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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

# Newsletter 2019/32

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## Upcoming Events

### TERM 4

#### WEEK 1

- **Fri, 18 October**
  - ◊ Te Motu (Yr 7/8) attending sports at Paraparaumu College

#### WEEK 2

- **Tues, 22 October**
  - ◊ Board Meeting—7pm
- **Thurs, 24 October**
  - ◊ Golf Tournament (selected Yr 7/8 students)

#### WEEK 3

- **Mon, 28 October**
  - ◊ Labour Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
- **Tues, 29 October**
  - ◊ Year 8 Immunisations
  - ◊ Yr 5/6 Athletics Day
- **Wed, 30 October**
  - ◊ Yr 7/8 Athletics Day
  - ◊ Senior Kapa Haka attending hui at Aotea College—6pm

#### WEEK 4

- **Mon, 4 November**
  - ◊ Teacher Only Day—SCHOOL CLOSED

Hello and welcome to Term 4!

Term 3 was so much fun. The amount of creativity on display was impressive. From the incredible wearable arts costumes, Artsplash performances, our PBS Bake-Off and Kapa Haka displays to the fantastic art exhibitions and cultural dances, the school felt alive with talent. Thank you so much to all the students and staff for getting stuck in and making this vibrant term possible.



(Cupcake art from the Junior Exhibition)

Term 4 is going to be just as much fun as we have many exciting things planned including Senior Camps to Nelson, Athletics, EPRO 8, trips, and even a spot of swimming in the school pool if the weather heats up.

There will be lots going on so be sure to read each newsletter to ensure you keep yourselves informed of upcoming dates.

Kia pai te rā! Have a nice day!

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Aglika, Lara, Sophia and Ema—all in Room 20.



## TERM 4 TEACHER ONLY DAY: REMINDER

Next month on **Monday, 4 November** our school will be having a **Staff Only day**. Our first teacher only day was in February this year and this November date will be our last for this year. Staff are using this day for professional development and to progress the redesign of our school curriculum. **School will be closed for instruction on this day.**



## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Like most schools we don't like asking for money, especially when donations are voluntary, however we are down in contributions this year. Therefore, we would really appreciate any outstanding contributions for the annual parent donations, IXL Maths software, Manual training costs and Education Perfect software etc. Requested amounts should be listed on KINDO. Log onto Kindo [here](#), otherwise you can contact the school office.

*Thank you for helping PBS offer all that we do!*

## PROCESS FOR 2020 CLASS REQUESTS

At PBS we prefer that parents do not submit requests, unless there are exceptional circumstances. For this reason, we have a formal process which parents must adhere to. Requests from parents must be for specific reasons (e.g. *based around the child's needs*). It is preferable that you don't name a specific teacher. I can assure you that we act professionally and thoughtfully when placing students in classes for the new year. This process is an extremely complex and time consuming task with many variables to consider. When under-taking this process we have to consider: *class size, gender balance in each room, the distribution of students with social/behavioural and learning needs (including special abilities), medical needs etc.*

In a school our size, it can take between 6-8 weeks to put class lists together; whereas in a small school there may only be one class at each level – so no process is needed. Therefore, we ask that parents/ caregivers are both understanding and supportive of the complexities involved. Whilst we will continue to allow parents to submit such requests, we do ask in return, that the final school decision on class make-up (**whether or not** a request has been able to be met) is both respected and promoted positively by parents to their children. We are extremely lucky to have such an “across the board” teaching strength in our school, and with all classes within a syndicate following a similar, collectively-planned programme, we can confidently say that every class will offer access to quality teaching and learning, along with the opportunity for many wonderful new friendships to be made.

### All requests must:

- be in writing to the Principal (jward@pbs.school.nz)
- be in by 4pm October 27
- specifically describe student's needs and reason for the request
- be from the child's parent/guardian

All requests will be carefully considered, however there is no guarantee that a request will be met. Thank you for reading.



