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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

**Newsletter 2017/39**

**5 December 2017**

### Upcoming Events

#### **Week 8**

*Tues, 5 Dec*

- Regional Athletics (Masterton)
- Year 8's Leavers Dinner
- Rooms 3, 28 & 29 trip to Te Papa

*Wed, 6 Dec*

- Whole school assembly— 9.15am **PLEASE JOIN US!**

- Te Moana Yr 5/6 Kiwiana Day

*Thurs, 7 Dec*

- Rooms 1, 2 & 4 trip to Te Papa

*Fri, 8 Dec*

- Tatahi Yr 2—Teddy Bear's Picnic

- Te Motu Yr 7/8 Fun Day

- Ngaru Yr 3/4 Showcase— 1.45pm

- Tatahi Christmas Sing Along—2.30pm

#### **Week 9**

*Mon, 11 Dec*

- Cultural Performances Show—9.15am **PLEASE COME ALONG**

- Parent Helper's Morning Tea

*Wed, 13 Dec*

- Yr 5-8 Prizegiving

*Thurs, 14 Dec*

- **LAST DAY** – School closes at 12.30pm



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December Greetings PBS Families!

Wow, I'm struggling to believe that December is here already! I have been busy reading 696 student's end of year reports (I'm about half way through) and I must say how much pride it fills me with to read of each child's progress and achievements. I'm always amazed at how many extra-curricular opportunities some students get involved in too; they certainly are active citizens.

Tonight I am looking forward to attending our Year 8 Leaver's Dinner to celebrate their time at primary school. It's always with a heavy heart that we farewell our Year 8s, but we know it's their time to head to college and experience all the wonderful new adventures which await them there. We have done our best to prepare them, and hope that they will always remember their time at PBS fondly. We will miss them.

Today Kelso and John, both Year 8s helped to re-create this photo of when they were 5. Enjoy College boys!

With our final whole school assembly tomorrow morning at 9.15am, I hope lots of parents will be able to come along and join us. Please ensure your kids have sunblock on for this too.



Finally, I am delighted to announce the results of recent interviews for teaching positions. Sheryl McKnight will be returning to work in the Yr 1 syndicate in a fixed term capacity next year and Tony Webb has been appointed as a permanent member of staff, having proven his expertise in the Te Moana team over the past 3 terms. And lastly, we have permanently appointed Rebekah Winter (formerly of Raumati South School) to join our Yr 5/6 team. Congratulations all!

Kind regards, Jess Ward – Principal/Tumuaki

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## 2018 TEACHER PLACEMENT/SYNDICATE STRUCTURES

Our school staffing organisation for next year is now complete.

<b>Year 1–TATAHI</b> Rachel McDowell–Rm 20 (Team leader) Sheryl McKnight–Rm 18 Jalah Davis–Rm 19 Kerry Knapp–Rm 21 Sandy Saunders–Rm 22	<b>Year 2–TATAHI</b> Vicki Howarth–Rm 24 (Team leader) Jenny Roberts/Chrissie Sallis–Rm 23 Jo Mackay–Rm 26	<b>Year 3/4–NGARU</b> Sarah Chambers–Rm 11 (Team leader) - Yr 3 Tina Purdie/Rebecca Jackson–Rm 5–Year 3* Sarah Smith–Rm 7–Yr 3** Pene Davidson–Rm 6–Yr 4 *** Jon McCormick–Rm 9–Yr 4 Kathryn Siversen–Rm 10–Yr 4 Brenda Staples–Rm 12–Yr 3
<b>Year 5/6–TE MOANA</b> Vanessa Brewer–Rm 1 (Team leader) Shelley Evans– Rm 2 Kaye Gilman–Rm 3 Tony Webb–Rm 4 Rebekah Winter–Rm 28 David Parr–Rm 29	<b>Year 7/8–TE MOTU</b> Cath Franks–Rm 14 (Team leader) Gill Snowsill–Rm 8+ Alice Graham–Rm 13 Colin Siversen–Rm 15 John Needham–Rm 16 Larisa Mckenna–Rm 17	

### Class placements during Rms 5-8 construction:

- + Rm 8 will be in the library
- \* Rm 5 will be in Rm 25
- \*\* Rm 7 will be in Rm 27
- \*\*\* Rm 6 will be in the hall



## MAJOR END OF YEAR SCHOOL EVENTS

### Year 8 Leavers' Presentations and Dinner (tonight, Tuesday, 5 December 6-9pm)

Parents and wider-family are warmly invited to attend the first (formal presentations) part of this evening at 6pm; following which, the students will have their dinner and social time. Dress for the evening is formal, with boys asked to wear a collared shirt and long pants. Please ensure arrangements are made to collect your child from the hall at 9pm.

