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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2018/02

7 February 2018

Upcoming Events

TERM 1

WEEK 3

Tues, 13 February

- Board Meeting—7pm

Wed, 14 February

- Discover China Day—Yr 7/8

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

Too Much UV is not Very Groovy!

Ultraviolet radiation is what makes our skin burn. It is especially harsh in NZ. Remember to cover up, seek shade, and wear sunscreen during the summer months.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora!

I hope you all had a great Waitangi Day – it sure is great to be sharing this beautiful place we call home!

We've had a super start back to school; it's been lovely to pop into all the classes and see the kids so settled and happy.

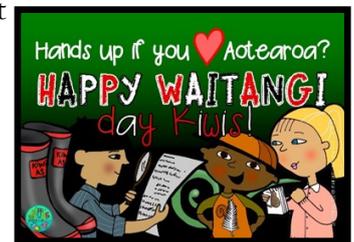
Before the students started back last week, we held two Teacher-Only days. The first of these two days included a Ministry of Education course on 'Teaching for Positive Behaviour'. The course content aligned extremely well with the school's use of restorative practice and the review of our school rules. Towards the end of 2017, teachers and students reviewed the existing school rules and matched these up with values we consider important e.g. respect, co-operation, tolerance etc. This enabled us to rewrite the rules as behaviour expectations, under the banner of "CREST", and start the new school year with shared understandings.

Great behaviour, shared values and simply neat kids are hallmarks of our school. A huge thank you, first and foremost, must go to parents, grandparents and caregivers for raising such lovely mannered, kind and responsible kids! At PBS we endeavour to make sure positive behaviour is promoted and inappropriate behaviour is addressed. I think it's fair to say however that we are also realists; when it comes to behaviour all schools experience ups and downs, but we always aim to be proactive and work with parents to solve issues. For the most part we certainly live where the grass is greener.

Our 'Back to School Picnic' is around the corner, so please make sure you have Wednesday, 28 February in your diary (5pm – 7pm). I hope that lots of families will be able to bring a blanket and a picnic dinner along and join us on the field or in the pool!

Ka kite ano

Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Eloise—Rm 18, Owain—Rm 16, Ffion—Rm 1, Noah—Rm 22, Sophia—Rm 18, James—Rm 18 and Jack—Rm 18.

Also Trend—Rm24 who was named incorrectly in last week's newsletter.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

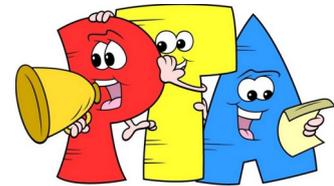
Parent -Teacher interviews, or "Meet the Teacher" as we often call it at the start of year, will be held on Wednesday, 21 February. Interviews, at this early stage of the year, are not reporting sessions. However, they are an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and for parents to pass 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.

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.



STORY OF OUR SYNDICATE NAMES



Tatahi are the fine grains of sand on the beach

TATAHI—Year 0-2 Syndicate is led by Rachel McDowell (Yr 0-1) and Vicki Howarth (Yr 2)

Ngaru are the small waves that greet the sand

NGARU—Year 3-4 Syndicate is led by Sarah Chambers

Te Moana is the open ocean

TE MOANA—Year 5-6 Syndicate is led by Vanessa Brewer

Te Motu is the island

TE MOTU—Year 7-8 Syndicate is led by Cath Franks

BUILDING UPDATE

Building progress is still on track. A big thank you to those teachers and students using alternative spaces as classrooms this term. I know it will all pay off when you move into beautifully refurbished spaces.

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!



KIDS QUOTE

A visitor to the school was signing in at the front office. When showing her photo ID badge, she said to some students nearby **“Does this look like me?”**

One student replied, **“Yes, but a lot younger.”**

I didn't know where to look!
Jess Ward



RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Archery: During the holidays Jenson Young took part in the Archery NZ National Champs and won silver. He is now ranked NZ No. 2! An amazing result considering the length of time he has been in the sport. Well done!



WERE YOUR EARS BURNING?

Staff Gratitude Section

Thanks to my wonderful staff for ensuring a smooth start to the new school year. Teachers and Syndicate leaders held many planning meetings and worked tirelessly through the summer to organise the year's plans and organise their classrooms. Admin Staff prepared enrolment paperwork, payroll and school documentation, and ensured bills were paid. John Trask and his cleaning team moved furniture, cleaned rooms, polished lino and had the grounds looking top-notch. Senior Management ensured procedures were reviewed and updated, Ministry paperwork was completed and educational 'ends' from 2017 were tied up. Last but by no means least, my super SENCO (Special Needs Teacher), Carrie Reid put many hours into ensuring teacher aide timetables were in order and students' needs were covered.



