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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

**Newsletter 2019/08**

**19 March 2019**

## Upcoming Events

### WEEK 8

**Paid Union Meetings this week have been postponed until further notice**

- **Tues, 19-Fri, 22 March**
  - ◊ Life Education Programme for Tatahi Syndicate (Yrs 1 & 2)
  - ◊ Te Moana Camp #2 (Rms 1, 3 & 4)
- **Friday, 22 March**
  - ◊ NE Parent Info Mtg—staffroom - 9.30am
- **Sat, 23 March**
  - ◊ Come and celebrate **Holi2019** (see newsletter)

### WEEK 9

- **Thurs, 28 March**
  - ◊ Inter-school Swimming Sports
- **Fri, 29 March**
  - ◊ School Photos for Yrs 5-8

### WEEK 10

- **Tues, 2 April**
  - ◊ School Photos for Yrs 3-4 and Touch Rugby teams
- **Wed, 3 April**
  - ◊ Te Motu (Yr 7/8) Camp Information Evening for parents—5pm in Rm 14
  - ◊ PTA AGM 7.30pm in the staffroom
- **Sat, 7 April**
  - ◊ Garden Working Bee (see newsletter)

### WEEK 11

- **Tues, 9 April**
  - ◊ Whole School Assembly 9.15am ALL WELCOME

### TERM 2

- **Starts Monday, 29 April**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**As-salāmu 'alaykum "السلام عَلَيْكُمْ** Peace be upon you".

It's hard to find the words to express how Kiwis are feeling this week. I know I started Friday evening numb with disbelief, then heartbroken that this tragic event could happen in Aotearoa-New Zealand. Seeing the photos of those who lost their lives published over the weekend made the event penetrate to a whole new level. May those men, women and children rest in peace. May their families find strength, comfort and support in those around them to heal and rebuild their lives.

Friday's event makes me all the more determined to acknowledge my fellow kiwi on the street, to celebrate the differences in our local and national community, and to teach acceptance. I've recently been reading 'Sapiens - A Brief History of Humankind' by Yuval Harari, and whilst not everyone would necessarily agree with his ideas on the evolution of culture and religion, surely we can all agree that we are biologically one human race, Homo-Sapiens. As such **we all deserve respect, love,**



**kindness and acceptance;** this is what our staff will focus on with our students over the coming weeks, as we all try to make sense of this event. *NB: Later in this newsletter there is a message from the Ministry of Education regarding this event.*

Our wonderful Student Council are meeting to consider all the ideas put forward and to decide how our PBS community can contribute to supporting those affected by this tragic event. We would like to hold an event next week, as 90 students are away at camp this week. In addition, some classes are also making plans for their own tribute or contribution.

As for me, I get to spend the next four days on camp with 90 adventurous kids. I know the students of Rooms 1, 3 & 4 are going to love their time at Vertical Horizons Camp. I'm especially looking forward to watching them all on the flying fox!

Heartfelt regards

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki

## UPCOMING PAID UNION MEETINGS—POSTPONED

In light of the Christchurch tragedy, our union NZEI have postponed our paid union meetings until further notice.

### ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The Ministry of Education are busy supporting schools and children in Christchurch, but also engaging with all NZ schools to offer guidance on how to support children. They recognise that this incident is so significant that it has much wider impacts than those being experienced in Christchurch. Here is some advice from their team:

Parents and teachers can help children and young people feel safe by:

- providing reassurance and keeping to routines
- staying calm and promoting a calm environment
- doing enjoyable things together
- taking time to listen and talk

Be guided by their questions, be factual and age appropriate with your response. Children and young people do not always talk about their feelings readily – ask them if they are feeling worried.

- Keep your explanations developmentally appropriate.
  - Very young children need brief, simple information that should be balanced with reassurances that their ECE, school and homes are safe and that adults are there to protect them.
  - Older primary school aged children will be more vocal in asking questions about whether they truly are safe and what is being done at their school. They may need assistance separating reality from fantasy. Discuss efforts of school, emergency services and community leaders to provide safe schools.
  - Secondary school students will have strong and varying opinions about the causes of violence in schools and society. They will share concrete suggestions about how to make school and communities safer and how to prevent violence and tragedies in society. Have a way of recording the ideas and how you might build on the ideas expressed.
- Emphasize the role that students have in maintaining safe schools by following school safety guidelines, communicating any personal safety concerns to teachers and accessing support for emotional needs through teachers and the pastoral care system.
- Observe children's emotional state. Changes in behaviour, appetite, and sleep patterns can also indicate a child's level of anxiety or discomfort. In most children, these symptoms will ease with reassurance and time. However, some children may be at risk for more intense reactions, particularly those who have experienced difficulties and change. Parents and teachers, seek support through your school pastoral care system or your GP.

