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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

# Newsletter 2019/13

7 May 2019

## Upcoming Events

### TERM 2

#### WEEK 2

- **Tues, 7 May 1.30pm**
  - ◊ Half of teachers at Paid Union Meeting—School remains open
  - ◊ Board Meeting at 7pm
- **Thurs, 9 May 1.30pm**
  - ◊ Second half of Paid Union Meeting—School remains open
- **Fri, 10 May 1.30-3pm**
  - ◊ Whanau Fun (whole school)

#### WEEK 3

- **Tues, 14 May**
  - ◊ Yrs 5-8 Rippa Rugby Tournament
- **Thurs, 16 May**
  - ◊ International Support Staff Day
- **Fri, 17 May**
  - ◊ Pink Shirt Day—Bully Free NZ
  - ◊ Fundraiser Discos (see newsletter)

#### WEEK 6

- **Mon, 3 June**
  - ◊ Queen's Birthday

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

Road safety is a concern for everyone; it seems like every day there's a major traffic event in the news. Nationally, the statistics keep climbing and behind those statistics families are affected forever. Just last week a student from Kenakena school was clipped by a car whilst walking to school. Fortunately that child was not badly injured, but the shock of that incident will remain with them forever. The driver involved in the incident got out of the car, saw that the child was ok and then drove off! What's the world coming to?



**At PBS we take road safety very seriously**, and make no bones about it. At times this means that staff on road patrol are abused for their vigilance. Sadly this also means that some staff do not want to do road patrol because of the flack they occasionally receive. On wet days driver behaviour deteriorates significantly, and with winter around the corner our concern starts to rise. A good raincoat, gumboots and an umbrella mean children do not have to be dropped off right outside the school gate. I can only continually plead with every driver to take extra caution and ask you to spread this message far and wide. Children can make unpredictable decisions, they can be easily distracted and of course they can copy what they see adults doing (e.g. jay walking). As the saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child; and it takes every driver to save lives. Let's all be that extra bit vigilant, reduce our speed, keep our eyes peeled for kids, respect other drivers, in fact why not get in the habit of leaving home 10 minutes earlier each day over the winter term to allow more time for a safe journey.

**Please keep safe on our roads - you are ALL important to us!**

Ka kite ano

Jess Ward - Principal ~ Tumuaki

## TODAY AND THURSDAY - PAID UNION MEETINGS - PBS WILL REMAIN OPEN

As mentioned in previously newsletters teachers will be attending Paid Union Meetings this afternoon and Thursday afternoon. As there are two meeting options for teachers in Kapiti, this means we can keep the school open. Half of our teachers will attend today's meeting and half will be released to attend Thursday's meeting.

**Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support of the teaching profession!**

## SUPPORT STAFF DAY - Thursday, 16 May

***Hey kids, did you know that Thursday, 16 May is National Support Staff Day?***

On this day we acknowledge and show gratitude for the wonderful work our teacher aides, office staff, cleaners and Mr Trask do for us. If you've got some time maybe you'd like to make one or more of these staff members a thank you card.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Nominations are invited for the 2019 election of 5 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form and notice calling for nominations have been posted to all eligible voters.



You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **24 May 2019** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school office hours.

There will also be a list of candidates names as they come to hand for inspection at the school office.

**Voting closes at noon on 7 June 2019.**

Libby Richardson  
Returning Officer

## KID'S QUOTE

A young student was reading me an adventure story he had written. One of the characters in the story fainted every time he got frightened. I commented on this and the response I got back was unexpected, quick-witted and delivered with a smirk.

***"He fainted again? He faints a lot."***

***"He's got a medical condition."***



## WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? Staff Gratitude Section

This week I want to thank and acknowledge the teachers of Te Moana syndicate who put their hands up to trial a new digital reporting system for us. This software called 'Spotlight' will allow us to report via a parent portal. Setting up this new system and learning the ropes is time consuming, but already the teachers are seeing the potential benefits, which is exciting.

So a huge thank you to Vanessa Brewer, David Parr, Bek Winter, Nikki Watson-Smith, Tony Webb and Shelley Evans for being our test-pilots! Your extra work is appreciated.

*NB: This means that all students in Year 5 & 6 will have an online report available at the start of Term 3, rather than a paper report at the end of Term 2.*



## STUDENT WORK

At the end of Term 1, the talented students of Rooms 3 & 4 created incredible pastel portraits. This art work was inspired by the masterpieces of Amedeo Modigliani. Amazing!



## SCHOOL ENROLMENT SCHEME—TERMS 3 & 4 NEW ENTRANTS

We are now at the planning stage for our intake of 2019 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.

*'Out-of-zone' applications for Term 3 & 4 New Entrants close this Friday, 10 May at 12 noon.*

## SCHOOL PEPEHA

Are you aware of our School pepeha? A pepeha is the way to introduce yourself in Maori. As a School we do this by 'anchoring' ourselves to our whenua/land by naming the landmarks around us and by acknowledging the local iwi who came before us and exist today. This pepeha is an important part of our story as a school community and one we want every student to know.