Thanks Team; you make this such a marvellous place to work! Jess Ward

IMPORTANT REMINDER—STUDENT LEAVE AND ABSENCES

Please remember to phone (298 5775) or text (027 755 7915) if your child is going to be absent from school (or late) for any reason. If you are taking your child out of school for a holiday or other occasion, then you must complete a Student Leave Form available from the office or on our Ultranet page before you go. Thank you.

EXCERPT FROM AN EDUCATIONAL NEWSLETTER

GAME (Governance and Management in Education) Consultancy recently sent a newsletter to NZ schools. I was delighted when I read the content below about our school. Have a read.

Well done to the following schools which ERO thought deserved 4 - 5 year returns in the last 6 months:

Holy Cross School (Miramar), Russell School, Paraparaumu Beach School, Waikanae School, Belmont School

As noted in a 2015 edition of this Newsletter, the number of schools receiving exemplary ERO reports has diminished. When the differentiated reporting model was first introduced in 2009 it was suggested that 20% of schools may be eligible for an extended return date. Since 2015 this number continues to decline with only 6 schools in 2017 being placed on the 4-5 year return cycle. However, as the numbers have decreased it has been a very small number of 'outstanding' schools which have been repeatedly acknowledged by ERO. The schools listed below are the only schools in the Wellington region, including Kapiti and the Wairarapa, which, under the new reporting model, have only ever had 4-5 year reviews.

I mention these because often I am asked for schools where best practices of teaching and learning are most evident. We understand that ERO reporting is a very blunt instrument but as a reference they provide a good indicator of general school effectiveness and success.

It is important to note that all these schools received their reviews when the senior management team remained largely unchanged. Be aware that significant senior management changes may have occurred since their last report and, as such, may have a different impact on future reporting.

Schools which have received two consecutive 4-5 year reviews:

Dyer Street School, Wellington College, Island Bay School, St Brigids, Miramar North, St Francis Xavier, St Peter and Pauls (Lower Hutt), St Patricks College (Town), Epuni, Ngaio School, Johnsonville School, Muritai, St Orans College, Eastern Hutt, Clifton Tc, Seatoun School, Kapanui School, Rata Street School

Schools with have received three consecutive 4-5 year reviews:

Paraparaumu Beach School, Belmont School



NETBALL AND HOCKEY

The winter sport season is coming up fast. To enable us to enter teams into the Coastlands Netball Kapiti and Kapiti Junior Hockey competitions and programmes, we require coaches and umpires.

Please consider if you are able to help in any of these roles and when your child brings home a form saying they are interested in playing—sign up as well!

Regards—Vicki Wilson



WORD OF THE WEEK

Te korero o te Wiki

Whakamau tōu potae!

Wear your hat



MAKING PAYMENTS

School Contributions

All current school contributions have now been added to your child's account and will also now be showing in Kindo. For those new to school or those without an account, Kindo (known as The Growth Collective) is an online platform which our school uses for parents to view and pay for any school activities and donations. Kindo automatically links to our school system eTap using your email address. All of your child's class details will have automatically updated in Kindo for 2018. For any school trips during the year you can fill the permission slip in via Kindo and not have to return any paperwork back to school. Kindo is the school's preferred method of payment and method of receiving permission slips. Alternatively, you can still pay via direct credit to the school bank account 02-0733-0032819-00 using a reference of the child's name and what the payment is for, or you can pay with Cash/Cheque into the blue money box which sits outside the staffroom door until 9:00am each day. Our Eftpos facilities in the office will be stopping on Friday, 2 March.

- ◇ Donation – Family \$100.00
- ◇ Donation – 1 Child \$65.00
- ◇ Mathletics (Yrs 2-8) \$10.00
- ◇ Technology (Yrs 7/8) \$60.00
- ◇ Stationery Contribution (Yrs 0-2) \$10.00



Using Kindo

If you do not already have a Kindo account it is easy to set up – all you need is your email address which is held by the school. Simply go to our school website and click on the “Shop” menu button. On this page there are links for First Time Users and Registered Users. Simply follow the link and the instructions to set up your account. There is also a tutorial video to help guide you through how it works. If you have any questions see the guides at <http://support.mykindo.co.nz> or you can either contact the Kindo helpdesk on 0508 4 KINDO or email hello@mykindo.co.nz or call/email Eva in the office on emcginley@pbs.school.nz. Please note that if you need to change your email address at any time you will need to let the school know. Kindo is now accepting payments via American Express, UnionPay and POLi in addition to their old payment methods of Internet banking, Account2Account (managed internet banking), Mastercard and Visa. Credit card payments cost 50c + 2.5% (a slight increase on last year) but other payment methods remain free of charge. You can add funds to your account regularly or in advance, or just pay as you go. To get the details on how to top up your Kindo account, once logged in click on the “Top Up Account” button. Please note payments for Kindo need to go into the Kindo bank account, not the schools.