### Staff/Board of Trustees/PTA Afternoon Tea and Presentations (Monday, 11 December from 3.15pm)

All members of staff, BOT and PTA are invited to gather together to reflect on another excellent year for our school, and to recognise individual contributions, departures etc.

### School Prizegiving Ceremony (Wednesday, 13 December from 9.10am)

Parents and wider-family are also warmly invited to attend the 2017 School Prizegiving Ceremony (for Yrs 5-8 students), which will take place on the final day of our school year. Please be aware that seating/standing room is at a premium for the Prizegiving; and being a long and formal event, it is not suitable for pre-schoolers' attendance.



## WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? – Staff gratitude section

Our Kapa Haka group performed beautifully last Friday at Te Takiri o te Ata festival. They sounded beautiful, moved in time and looked fantastic. I have previously thanked Cath Franks, Rangī Halbert and David Parr for their work with this group throughout the year, but today I want to especially acknowledge Anne Taurua. Anne is one of our amazing Teacher Aides and every year, at hui time, she mends dresses, helps with the fitting of outfits and this year she steam-pressed every single dress! Wow! Thank you Mrs T – you're a star!



## TERM DATES 2018

### Term 1 (11 Weeks)

Wednesday, 31 January–Friday, 13 April  
Waitangi Day–Tuesday, 6 February  
Good Friday–Friday, 30 March  
Easter Monday–Monday, 2 April

### Term 2 (10 Weeks)

Monday, 30 April–Friday, 6 July  
Queens Birthday–Monday, 4 June

### Term 3 (10 Weeks)

Monday, 23 July–Friday, 28 September

### Term 4 (8 1/2 Weeks)

Monday, 15 October–Thursday, 13 December  
Labour Day–Monday, 22 October

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## EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please remember to advise the office of your new email address if you have one that has now expired.

This is very important, especially as our e-tap system is linked to Kindo.



## END OF YEAR WRITTEN REPORTS

The majority to students will receive an end-of-year report on the last day of school. Those who will not be receiving a report are mainly Yr 0-3 students who are not due for an 'interim' or 'anniversary' report at this time of year. Recent arrivals to the school may also not receive a report (or may receive a limited one).

As per our regular practice, reports will not be given out prior to the last day. Children who are not present at school on that day will have their report mailed out. Reports are in a sealed envelope addressed to parents/guardians, and it is our expectation that they arrive home unopened. For those children returning to this school next year, also included in the envelope is notification of class placement and teacher for 2018; and an appropriate stationery list. *Please remember the school does not sell bulk stationery.*



## YEAR 8 LEAVERS DINNER

Reminder that the Year 8 Leavers Dinner will be held tonight. Parents are invited to join us from 6-7pm for formal speeches and presentations.

*All students will need to be collected at 9pm from the school hall.*

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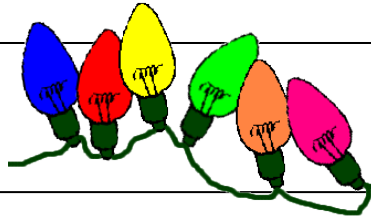
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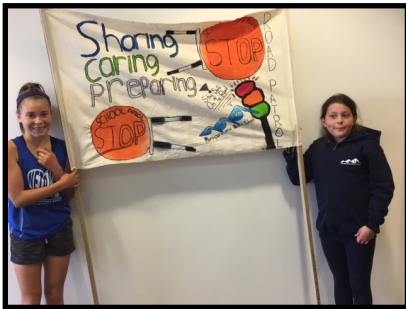
## 2018 BUILDING PROJECTS

Whilst I always look forward to the new school year, seeing our cheery kids returning refreshed from their summer break, there are a few aspects of school life next year that I'm not looking forward to .... building projects! I know the end outcome of beautifully refurbished classrooms and stage one of our playground rebuild are needed and will be fantastic, I also know that all this change can cause upheaval too. I want to pre-warn all our families that staff and students will need to make some compromises and be flexible about school resources (e.g. use of the hall and library) whilst we undergo the projects planned. Having a sense of humour, remaining positive and looking towards the end outcome is what I ask of everyone in our community.