***Ko Kapiti te motu  
Ko Maungakotukutuku ngā maunga  
Ko Wharemauku te awa  
Ko Te Rau o te Rangi te moana  
Ko Te Atiawa ki Whakarongotai te iwi***

*Kapiti is the island  
Maungakotukutuku is the mountain  
Wharemauku is the stream  
Rau o te Rangi is our ocean (Rau o te Rangi is the channel of water between  
Paraparaumu Beach and Kapiti Island)  
Te Atiawa of Whakarongotai (marae in Waikanae) are the iwi/people*



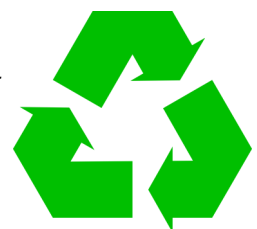
The Student Council will be supporting Pink Shirt Day again in 2019 and we are encouraging everyone to wear a Pink Shirt on 17 May and to Speak Up, Stand Together and Stop Bullying. Get your Pink Shirts ready!

## TERRACYCLE RECYCLING PROGRAMME

TerraCycle's goal is to eliminate the idea of waste by creating collection and solution programmes for all kinds of typically non-recyclable waste. These programmes are free, and for each unit of waste collected we will earn TerraCycle points redeemable for upcycled products, charitable gifts, or payment to our school.

We are collecting any brand of used toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, plastic toothbrush packaging, floss packaging, interdental brushes, wisps, pumps, stand up toothpaste bottles and any kind of non-electric toothbrush and all affiliated non-recyclable packaging. Please use the full product before sending it in.

Vanessa Brewer  
Yr 5/6 Syndicate



# Yr 7/8 Camp Fundraising

## WATCH THIS SPACE—TE MOTU CAMP FUNDRAISER

'Pink' Disco is coming up on Friday, 17 May in the school hall:

Year 0-2	-	Lunchtime
Year 3-5	-	4.30-5.30pm
Year 6-8	-	6-7.30pm

Entry is \$2. More details will follow next week.



## YEAR 7/8 CAMP CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Please can you return your outstanding chocolate fundraising money to the school office no later than Friday, 17 May. This money is now well overdue.

We do still have boxes to sell, but you would need to purchase these boxes outright (\$72) so we can get your child's camp costs all up-to-date.

Any queries please contact Stephanie on [stephanie.j.tessier@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.j.tessier@gmail.com)

# Yr 3/4 Syndicate Fundraising

## NGARU SYNDICATE FUNDRAISER

Ngaru Syndicate will be fundraising for their end-of-year trip this term by holding Midweek Morning Tea Munchies on Wednesdays over a three week period (starting next week).

There will be a selection of yummy treats available for purchase ranging from \$1-\$2.

This fundraiser allows us to significantly reduce the cost of the trip making it more accessible for all. Thank you for your support.

# PTA FUNDRAISING

## SCHOOL FUN RUN

During Week 9 of this term (Tuesday, 25 June) we are going to be holding a whole school Fun Run. This is our major PTA fundraiser for the year.

Next week we will be sending home a sponsorship booklet with your children. All students who raise a minimum of \$10 will be able to choose from a range of prizes, depending on how much sponsorship they are able to get.

We will be looking for volunteers on the day to help out with the Fun Run. If you are able to help, please email Sheryl McKnight at [smcknight@pbs.school.nz](mailto:smcknight@pbs.school.nz).



## WHANAU FUN—THIS FRIDAY

Whanau fun is on this Friday, 10 May. Come dressed in your whanau colours. Each whanau will be doing different activities from 1.30pm.



## SKOOL LOOP

### The App

Are you being 'kept in the loop' with goings-on at our school? If you haven't down-loaded the free app yet, then go to Google Play or the App Store, search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

### Subscribing to Groups

Did you know that when you click on "Notices" in the app there are 3 lines at the top right of the screen? If you click on this symbol you can subscribe to notices for individual syndicates (and some classrooms), as well as general notices? Check it out today!

### Automatic Payments

Don't forget you can set up an automatic payment any time in Kindo to start saving for your child's camp fees, or any expenses for that matter—just like automatic payments through your bank.

### Queries

If you have any queries, please contact Libby Richardson in the office between 12 and 4pm.



## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Paraparaumu Beach School is fundraising with Entertainment! Your support really helps our school, so we're thrilled to let you know about special bonus Early Bird Membership Offers for loyal supporters. Pre-order the NEW 2019/2020 Entertainment Membership and receive bonus offers you can use right away!

See <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1051t05> for more information.



## PAEKAKARIKI SCHOOL PLANT SALE & GARDEN GALA

Sunday, 12 May from 10am-12pm. Music, food, kids' activities, Eftpos. See [www.paekakariki.nz/events](http://www.paekakariki.nz/events)