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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/01

31 January 2018

Upcoming Events

TERM 1

WEEK 2

Tues, 6 February

- Waitangi Day—SCHOOL CLOSED

WEEK 3

Tues, 13 February

- Board Meeting—7pm
- Thurs, 15 February*
- PTA Meeting—
Staffroom 7.30pm—all welcome

WEEK 4

Wed, 21 February

- Meet the Teacher night
2-8pm (School closes at 2pm)

WEEK 5

Wed, 28 February

- School Picnic 5-7pm



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, Kia Ora and welcome to the 2018 School year!

What an incredible summer we're experiencing. I love the summer sun, but some of the temperatures have certainly made it difficult to sleep. It's super important that kids stay hydrated and come to school sunblocked ready for the day ahead. Sun hats are a must for being outside, however we will also allow students to play indoors during break times whilst this heat continues.

So please ensure your child has a full drink bottle of water each day, brings sunblock in their bag for topping up (roll-on is the easiest dispenser for kids) and has a (named) wide brimmed hat. Thank you.

Our construction team from Peryer have certainly been working hard despite the hot conditions. They've made great inroads into the interior demolition of Rooms 5-8 and we hope that no snags hold up this great progress. Funnily enough, two former PBS pupils were part of the demolition crew and I must say they looked a little too happy destroying their old classrooms!

Let me take this opportunity to officially welcome Rebekah Winter to our staff. Rebekah will be teaching Year 5/6 in Room 28. Rebekah has been part of our school community for a while now as her children are PBS kids. We 'stole' Rebekah from Raumati South School, where she had been teaching for the last 2-3 years. I must add that I felt very guilty talking to her former Principal about employing her, as I knew they treasured her and would miss her skills.

We also have a few internal staff changes, with a number of teachers changing syndicates or class levels this year; Jo Mackay has moved to Year 2, Tina Purdie, Rebecca Jackson and Brenda Staples will all be teaching Year 3, Shelley Evans has moved to Year 5/6 and Larisa Mckenna is teaching Year 7/8 students.

Over the next few days I'm looking forward to visiting each classroom to wish everyone a great year and introduce myself to any new students I haven't had the chance to meet yet.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work of John Trask (Property Manager) and his cleaning team for all the hours they have put into preparing our school environment and our tremendous teachers for creating colourful classroom spaces. It's going to be a great year!

Kind regards

Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Brooklyn—Rm 23, Cooper, Rm 18, April—Rm 26, Max—Rm 22, Cooper—Rm 9, Bailey—Rm 9, Maia—Rm 29, Noah—Rm 19, Bailey—Rm 3, Aayan—Rm 22, Kipa—Rm 24, Amelia—Rm 11, Billie—Rm 10, Lucy—Rm 8, Thomas—Rm 28, Sarah—Rm 26, Isaac—Rm 18, Skyla—Rm 22, Sophie—Rm 22, Hendrix—Rm 5, Aswad—Rm 22, Liam -Rm 27, Blake—Rm 17, Corey—Rm 26, Angus—Rm 18, Jacob—Rm 18, Abigail—Rm 9, Katelyn—Rm 18 and Savannah—Rm 18.

It's great to have you all here!

REPORTS

Our new Government has ruled that schools are no longer mandated to report against the National Standards. A very high proportion of New Zealand educators will agree with this change, as it required schools to report heavily on 'achievement', at the expense of reporting on 'progress'. At primary school level, it is far more realistic to report the progress that each child is making in line with the New Zealand Curriculum levels. The National Standards system also resulted in teachers focusing more intently on teaching and measuring student's ability in maths, reading and writing, which in some ways narrowed the scope for teaching other subjects and skills.

Therefore, we will return to reporting all students' individual progress, in line with the New Zealand Curriculum, at the end of Terms 2 and 4.



BUILDING UPDATE

To date the construction team are on track and everything is going to plan. The roof on Rooms 5-8 will shortly be taken off and replaced, which means most the scaffolding can be removed. Thanks for hanging in there with us.



TREES

Over the school break we lost one Willow tree, at the back of the field, in a storm. A second willow tree nearby is also about to be removed due to rot.

This is a great shame, however, we will take the opportunity to plant more trees as soon as the weather is suitable for planting.



PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent -Teacher interviews, or "Meet the Teacher" as we often call it at the start of year, will be held on Wednesday, 21 February. Interviews, at this early stage of the year, are not reporting sessions. However, they are an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and for parents to pass on essential knowledge about their child and what makes them tick. To make a booking, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, enter the code q2jr2 and follow the prompts.

NB: School closes at 2pm on this date to accommodate enough interview slots.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

Last year we had a few students unaware of or not adhering to the Dress Code. Dress, appearance and accessories should be comfortable and appropriate for the learning situation and school activities and not a distraction. For this reason we have published the dress code below as a reminder. Thank you.

CLOTHING:

- Students are expected to dress in a clean, tidy and comfortable manner.
- Clothing may express the wearer's individuality, but must not be offensive or revealing.

SUN SAFETY:

- Hats must be worn outside during Terms 1 & 4
- Clothing that protects skin from sun damage is encouraged during Terms 1 & 4

HAIR:

- Hair should be kept clean and tidy.
- Any hair dye must be within the natural (human hair) colour spectrum.

JEWELLERY:

- For safety reasons, only stud earrings are acceptable. Only ears may be pierced.
- Other jewellery must be removed or made safe for physical activity.

FOOTWEAR:

- Sensible footwear is required. No shoes with heels or wheels.
- For safety reasons, Year 7/8 students need to wear shoes with closed toes to the Technology Centre.

MAKE-UP:

- Face make-up is not to be worn. Teachers may allow face paint or make-up for special occasions or performance purposes.

Our dress code is designed to reinforce pride in appearance, self-respect, personal safety and so students can focus on learning.



KIDS QUOTE

A young student walked passed my office window this morning, waved, smiled and said

"Hi Boss!"

What a funny way to start the year!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Pita Pit orders will be available on Wednesdays. Please place orders in a Pita Pit envelope (available from the school office) with your correct money enclosed and place in the money box outside the staffroom no later than 9am on Wednesday mornings.



RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Ballet: Over the holidays Gemma Lew auditioned for the Royal NZ Ballet production of "The Piano" (based on the movie by Jane Campion). She was selected, out of over a hundred other girls to be the understudy for the lead role of Flora. Gemma also has another role as one of the children in the production. Congratulations Gemma!



OFFICE PAYMENTS—EFTPOS, POLO SHIRTS AND PAYMENTS

Eftpos

Please be aware that due to high running costs and very low use, we are stopping our Eftpos facilities on Friday, 2 March. Alternative payment options for the school are using the Kindo online payment system (our preferred payment method), cash or cheque.

Polo Shirts

The price for polo shirts is decreasing from \$55 to \$50 effective immediately

Payments

Please note that charges for 2018 won't appear on your child's Kindo account immediately. Once all new children starting school have been loaded onto our system the charges will appear. More details will follow in next week's newsletter.



SUPER STAR CRICKET TOURNAMENT

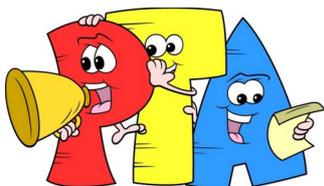
Just a reminder for those students involved in the Super Star Cricket Tournament that starts this term. The first competition round is on Tuesday, 13 February at Waikanae Park (notices with the draw were sent home last term).

We still require one manager for each term. Please let Sarah Chambers know by email on schambers@pbs.school.nz if you can fulfil this role, as there are important information evenings being held next week that the managers need to attend.

PTA MEETING

The PTA will meet on Thursday, 15 February at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

We welcome any new parents to help the committee to fundraise funds for our fantastic school.



AMENDED TERM DATES 2018

Term 1 (11 Weeks)

Wed, 31 Jan–Fri, 13 April

Waitangi Day–Tues, 6 Feb

Good Friday–Fri, 30 March

Easter Monday–Mon, 2 April

Easter Tuesday–Tues, 3 April

Term 2 (10 Weeks)

Mon, 30 April–Fri, 6 July

Queens Birthday–Mon, 4 June

Term 3 (10 Weeks)

Mon, 23 July–Fri, 28 Sept

Term 4 (8 1/2 Weeks)

Mon, 15 Oct–Fri, 14 Dec

Labour Day–Mon, 22 Oct

