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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2017/07

14 March 2017

Upcoming Events

WEEK 7

Tues, 14-Wed, 15 March

- Tackling Technology Workshops for Yrs 7-8

Tues, 14-Fri, 17 March

- Te Moana Camp "B" - Rms 2, 3 and 29

WEEK 8

Mon, 20-Fri, 24 March

- Te Moana (Yr 5/6) Pedal Ready Programme

Thurs, 23 March

- PTA AGM

WEEK 9

Mon, 27 March

- Vision and hearing testing for New Entrants

Tues, 28 March

- BOT Meeting 7pm

Fri, 31 March

- SCHOOL PHOTOS for Yrs 3-8 classes

WEEK 10

- Life Education for Tatahi classes starts this week

Mon, 3 April

- Local Inter-schools Swimming Sports

Wed, 5 April

- Tsunami Evacuation Practice

WEEK 11

Tues, 11 April

- Yr 8 Gardasil

Wed, 12 April

- School assembly at 9.20am (weather permitting)

- Whole school "Te Meke Time" (formerly Good Choices Day)

Thurs, 13 April

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

Our second contingent of campers headed off to Vertical Horizons camp this morning, with me along for the ride. Having been to this camp a number of times before, I know what adventure awaits us! Sadly, fewer and fewer primary schools in NZ are offering the camp experience. Having grown up as a kiwi kid myself, I believe camp and outdoor education is almost a rite of passage for our students. So, I'm very grateful our teachers put in the extra hours to be able to make camps a possibility for PBS kids.

Last week's campers had a great time on the grass carts, ropes course, flying fox and other challenging tasks. They came back tired but happy. There is a huge amount of lost property still to be claimed from this camp, so don't forget to take a look outside Room 1.

Yesterday we unveiled our carved Pou "Te Aka Matua". This was carved by former student Jim Wiki to commemorate our 50th Jubilee. The kids applauded loudly and with delight when it was revealed. I love the fact that it is carved from a tree off a former staff member's land and like the way it curves to match the original form of the tree. The story behind "Te Aka Matua" can be found later in this newsletter.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO...

Sonny—Rm 21.



Ka kite ano
Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: TSUNAMI INFO



On Wednesday 5 April our whole school will be practising our Tsunami evacuation procedures, which involves evacuating everyone at school to Mazengarb Reserve. This is a large undertaking but one we need to practise. Each week I have been providing additional information about Tsunami events, so I hope you have found this informative.

Tsunami Scenarios

There are essentially two main scenarios which could affect our school:

1. A small locally caused event: This could be the result of a shallow earthquake very close to us. Because of the nature of the sea floor in the local area, it is extremely unlikely that it would cause a large wave or series of waves and would therefore be unlikely to cause significant damage. The greatest risk from a wave of this type would be to people on or beside the shore. It is unlikely that a tsunami from an event such as this could reach the school.
2. A distant major event: This could be caused by a very large earthquake in (for example) the Papua-New Guinea/Coral Sea region. This has the potential to create a much larger tsunami - but it would have much farther to travel, and even at tsunami speeds there would be time to broadcast a warning and undertake an orderly evacuation. An extreme event of this type is the only one that would test the Kapiti Evacuation Zones as planned by KCDC.

PTA THANKS

Paraparaumu Beach School would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the hardworking PTA for kindly purchasing a bottle of sunscreen for every class. Whilst parents are ultimately responsible for ensuring their child is sunblocked before school and has a small tube of sunblock in their school bag, this extra donation from the PTA is invaluable for trips, outings and any child who has forgotten their own supply.

Thank you PTA, for helping protect our tamariki/kids from the ultra violet rays on the lovely sunny days!

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SCHOOL ENROLMENT SCHEME – TERM 3 & 4 NEW ENTRANTS

We are now at the planning stage for our intake of 2017 Terms 3 & 4 New Entrant five-year-olds.

If you have any children due to start school soon that you have not let us know about, or if you have friends or neighbours who don't currently have a child at PBS, but may be hoping to enrol a new entrant child here in Term 3 or 4, please ask them to contact our school office. Thank you.

n.b The 'out-of zone' applications process for Term 3 & 4 New Entrants will be advertised early May.