## ROAD PATROL FUNCTION

Yesterday our School 2017 Road Patrol Team participated in the annual Orange Day Parade. This parade is organised by the Kapiti Coast District Council to celebrate school patrollers and recognise how important they are in improving road safety around schools.



For the parade, each school designed a safety banner. This year's banner, designed by Hannah Batty-Tofts and Alexis MacInnes, won 3rd place. The school received a \$50 Stirling Sports Voucher for their achievement!

Also, each school's Road Patroller of the Year is acknowledged. This year our recipient was Melina Collett who was presented a soccer ball and a \$25 Stirling Sports Voucher. Well done Melina!

## NGARU SYNDICATE INVITATION

The Ngaru Syndicate would like to invite whanau and friends to our End of Year Show Case on Friday, 8 December in the school hall at 1.45pm.

## KID'S QUOTE

A Year 1 teacher was explaining to her students that they were going to have some sessions in the pool, so they needed to name their togs and towel. One of her darling young learners said she had decided her togs would be called 'Pam'!



## JUICEES & COOKIES FOR SALE—PTA FUNDRAISER

The PTA will be selling Juices and Cookie Time cookies every Friday this term at lunch time. They cost \$1 each and will be selling them outside Rm 17 from 12.30pm.



## WHAKAARO HOU EDUCATION TRUST – for Chromebooks

The Trust's next roll out date is 13 & 14 February 2018. If your child is in Year 5 – 8 next year and if you want to use the Trust (e.g. lease to buy a chromebook) please visit their website or collect an 'Expression of Interest form' from the school office. We need to send forms into the Trust by 9 February. Pricing and dates are all on their web-



site <https://whetrust.weebly.com/>

## CULTURAL PERFORMANCES DAY

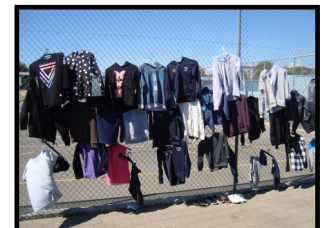
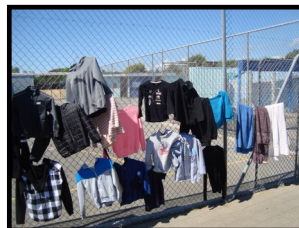
On Monday, 11 December at 9.10am we will be having our annual "Cultural Performances Day". This is a chance for the Yr 0-4 students to enjoy performances from Kapa Haka, Senior and Junior Dance Groups, the Ukulele Orchestra, the Wearable Arts Group and Choir. We are also pleased that Annabel and Tara Logan, who recently won a local talent quest, will also be performing for us. Parents are invited and very welcome to join us.

## EZCOVERS

Make it EASY on yourselves this year with EZCOVERS for your stationery—reusable, funky designs delivered to your door and so easy the kids can cover their own books! Ezcovers will also donate 15c from each cover to our school. At checkout just *select Paraparaumu Beach School and enter the special code EZ15*. Order your Ezcovers online at [www.ezcovers.com/nz](http://www.ezcovers.com/nz)

## LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be on display by the netball courts (most days) from the beginning of December and remaining days of school. All unclaimed or unnamed items will be sent to the Koha Shed at the end of the term.



## UPDATE FROM STUDENT COUNCIL—FITNESS CIRCUIT

- ◆ Our Sausage Sizzle went really well. We sold over 380 sausages making around \$530. Thanks heaps to M & M Butchers and the Kenakena Four Square for their support.
- ◆ Our raffle has started well. There are also books at the office and we will be selling at the gates shortly. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Local businesses have really got behind us with heaps of cool vouchers and prizes.
- ◆ **Our main focus now is construction.** We realise the lead up to Christmas is busy, but we are still keen to have a Working Bee on Saturday, 16 December at 9am. Please let Mr Thomas know if you can help out.
- ◆ We will be arranging other dates for construction, but these will probably be in January. We will communicate these ASAP.