Personalised Accounts & Sports/Trips

Once in Kindo, any contribution specific to your children will show in the “Personalised Accounts” area. Your children will be listed with any items specifically for them listed underneath their name. To get more details about each item simply click on the name of that item and the description box will appear. If it is an item which requires permission e.g a trip, then when you click on the + button to add it to the Shopping Cart (as Kindo works like an Online shop) a box will appear asking you questions before you can continue. The questions differ depending on the trip and what information the teachers require. Please note you will need to fill this information out for each child i.e if you have 2 children going on the same trip you will need to add the trip into your cart and fill out a permission slip for each child. There is no need to return the paper permission slip back to school if you have filled it out using Kindo. Also please note the school only receives the permission slip information from Kindo once the whole process in Kindo has been completed (after it has been added to the cart and paid for). If you are unsure whether the transaction has been completed or not you can check your orders from the “My Orders” menu button. Any activities which are not specifically for your child e.g Sports or Optional activities, will appear listed separately in Kindo (like the Hats and Polo shirts) rather than showing in the Personalised accounts area.

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

NZF Football Skills Centre Open: Skills sessions for junior footballers aged 7-15 years. Register now for your local NZF Skills Centre using the details provided below and we will help you be the best footballer you can be. Start date 2 February running for 8 weeks on Fridays for 7-10years from 4-5pm; and 11-15 years from 5-6pm at Weka Park. Cost \$60 or \$110 for two children in a family. Contact Paul Jones on topdec@xtra.co.nz or ph 027 498 9917.

Kapiti Coast United Football: Registrations are now open for 2018 and Junior Premier Trial dates are now out. Please go to our Facebook or website: <https://kcu.co.nz/category/juniors/> to get more details on how to register and the junior trial dates.

Crawshaw Music School: Taking private music lessons and band class applications now. Specialising in one on one lessons at \$32 per 1/2 class. Our teachers have years of experience teaching privately in guitar, piano, keyboards, singing, drums, bass, ukulele, flute and band. Write to aj@crawshawmusicsschool.co.nz to get a free trial lesson booked at our Sheffield Street Studio today.

Aikido Kapiti: Junior Aikido classes (10-13yrs) start 9-9.50am on Saturday, 10 February in the Waikanae Wrestling Club on Park Ave. For more details see <http://aikidokapiti.webs.com/kidsclasses.htm> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AikidoKapiti> or contact us at aikidokapiti@gmail.com.

Ngahina Kindy Market Day: Saturday, 24 February from 9am-12 noon at 5 Ngahina Street. Wet weather backup at the school hall next door.

Art Ace: Fun and relaxed learning, art plus art history, discover inspiring artists, learn to paint and draw, supportive and experienced art tutor; certificates for course completion for 8-12yr olds—\$130. Contact abby-wendy@hotmail.com for enrolment details.

Hoop Club Kapiti: Junior Basketball Coaching Programme Term 1 2018 restarting Sunday, 18 February running through to Sunday, 8 April at Paraparaumu College Community Sportshall. 9.30-10.30 5-7 yr olds; 10.30-11.30am 8-10 yr olds; 11.30am-12.30pm 11-13 yr olds. All new players most welcome. Contact Angelo Robinson on 904 0142 or contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz.

Kapiti Music Centre: Group lessons for 4yrs old to adults. Costs start at \$180/year for 30 lessons at Kapiti College Music Dept on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3.45-7pm. Come to an enrolment day on Saturday, 10 Feb from 10.30am-12.30pm or Tuesday, 13 Feb from 5.30-7pm at Kapiti College Music Dept (A Block) or contact admin@kapitimusiccentre.org.nz or www.kapitimusiccentre.org.nz or ph 021 2971 4143.

Heart Foundation Big Heart Appeal: Friday, 23 and Saturday, 24 February we need your help! Every 90 minutes another NZer dies from heart disease. Help us fight back by signing up at heartfoundation.org.nz/volunteer or call Annette on 04 472 2780. We appreciate your big hearted support!



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