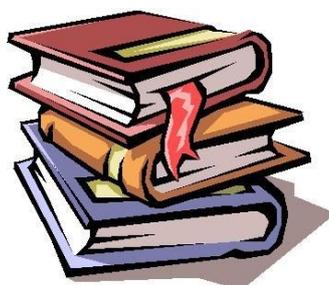


KIDS QUOTE

Last week a 6 year old popped into my office to show me some of their wonderful work. In the middle of our conversation, and totally unrelated to anything we had talked about, they suddenly announced:

"Psychics can read minds and Psychos can speak to dead people."

Why they thought I needed to know this information I'm not sure, but they left my office with a smile from ear to ear!



HOME READING BOOK AMNESTY— MONDAY, 13-FRIDAY, 31 MARCH

We have a number of home readers missing and as they cost \$10/book, we are having a book amnesty. Please have a look at home for any readers that may not have made it back to school and drop them into the Amnesty Box in the staffroom—no questions asked!

STUDENT UPDATE FORMS

Thank you to those families who have returned their "Updating School Records" forms to the office. Please check these and return them to the office asap (whether or not there are any changes).

As you will appreciate, it is very important to have all student details correct in case of an emergency.



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THE STORY OF “TE AKA MATUA” – by Jim Wiki

I have woven in a number of stories to this Pou. This has primarily been done to depict knowing:

- Who we are
- Where we have come from
- Where we are going

The Name: I have named the pou **Te Aka Matua** (the parent vine, the main vine) after the main vine that Tawhaki climbed to obtain Nga Kete o te Wānanga. It has been named to depict the necessity for our children to hold on to the strongest ‘vine’ to succeed in life.

Who we are: The kowhaiwhai on the back of the pou depicts the korowai of learning from the school that cloaks the students, their whanau and the staff.

Where we have come from: The main figure represents Tawhaki. In Māori folklore all knowledge in the world was obtained when Tāwhaki (some say Tāne) climbed the heavens and collected the three baskets. He brought the kete down to earth for the benefit of mankind. The centre post above the figure represents Te Aka Matua, the main vine that Tawhaki climbed to obtain the kete. The decoration on the centre post depicts the steps Tawhaki took to reach the heavens. The two manaia (as hands) depict the two sacred stones (used in the graduation ceremony of the Whare Wananga). The kowhaiwhai on the front represents Ngā Kete o te Wānanga, the three baskets of knowledge, Te Kete Tuatea, Te Kete Tuauri and Te Kete Aronui.

Where we are going: The pou, in its’ entirety, represents a taurapa (sternpost of a waka). This is where the waka is steered. It depicts guiding our children through life .

YEAR 3-8 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Student portraits and class photos for Yrs 3-8 students will be taken on Friday, 31 March by Friis Photography. You do not need to order your child’s portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTO DAY. You will receive an order envelope featuring a photo of your child after photo day.

To request a family/sibling photo you need to return the completed form to school before photo day (sent out last week)

NB: Photos for Yrs 0-2 students will be taken later in the year.



ABSENCES AND LATENESS TO SCHOOL



Please ensure you contact the office directly rather than the class teacher with any absences for your child(ren). Leave forms can be uplifted from the office or the school’s ultranet page for any absence due to holidays etc.

Please also make sure that you advise the office by way of phone/text if your child is going to be late to school, then make sure they are signed in at the office when they arrive.

Thank you for helping make the office run smoothly!



“TACKLING TECHNOLOGY” PARENTS’ PRESENTATION

Thank you to all of those who joined us for the “Tackling Technology” evening last night. It was a very enlightening, educational, inspiring and entertaining evening. We hope you gained some insight and perspective to help you feel more empowered to deal with technology with your child.

PTA AGM

The school PTA is having their Annual General Meeting on 23 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. We are looking for some keen people to join our fantastic team and fill some of the key personnel roles such as treasurer, chairperson and secretary. If you would like to help make a difference in our school and for our children, then come along.

We can’t wait to see lots of new faces with fantastic ideas!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Orders are due back by **9am on Thursday, 23 March.**

You can now place your order and pay online yourself using the Scholastic LOOP website for parents: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Please make sure you choose Paraparaumu Beach School (don’t enter the postal code) and your child’s teacher’s name and room when you place your order.

If you order online DO NOT return any paperwork to school—thanks. Alternatively, you can still order by filling out the order form and returning it to the money box outside the staffroom along with your payment

Please do not ask the office for change for the order, as this is not possible.



KAPITI JUNIOR TOUCH PRIZE GIVING

Sunday, 2 April at Mazengarb Reserve. Grades:

- U7/8s—11am
- Y10s—12pm
- U12s—1pm
- U14s/Referees—2pm



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