be viewed during normal school office hours.

There will also be a list of candidates names as they come to hand for inspection at the school office.

Voting closes at noon on 7 June 2019.

Libby Richardson
Returning Officer



KID'S QUOTE

Yesterday, after two weeks away on term break, a student turned to a staff member and said...

"I never thought I'd say this but I missed you".

Was that a compliment? Haha :)

FLU SEASON

With the flu season now upon us, it's time for everyone to be prepared and remember how quickly influenza can spread. At the end of this newsletter we have attached information from the Ministry of Health. If we all do our bit, we can keep school a healthy place to work, learn and play.

Thanks everyone.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT SCHEME—TERMS 3 & 4 NEW ENTRANTS

We are now at the planning stage for our intake of 2019 Terms 3 & 4 New Entrant five-year-olds.

If you have any children due to start school soon that you have not let us know about, or if you have friends or neighbours who don't currently have a child at PBS, but may be hoping to enrol a new entrant child here in Term 3 or 4, please ask them to contact our school office. Thank you.

n.b. The 'out-of-zone' applications process for Term 3 & 4 New Entrants will be advertised early May.



WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

A large number of staff attended professional development courses during the term break to ensure PBS is up to date with teaching and learning practices. When term breaks occur, teachers are often busy working at school, completing school work at home or attending courses (even when their boss has reminded them to relax and unwind). With constant changes in education and new insights on pedagogy popping up all the time, it can be hard for schools to stay ahead of the eight ball. At PBS our staff put in every effort to keep up with professional learning, especially during term breaks and weekends; so THANK YOU team!



The Student Council will be supporting Pink Shirt Day again in 2019. We will be encouraging everyone to wear a Pink Shirt on 17 May and to Speak Up, Stand Together and Stop Bullying. Get your Pink Shirts ready!

WATCH THIS SPACE—TE MOTU CAMP FUNDRAISER

'Pink' Disco is coming up on Friday, 17 May:

Year 0-2	-	Lunchtime
Year 3-5	-	4.30-5.30pm
Year 6-8	-	6-7.30pm

More details will follow next week.



UPCOMING YR 7 & 8 IMMUNISATIONS

Yr 7 and 8 students will be having their immunisations on the following days:

Yr 7	12 June at 11.30am (Boostrix)
Yr 8	29 October at 11.30am (Gardasil)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

We have renewed our Emergency Management Plan and have updated a number of our school practices. One of the changes that will affect you is the need for all visitors on arrival at school to first go to the office and sign in. On leaving the school grounds, please remember to sign out. The reason for this change is so that we know who is on site if there is the need for us to evacuate.

If you have any questions, please contact me at school.

Thanks—Vicki Wilson

STUDENT WORK

In the last week of Term 1, many students popped into my office to share their ANZAC work with me. Below are just a couple of the examples which really impressed me. ANZAC Research Pyramids by Room 13 and Colourful Poppies by Room 10



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!

Automatic Payments

Don't forget you can set up an automatic payment any time in Kindo to start saving for your child's camp fees, or any expenses for that matter—just like automatic payments through your bank.

Queries

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



RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Inter-school Equestrian Show: Congratulations to Alex of Rm 4 who recently rode for Our Lady of Kapiti School and achieved reserve champion on the flat; and rode clear in show jumping!



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Paraparaumu Beach School is fundraising with Entertainment! Your support really helps our school, so we're thrilled to let you know about special bonus Early Bird Membership Offers for loyal supporters. Pre-order the NEW 2019/2020 Entertainment Membership and receive bonus offers you can use right away!

See <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1051t05> for more information.



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.

sKids: sKids Kenakena specialises in delivering quality before school, after school and holiday programmes. We strive to create a fun and safe environment that our kids just love. For more info please call Jools Da Silva on 021 0254 3249 or email jools@skids.co.nz.

Crawshaw Music School: Providing high quality one-on-one private lessons from our new premises at 6a Sheffield Street. We follow our student's interests while teaching important skills. All our teachers are experienced musicians in modern music and are skilled at communicating their knowledge. Book in now before all our spaces are filled up. We currently offer guitar, keyboards/piano, singing, drums, ukulele, bass, flute and band classes. Contact 021 772 561 or 905 9317, or info@crawshawmusicschool.co.nz or see www.crawshawmusicschool.co.nz.

Hookway Tutoring: Providing one to one tuition for primary school students at school or after in language and maths and for college students in maths and science. I have 20 years of tutoring experience. For further details, see hookwaytutoring.co.nz or contact Brian Hookway at hookwaytutoring@gmail.com or ph 021 179 0223 or 902 2453.

Kapiti Music Centre: Group music lessons for 5yr olds to adults. Cost begins at \$180 per year for 30 lessons at Kapiti College Music Department on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3.45-7.15pm. Contact admin@kapitimusiccentre.org.nz or www.kapitimusiccentre.org.nz or phone 021 297 14143.

Hoop Club Kapiti: Junior Basketball Coaching Programme from Sunday, 5 May to Sunday, 30 June at Paraparaumu College Community Sportshall. All new players most welcome. Contact coach Angelo Robinson on 904 0142 or contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz. 5-7yr olds 9.30-10.30am; 8-10 yr olds 10.30-11.30am; 11-17yr olds 11.30-12.30pm.

Primary Years—Toolbox: Six week course for parents. This is a new and more specific version of our former Middle Years Toolbox. This course is aimed specifically at parents of children aged 5-9 years. The cost is \$75pp or \$110 per couple. However, our desire is that cost would never be a barrier, and we'd still love you to join us if you're unable to contribute in this way. Get in touch and we'll get you booked in. For more info phone Jo Picot on 027 343 9374 or email josilepicot@gmail.com. The course ends on 12 June.



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