## NEW SCHOOL GATES AND FENCES

We're pleased to finally have our new gates and fences erected. The Ministry of Education paid for these to be erected to better ensure student safety during the school day. The pathway gates will be clipped open before the start of school and after the 3pm bell, and pulled closed during 9.15am - 3pm. **If your child arrives late to school you will need to let them through the gate by lifting the top latch.**

The gate to the school car park will automatically open, during school hours, when a car drives up to it. After hours these gates will be locked.

## SHADE SAIL UPDATE

Last term we notified parents, via the newsletter, that a post on our shade structure had come down in high winds. This matter was further investigated and we subsequently discovered that the incorrect diameter of poles were initially installed. Therefore, all 13 posts and the entire shade structure is going to be removed and completely replaced. This comes at no cost to the school, however the price we'll pay is that we will be without shade for the sun (in this area) until further notice.

Whilst this is incredibly frustrating and disappointing, we must ensure the safety of our kids and community by rectifying this matter. We have new structural engineers overseeing this work which provides us with much needed confidence.

## WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

I want to say a big thank you to John Trask and his cleaning team for ensuring the school was spick and span for us to come back to after term break. Thank you all so much for your hard work! We appreciate everything you and your team do for us.

(The staff even tolerate your jokes).



## USING MĀORI LANGUAGE AT HOME

Each week we will be picking a phrase from "MĀORI AT HOME" by Scott and Stacey Morrison that you might like to try out at your place. After all it will take the whole nation to keep this unique language alive!

Have a nice day ~ Kia pai te rā

Have a nice day at school ~ Kia pai te rā ki te kura

## KID'S QUOTE

A student in Year 5-6 was told of the progress they had achieved in a maths assessment. The progress was fantastic.

The student's response was "Wow, my teacher obviously knows what they're doing!"



## SUNHAT TERM

A reminder that Term 4 is a sunhat term. Students must wear a bucket-style/wide brim hat when outside. Caps and fedora style hats (with a small brim) do not provide enough protection to the face or neck, so please ensure your child has the appropriate sun protection. We also recommend that students keep a small tube of sunscreen in their bag for daily use; roll-on sunblock seems to be the easiest for kids to dispense and apply themselves. School hats are available to purchase from the school office at a cost of \$14.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge students who have achieved at a very high level of their chosen pursuit (academic, sporting, cultural, community service or other activities). It is intended to be used to promote these students as role models throughout our school community in a manner that encourages other children to look up to and strive to emulate. Students in Years 4-8 are eligible to be nominated for the award.

Official nomination forms are available from the school office or click [here](#) to download a copy. They should be completed and returned as soon as possible. **The nomination closing date is Friday, 1 November.**

For further information on the awards process, please contact Assistant Principal Vicki Wilson during school hours on 298 5775.

## RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Speech Cup:** Congratulations to Liam Fu who won the Yr 7/8 Speech Cup Final at the end of last term. He presented a very entertaining speech on "Annoying Things"!

## SCOOTER SAFETY

We have had a number of children bringing Allen keys into school to modify or 'dial in' their scooter. We have explained to the students that we are worried about the safety of this and that this is not to happen here at school. Whether you are happy for this to happen at home is up to you, but we do suggest that you check out your child's scooter to ensure it is safe, especially as we have seen younger students making modifications that are not safe. We would hate to see someone getting hurt.

*Thanks Mr Thomas*

## CHROMEBOOKS FOR YR 4s YEAR 4 CHROMEBOOKS FOR 2018

We are aware that some families of current Year 4 students have already purchased or leased their Chromebooks in preparation for 2020 and BYOD. Of course there is no rush with this. As a school our preferred device is a Chromebook – the brand itself doesn't matter.

About a third of our school families with students in Years 5-8 have purchased direct from a shop e.g. Harvey Normans, Noel Leemings, Warehouse Stationery etc. The other two thirds have either leased or paid outright for a chromebook through the local Education Trust (Whakaaro Hou Education Trust) which assists all schools on the Kapiti Coast.

