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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2019/03

12 February 2019

Upcoming Events

TERM 1

WEEK 3

Tues, 12 Feb

- Jingo Camp Fundraiser 6.30pm
- Beach Education trip for Rms 9 & 12

Wed, 13 Feb

- **MEET THE TEACHER** interviews 2-8pm **NB: School closes at 2pm**

Fri, 15 Feb

- Beach Education trip for Rms 6 & 7

WEEK 4

Mon, 18 Feb

- Beach Education trip for Rms 5 & 10

Mon, 18 Feb

- **SCHOOL PICNIC 5-7pm**

Tues, 19 Feb

- Beach Education trip for Rm 11

WEEK 5

Mon, 25 Feb

- **TEACHER ONLY DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tues, 26 Feb

- Board Meeting 7pm

WEEK 6

Wed, 6 March

- PTA Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tena Koutou

We are looking forward to catching up with parents at our Meet the Teacher interviews on Wednesday night. The forecast looks like it will be a lovely fine evening, which is a bonus. These first meetings help teachers get to know a bit more about your child, what makes them tick, and their needs and strengths. It helps us 'set the scene' for the year ahead.

The school library will be open during interview times for children who wish to wait indoors or for parents who would prefer kids to be supervised.

We are also looking forward to seeing lots of families at our annual **Back to School Picnic** next Monday night. In response to feedback last year we are trying a different night of the week, so hopefully lots of kids aren't tied up with touch rugby.

The picnic officially starts at 5pm, but of course you're free to arrive earlier. There will be music, sports equipment, a tug of war, a chalk drawing competition and swimming in the school pool. Families will be able to buy a sausage sizzle and frozen juicies at this event. **This year we are ending the picnic with a water fight!** Think of it as a fresh shower before bed. The water fight will start at 6.30pm; kids and adults who wish to be involved need to bring their own water guns/equipment. However, we do not want anyone to bring water balloons as they take a lot of cleaning up and the plastic is not good for the environment. There will be stations for filling up with water and designated spaces for those of us who wish to remain dry.

Ka kite ano

Jess Ward Principal~Tumuaki

NB: Wolf Artwork in pastel was created collaboratively by the students of Room 13.



We are
Summer loving
our school app!



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





A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Quinn—Rm 23 and Logan—Rm 22.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent –Teacher interviews, or “Meet the Teacher” as we often call it at the start of year, will be **held tomorrow - Wednesday, 13 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 gbgme and follow the prompts.

The library will be open during interviews for child supervision.

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



BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC



The kids are very excited about our school picnic on Monday, 18 February from 5 – 7pm. Bring a picnic blanket and picnic dinner along to enjoy on the school field. Kids can have fun playing around the grounds whilst parents and staff have a chat.

The pool will also be open and there will be a sausage sizzle and juices for sale; a chalk drawing competition and water fight (between 6.30-7pm) - bring your own equipment. No water balloons! We hope to see you there!



TEACHER ONLY DAY

Advance warning - **Our school will be closed on Monday, 25 February for a Teacher Only Day.** On this day all our teaching staff and management will be attending a course (hosted at Paraparaumu College) on Restorative Behaviour Practices. We look forward to strengthening our skills and knowledge in this area.

YR 5/6 CAMP FUNDRAISER JINGO NIGHT TONIGHT!

Join us tonight at The Jolly Kitchen and Pub for JINGO from 6.30pm—\$10/ticket; raffles and spot prizes; door sales available.

We would love you to join us ...



REPLACING MATHLETICS

For the past four years we have used Mathletics to enhance in-class maths programmes. However we have found over the last 12 months that student interest in Mathletics has dwindled, especially as the students get older. As a result we have been evaluating other options for the different year levels and have decided that 'IXL' is the right one for students in Years 3-6 and 'Education Perfect' is the tool to engage Year 7 & 8 students.

Whilst face to face teaching of Maths remains the most important part of our programme, we have found that software can help students to practise skills, introduced by the teacher, and consolidate learning. Learning in a digital format is fun for kids, it can help to motivate them and lift student engagement, which in turn boosts their achievement and self esteem.

Whilst parents will be asked for a monetary contribution, both programmes will be subsidised by the school. You will receive further information about this shortly.



WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

A big THANK YOU to Mr Trask for getting the school pool up and running again this year. It's great to see the kids enjoying the water!



FREE TENNIS COACHING FOR ALL STUDENTS!

We are delighted to announce that Paraparaumu Beach Tennis Club have secured funding to deliver free tennis coaching to two schools and PBS has been chosen! Starting next week every class will receive four tennis coaching sessions, via the 'Tennis Hot Shot Programme'.

We would like to give a big shout out to Leoni Ware and the Management Committee at Paraparaumu Beach Tennis Club for this incredible opportunity!

LOVE GARDENING?



We're looking for a group of enthusiastic parents to help weed out and thin back the garden at our Gray Ave entrance. Our awesome caretaker, John Trask, admits that his talents don't stretch to gardening and we all know that 'more hands make light work'! If you can give a few hours of your time during Term 1 we would love to hear from you.

Please email jtrask@pbs.school.nz if you can help.

KIDS QUOTE

A senior student trying out for Student Council started their interview by asking Mr Thomas

"So ... how's your golf?"

Nice tactic!



TACKLING TECHNOLOGY—Highly recommended parent evening

Ever wondered what it's like for your child growing up in the digital age? Are you wanting to keep your child cyber safe and tech savvy?

PBS will be hosting a parent evening, presented by The Attitude Team of the The Parenting Place, to answer all these important questions. Parents of all aged students welcome.

To be held in the PBS School Hall on Tuesday, 12 March. Gold coin donation. Time to be confirmed (evening).

'WHAT NOW' TV PROGRAMME COMING TO PARAPARAUMU

On Sunday, 31 March What Now will be coming live from Paraparaumu School and you and your families are invited to be part of the live audience! Families (including adults) are all invited to come and experience live TV being made while being part of our awesome audience ... and it's FREE!!

As space is limited, we work on a "first in best dressed" approach. Register online to be part of the audience at www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience.



STAY IN THE LOOP WITH OUR SCHOOL APP 'SKOOL LOOP'

Have you found our school newsletter on Skool Loop yet? If not, download the free app 'Skool Loop' in Google Play or the App Store and search for Paraparaumu Beach School; it's so easy and you will have the weekly newsletter at your fingertips! Also, this is a quick and easy way to text in your child's absence, and get notifications on events.

COVER-UP 10 UNTIL 4

Protect yourself from the sun from September to the beginning of April, especially between 10am and 4pm.





The PTA will be holding a meeting on 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

YEAR 1 & 2 NETBALL



A notice is coming home today with students who have indicated they want to play junior netball.

Year 1 and 2 netball runs from 6 March to 3 April on Wednesdays from 4-4.45pm at Te Atiawa Netball Courts, Percival Road, Paraparaumu Beach.

Vicki Wilson

KAPITI COAST UNITED FOOTBALL

Kapiti Coast United Football Club registrations are now open. Please go to our website <http://www.kcu.co.nz> for further details. Registrations close 15 March. Any questions please email junior.admin@kcw.co.nz

TOUCH RUGBY—VENUE CHANGE

Please note that from now on touch rugby games will be played at Otara Park (120 King Arthur Drive, Otaihangā).

The Under 10 Blues team is in desperate need of a coach for the final leg of the season (12 Feb-28 March). If you are able to help, please contact lynzbatty@hotmail.com

