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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2017/17

6 June 2017

Upcoming Events

WEEK 6

- Life Education Programme for Te Motu Syndicate (Yr 7/8)

Tues, 6 June

- BOT Meeting—7pm

WEEK 7

Tues, 13 June

- School Cross Country for Yr 7/8—11am; Yr 5/6—1.30pm

Wed, 14 June

- School Cross Country for Yr 3/4—1.30pm (p/p Thursday)

Wed, 14-Fri, 16 June

- Small Sticks Hockey *Fri, 16 June*
- Tatahi Syndicate (Yr 1/2) Fairytale Ball - 9.15 -10.30am in the hall (tbc)

Sat, 17 June

- PTA Race Night Fundraiser!

WEEK 8

Tues, 20 June

- Matariki activities throughout the day

Wed, 21 June

- Tatahi (Yr 1/2) Whakarongotai Marae Visit

Wed, 21 June

- Yr 8's trip to Kapiti College

Thurs, 22 June

- Inter-school Cross Country

Fri, 23 June

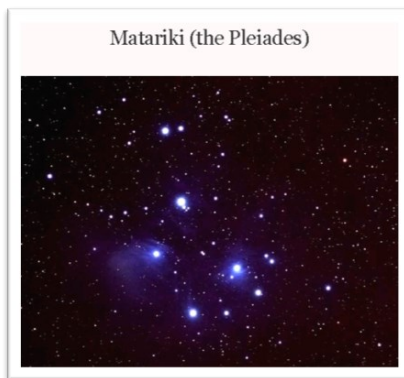
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone enjoyed Queen's Birthday yesterday and got to spend some down-time with the kids.

In last week's newsletter I was remiss in welcoming Tony Webb to PBS. Tony has commenced his teaching position in Room 4 and it's been great to see how quickly he has settled into daily life here. I know the students of Room 4 have made Tony feel very welcome; we are looking forward to working with Tony as part of our Year 5-6 team. Furthermore, I'd like to thank Teresa Robertson who has capably taught Room 4 between Liz Griffin's departure and Tony's arrival. Your work is always appreciated Teresa.

With Matariki just around the corner, teachers are planning buddy-class activities to promote learning about the Maori New Year. I've often



Matariki (the Pleiades)

thought that celebrating Matariki should be more prominent; it is part of the story of our land and heritage as Kiwis. On a visit to Singapore I saw how prominent the Chinese New Year celebrations are, and loved the enthusiasm the residents showed for the event. Matariki is the Maori name for the Pleiades constellation in our May/June night sky. Traditionally this event had multiple purposes, it was a time to celebrate crops harvested, time

to remember those who had passed away and time to acknowledge the start of the new calendar year. At PBS we certainly plan to make an annual fuss over this event!

I want to finish this email by saying **thank you** to all the parents who have given up their own time to help with fundraisers recently. Money raised through mid-week munchies, entertainment book sales and the ice-skating event enable us to provide extra opportunities for students. I hope you all have your tickets for the PTA Race Night on 17 June too; a fun night is in store thanks to our fabulous PTA.

Ka kite ano, Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki

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KIDS QUOTE

In the playground ...

"A boy came and took our ball because he thought it was his one. Now he says he's going to tell on the Principal".

(The Principal is innocent!)

RECENT NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to our new students this last week:
Royce—Rm 12, Booklyn—Rm 15, Ripeka and Max—Rm 22.



FIDGET SPINNERS

Many students are bringing fidget spinners to school and as a result we have had a few problems with them. Whilst we understand that fidget spinners were designed to help those with focusing problems, our students are treating them as more of a gimmick or toy. Recently we have had many of them fall apart, releasing ball bearings or spun so hard that they have hit other kids in the face. For these reasons we ask students to leave them at home. However, if you feel your child needs something like this to concentrate, something like a squeeze stress ball is more appropriate for school. Thank you for your understanding.



DOGS IN SCHOOL GROUNDS—PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

We have had an unfortunate spate of dog excrement around the school grounds over the last 2-3 weeks, which is a very unpleasant hazard for kids and a nasty mess for staff to clean up.

Our school is a 'dog-free' zone, but we are aware that people walk their dogs in the grounds after school hours from time to time. Perhaps there have been dogs on the loose recently too. We ask everyone to keep an eye out for dog owners who are not being responsible and perhaps remind them that the grounds are dog-free. Thanks



OLD HALL CHAIRS FOR SALE

We have a number of old school chairs for sale. \$5 each. If interested talk to John Trask.

YEAR 7/8 CAMP FUNDRAISER



We would like any good quality children's clothing to sell at a second hand stall at school. Please drop off clean good quality clothing, jackets and shoes that you no longer need or want to outside Rm 1 or next to the blue money box outside the staffroom in the container provided.

NETBALL SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

Eilidh Hamilton, Oceania Tiata and Annabel Logan have been selected to be in the Kapiti Representative netball team. They go to tournaments and play for the district, but can't do this without financial assistance, so this is where we need your help! The girls are going to compete in a 5km run for sponsorship and would love you to contribute. You can sponsor an amount per km or just a lump sum amount.

Please contact Eilidh Hamilton in Rm 15 if you can help, or simply send an email to jward@pbs.school.nz stating your name and the sponsorship amount. Thank you.



Juicees

The PTA will continue to sell Juicees every Friday at lunchtime for the rest of this term.

They will be available outside Room 29 and will cost \$1 each.

MID-WEEK MORNING TEA MUNCHIES—WEDNESDAYS

The cost is \$1 or \$2 per item.



ADULT HELPERS REQUIRED

Te Moana syndicate (Yr 5/6) is in need of some adult helpers (parents/grandparents) to work with small groups of students in improving their maths skills. If you are able to give us some of your time, please contact Vanessa Brewer at vbrewer@pbs.school.nz.



PBS SPORTS TEAM HOODIES

Sports hoodies available to order now. Any questions please email lynzbatty@hotmail.com.



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YEAR 7/8 CAMP PIZZA LUNCH FUNDRAISER—FRIDAY, 9 JUNE

Please support the Year 7/8 syndicate getting to Curious Cove with our Pizza Lunch Friday on 9 June.

Pizza Hut Pizza Slices Lunch Order



**** Friday, 9 June—\$2 per Slice ****

Name: Room No.

Hawaiian Pizza Slice Quantity: Pepperoni Pizza Slice Quantity:

TOTAL ORDER AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$.....

Please place your order in a clearly labelled envelope and place in the money box

NO LATER THAN 9AM ON THURSDAY, 8 JUNE

CASH ONLY (NO CHANGE GIVEN)

ANZ OLYMPIC SCHOOLS PROGRAMME is still running!!!

Anyone who mentions Paraparaumu Beach School when taking out a home loan (or top-up over \$50,000) with ANZ can earn 800 points (worth approx. \$400) for the school to spend on a huge range of items at the ANZ Awards Centre. Please continue to **tell friends and family (anywhere in NZ)** who may be considering a home loan with ANZ! (This applies to existing and new ANZ customers). Simply tell the ANZ home loan specialist before draw-down that you are **supporting PBS** in the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme! See www.anzolympicschools.co.nz or contact our 'ANZ staff-parent', Angela Morris at angela.morris@anz.com.

COFFEE CART

Jeremy the Coffee man (and school parent) will be selling coffees from his cart on Wednesdays before school and most afternoons outside the staffroom. A percentage of all sales comes back to the school.