## RECENT NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to our recent new students: Teegan—Rm 23, Keeva—Rm 23 and Maylei—Rm 22.



## WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Thanks to Libby Richardson, our awesome Accounts Manager, for all the extra work she has put in to prepare for our upcoming annual audit, whilst sorting all the camp finances. Where would we be without you Libby?

## STUDENT COUNCIL—CHRISTCHURCH

The Student Council will be meeting tomorrow. Number one item on the agenda is talking about a positive response to the events in Christchurch.

If you had any ideas, feel free to add it onto the conversation on our school Facebook Page or email me at [mthomas@pbs.school.nz](mailto:mthomas@pbs.school.nz) and I will make sure the Student Council see them.

*Kind regards  
Mike Thomas*

FESTIVAL OF COLOURS  
**HOLI 2019**  
KAPITI PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PARAPARAUMU  
SATURDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2019  
11AM TO 3PM  
**FREE ENTRY**  
COLOUR BOX - \$10  
AND CAN BE PURCHASED FROM  
KAPITI PRIMARY SCHOOL OR  
PARAPARAUMU BEACH SCHOOL  
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## FESTIVAL OF COLOUR—THIS SATURDAY!

PBS School Parents, Aashish and Shweta Suri, are part of the driving committee behind bringing “The Festival of Colour” to Kapiti for the first time this year! This year the venue is the field at Kapiti Primary school, and PBS is hoping to host it in 2020.

We hope you can all get along and support this wonderful cultural event this Saturday! Boxes of Colour are available for purchase from our school office (correct cash only please). For every box sold, PBS makes \$2, which is a great bonus for us. The colour box is \$10.

Furthermore, if you are able or interested in helping at this event on Saturday, 23 March Aashish and Shweta would love to hear from you. Pass your contact details on to Paula in our school office [office@pbs.school.nz](mailto:office@pbs.school.nz) and we will forward them on.

Thanks in advance.

## Holi – Festival of Colours

The Hindu Festival of Holi in India is undoubtedly the country's most vibrant. Unlike many Hindu festivals, the religious element is minimal; Holi is mostly about enjoying the moment, also making it one of the most accessible festivals to outsiders. This is where tradition meets modernism, and Holi becomes a vivacious event with music, dancing, and bright colours.

The date of Holi is determined by the Lunar calendar and coincides with the Full Moon. The corresponding date on the Western calendar varies each year, but usually falls between the end of February and mid-March.

Holi also known as the "festival of colours". This festival signifies the victory of good over evil, the arrival of spring, end of winter, and for many a festive day to meet others, play and laugh, forget and forgive, and repair broken relationships. It is also celebrated as a thanksgiving for a good harvest.

In different regions – Holi is also known as - Rangwali Holi, Dhuleti, Dhulandi, or Phagwah.

### Holi Survival Tips

- i) White is the dress code for Holi. Something old or cheap that you don't mind wasting.
- ii) Oil your hair or similar; this will protect your hair and the colours will be easier to remove. A bandana can be a saviour too.
- iii) Apply skin moisturiser before coming to the event.
- iv) Protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses. The skin around the eyes is the thinnest and you must guard it against the colours.
- v) Protect your valuable cameras and phones. If you need to take them, make sure that they are well protected (this means more than just a plastic bag).

Wash the colours off your skin immediately, after the event is over. For sensitive skin or allergies, apply on your wrist to check for irritation.



## Major Sponsor of the Festival of Colour - Terramark Real Estate

The 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) is one of the ways schools are offering comprehensive digital literacy programs.

A survey by the [New Zealand Council for Educational Research](#) found that principals are struggling to provide students with the devices they need due to their high cost. Parents sometimes find it hard to purchase devices for their children.

