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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2019/04

19 February 2019

Upcoming Events

WEEK 4

- **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
- **Wed, 27 Feb**
 - ◊ Te Motu Syndicate (Yr 7/8) Maclean Park Picnic

WEEK 6

- **Wed, 6 March**
 - ◊ PTA Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom

WEEK 7

- **Mon, 11-Fri, 15 March**
 - ◊ Life Education Programme for Ngaru Syndicate (Yr 3/4)
- **Tues, 12-Fri, 15 March**
 - ◊ Te Moana Camp #1 (Rms 2, 28 & 29)
- **Tues, 12 March**
 - ◊ Parents Tackling Technology Information Evening

WEEK 8

- **Tues, 19-Fri, 22 March**
 - ◊ Life Education Programme for Tatahi Syndicate (Yrs 1 & 2)
 - ◊ Te Moana Camp #2 (Rms 1, 3 & 4)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Parents and Whanau

Thanks to everyone who made it along to the School Picnic last night; what a lot of fun we had! Watching the kids reminded me of everything that's great about growing up in NZ. The tug of war, the sizzling sausages, the outdoor pool, social cricket, tennis and water fights all brought back memories and a certain 'feel good factor'.



As mentioned in previous newsletters, **the school will be closed next Monday for a Teacher Only day.** All the teachers will be attending a course delivered by Australian Educator, Marg Thorsborne. Marg is the founding and current director of Restorative Practices International. On this day our staff will be



adding to their knowledge of positive behaviour management, to help students understand their responsibilities and accountabilities to themselves and others. If you are interested in learning more about Marg, take a look at the video link below "The

healing power of dialogue" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9z6mUNk1N9E>

Warm regards

Jess Ward, Principal~Tumuaki

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

Jacob—Rm 22, Ty—Rm 23 and Sophia—Rm 22.

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 are welcome.

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

Principal's Recommendation

I have attended this parent information evening twice in recent years and can highly recommend it. Whilst it's aimed at parents with children in Years 7 and up, it is very valuable for all parents. The presenter will talk about apps and websites most commonly used by kids and teens in NZ today and why kids are selecting these tools to connect with others and express themselves. The need for parental involvement, to help kids navigate the digital world safely is paramount. I hope you can make it along.

Jess Ward



TEACHER ONLY DAY

Advance warning - **Our school will be closed next 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.

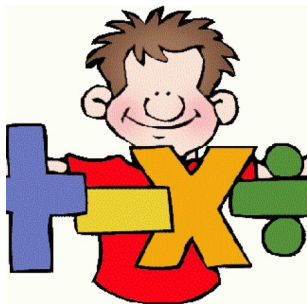
WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

Thank you to our wonderful staff for ensuring last night's picnic was a success. It certainly looked like everyone was having a great time.



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.

FREE TENNIS COACHING FOR ALL STUDENTS!

Our students are absolutely loving their free tennis lessons, thanks to Leoni Ware and Paraparaumu Beach Tennis Club.

Every class is receiving four free coaching sessions as part of the 'Tennis Hot Shot Programme'. We're sure this opportunity will spark lots of interest in tennis and perhaps get students taking up the sport long term.



RECENT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Wakeboard Competition: Congratulations to Mila Tucker Nathan who won 1st place in the U10 GROM Girls in the annual "Catching Edges" Cable Wakeboard Competition held last weekend. She was the youngest competitor in the competition and beat all the girls who were two years older than her! Well done!

KIDS QUOTE

Student A "I stubbed my toe on a cabinet"

Student B "How's the cabinet? Any blood?"





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

SUNHATS AND SUNBLOCK

We are loving this sunshine, but it means kids need to wear wide-brimmed hats and sunblock every day. A wide brimmed hat is essential for keeping the sun off the face, neck and ears, so caps don't fit the brief; neither do small brimmed fedoras.



Many of us, parents and staff, recall getting sunburnt as children and sadly now many of us know people who have been affected by melanoma. These days we have the products to protect our kids, so we must make use of them. The school has some large sized bottles of sunblock, which we take on trips and camps, but we simply cannot afford to sunblock 610 students every day. Therefore, we ask parents to be responsible for ensuring their kids are sunblocked before school, have a small tube in their bag for re-application and wear a wide-brimmed hat.

NETBALL

Year 1 & 2 Netball

If your child is interested in playing, please remember to return forms back to school by Monday, 4 March.

Year 3 & 4 Netball

I have no details from Netball Kapiti as yet.

Year 5 & 6 Netball

Starts 4 May. More information will come out closer to the date. The coaches workshop with Irene Van Dyk will be held on Monday, 15 April from 6-7pm.

Year 7 & 8 Netball

Starts 4 May. Trials will be held on Tuesday, 26 March. More information will come out closer to the trial date.



'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.

TOUCH RUGBY

Trials for the U10 school vs school team will be held on Sunday, 24 February at 4pm for any keen players at Otaraau Park, Otaihanga. Players must be 9yrs and below as of 1 January 2019 to qualify.