If you wish to go through the Trust you can buy a device outright or lease to buy over a two year or three year period. The Trust only does one roll-out of devices per term. Their next roll out requires 'Expression of Interest' forms to be in by 25 November. Putting in an expression of interest does not tie you into anything, it merely starts a line of communication between yourself and the Trust. School will send home more information about this with Year 4 students shortly. For more information on the Trust go to: <https://whetrust.weebly.com/>



## TOUCH RUGBY

Touch rugby starts on Tuesday with U7's and U8's; Wednesday for U12's and U14's; and Thursday for U10's.

You should have all heard from your coaches by now. If not, check your email junk mail box as this seems to be where the bulk emails go. If you still have nothing, please let me know via [troberson@pbs.school.nz](mailto:troberson@pbs.school.nz) or get the number from the team forms on Rm 13's window.

All players need a school top, which can be purchased through Kindo [here](#) or from the office (with correct cash please) if you don't already have one.

Have a great season everyone!



## YEAR 1 & 2 NETBALL—TERM 4 2019

Netball will be starting on Wednesday, 23 October and finishing on Wednesday, 20 November. **Please get your registration forms into the office by the end of today Tuesday, 15 October.** Payment can be made on Kindo [here](#).

Ms Wilson

## STORY BY QUIN – Age 7 yrs

*It was a sunny day. The wind was blowing lightly, the trees were whistling in the air and the birds were tweeting in the calm wind. The texture of the calm wind was bright and toasty. The sun was as bright as a sweet lemon. The air smelt like fresh lime. The bright colourful monarchs spread their wings and flew suddenly. There was a monarch that wasn't able to fly.*

*"I wonder what's the matter" said Abigail.*

*"Grandpa" I said "There's a monarch that needs help"*

*Grandpa hurried.*

*"Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear a monarch's struggling. We better go help it" said Grandpa.*

*Five minutes later the butterfly started to slow down.*

*"Oh dear Abigail, what's the matter with the butterfly?" asked Grandpa.*

*Slowly the wings were dripping down. Suddenly there was a humungous storm. The zigzag lightning bolts shot out like a gun, but the butterfly was still lying on the soft ground.*

*"What should we do Abigail? I am not going in that terrible weather" said Grandpa.*

*While the butterflies were out in the windy storm, we were on the cosy couch with the toasty fire on. In the morning I heard a loud flutter. I hurried to Grandpa's garden.*

*"Wow" I said. "Thousands of colourful monarchs were surrounding the beautiful monarch lying on the soft green ground. Suddenly the butterflies stopped fluttering. The beautiful butterfly started to twitch it's wings and off it went in the refreshing air."*





## 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 Kapiti & Kenakena:** Specialising in delivering quality before school, after school and holiday programmes. We strive to create a fun and safe environment that our kids just love! Limited spaces for Term 4 available and we are now taking bookings for T1 2020! For more info please call Jools Da Silva on 021 0254 3249 or email [jools@skids.co.nz](mailto:jools@skids.co.nz).

**Hoop Club Kapiti—Jnr Basketball Coaching Programme T4 2019:** Sunday, 20 October to Sunday, 8 December at Paraparaumu College Community Sportshall, Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu. 9.30-10.30am for 5-7yr olds; 10.30-11.30am for 8-10yr olds; 11.30-12.30pm for 11-17yr olds. All new players most welcome. Contact Angelo Robinson on 904 0142 or [contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz](mailto:contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz).

**Next Chapter Parenting:** Offering a parenting course which is effective and works! Helps you as a parent gain control back in you and your child’s life. 10 week course (1hr/week). Happy to make a group booking or individually at the same price. Contact [brigid@parentingskills.co.nz](mailto:brigid@parentingskills.co.nz); Facebook NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING or [www.parentingskills.co.nz](http://www.parentingskills.co.nz).

**Table Tennis Table for Sale:** Double fish folding table tennis table for sale. Really good condition. Great Xmas pressie for the family! \$50. See or message Cath Franks in Rm 14 ([cfranks@pbs.school.nz](mailto:cfranks@pbs.school.nz)) if you are interested.

**The GO Club and B.O. Club:** Back for Term 4. Book now on [enrolmy.com/the-go-club](http://enrolmy.com/the-go-club). Spaces limited. See [thegoclub.org](http://thegoclub.org) for more info.