As a local resident and business owner, I want to work with school communities.

TERRAMARK supports the "BYOD Programme", by donating \$1000 direct to the school, for every house SOLD (T&C apply). TERRAMARK Real Estate is an independent real estate agency – Licensed under Real Estate Agents Act 2008.

I would love to speak to you on your property needs. Please text me, with your best contact details, or call me on 0212 787469 for a brief chat of our services. You'll see why we're different from the others.

**"My Job is Real Estate and my Business is building lasting Relationships." – Aashish Suri Director**



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Shortly we will be having school photos taken for Yrs 5-8 students (29 March); and Yrs 3-4 students and touch rugby teams (2 April). Juniors and all other sports/groups will be taken later in the year. You DO NOT order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY. Order forms for sibling/family photos MUST be returned to the school office before photo day for photos to be taken. See sample below for more details.

Touch Rugby Coaches: Please let Mike Thomas (mthomas@pbs.school.nz) know if you would like to be in your team's photo. Touch photos will be taken after the class photos are taken.

## Paraparaumu Beach School on 29th March & 2nd April, 2019

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

**You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.**

You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p><b>Pack A \$40.00</b></p> 	<p><b>Pack B \$35.00</b></p>  <p><b>Packs include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack A: 10x8, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar and Class</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack B: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, and Class</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack C: 1x 5x7 and Class</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack D: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, but no Class</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack E: Class only</li> </ul> <p>Complimentary Packs A-D include portrait file voucher. Email the code on the included voucher to us, and we send the file by return. A, B &amp; D include complimentary B&amp;W 5x7's.</p>	<p><b>Pack C \$29.50</b></p>  <p><b>Pack D (Portraits) \$20.00</b></p>  <p><b>Pack E (Class) \$15.00</b></p> 	<p><b>Pack prices</b> (do not pay now)</p> <p>A = 40.00 B = 35.00 C = 29.50 D = 20.00 E = 15.00</p>
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Family/Sibling Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form MUST be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

## 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



## NEW ENTRANT PARENT INFORMATION PRESTATION—TATAHI SYNDICATE

A New Entrant Information Presentation will be held for all parents of new children on **Friday, 22 March 2019, from 9.30-10.15am in the staffroom.**

This session will :

- provide an overview of the 'Transition to School'.
- provide an overview of the New Entrant Programme in reading, writing and mathematics.
- highlight how you can help at home with learning.

In Tātahi Syndicate, we believe that successful partnerships between home and school are established when both parties have a shared expectation and knowledge of their child's learning. We would love to see you there.



### RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Wakeboarding:** Congratulations to Mila of Rm 9 who placed first in the nationals, so is now the Under 11 mixed NZ cable wakeboard champ. Awesome achievement!

### HOCKEY (all on-line)

Registrations to be completed online for all year levels by Tuesday, 9 April. Payment due by Friday, 26 April.

*Vicki Wilson*

### NETBALL

Year 7 - Year 8

Registration form is to be returned by Tuesday 19th March to enable you to trial.

Payment due Tuesday 30th April

Year 5 - Year 6

Registration and payment due by Tuesday 30th April

Year 3 - Year 4

Registration and payment due by Tuesday 30th April

Year 1 - Year 2

Registrations closed



### SKOOL LOOP

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



## SUMMER TENNIS BEACH PARTY

Every child that enrolls for a term of tennis coaching with Leonie will receive their first lesson free.

See Mrs Graham in Rm 13 for your voucher!



## FREE Dental Checks!

(Paraparaumu Beach School)

The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile will be parked at your school this term (1 April to 12 June 2019). Once seen, your child will be given a letter that will inform you of what happens next. This will be either:

- Your child requires no further appointments this year
- Your child needs an appointment at your local Dental Hub Clinic for further care.
- Please contact us to change this appointment if required.
- Please search your child's school bag!

Your local Hub clinic is: **Raumati Beach Dental Clinic**  
26-34 Raumati Beach Road  
Paraparaumu  
Kapiti

If you have pre-school aged children please call us to arrange an appointment for their annual dental checkup at the Dental Hub Clinic. Family appointments are available so more than one family member can be seen at the same time.

To book or reschedule your appointment, or update your contact details, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)**



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