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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2017/05

28 February 2017

Upcoming Events

TERM 1

WEEK 5

Tues, 28 February

- Board Meeting—7pm

Wed, 1 March

- School Picnic—5-7pm

Thurs, 2 March

- PTA Meeting—7pm in the staffroom—All welcome

Fri, 3 March

- Te Motu Music Challenge Assembly

WEEK 6

Tues, 7 March

- Year 1 Road Safety Walk

Tues, 7-Fri, 10 March

- Te Moana Camp “A” - Rms 1, 4 and 28

WEEK 7

Mon, 13 March

- Tackling Technology Parent Workshop 7-8pm

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

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

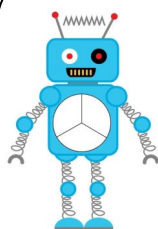
Kia Ora

Thanks to all the parents who made it along to “Meet the Teacher” night last week. It was lovely to see the school buzzing with parents. Thanks also to those who popped into say hi; it was lovely to put names to faces.

The kids are very excited about our School Picnic tomorrow evening (1st March between 5 - 7pm). I’m sure the weather is going to be on its best behaviour too. Bring a picnic blanket and picnic dinner along to enjoy on the school field. Kids can have fun playing around the grounds whilst parents and staff have a natter. There will be iceblocks (\$1 each) and American Hotdogs for sale (\$3 each or \$5 for two) and lots of things for kids to enjoy e.g. tug of war, chalk drawing, sandpit fun and a range of sports equipment to play with. The pool will also be open. Depending on the popularity of the pool we may have to run 30 -45 minutes slots to enable everyone to have a turn (without exceeding our loading limit). *NB: Please remember that the school grounds are smoke-free and dog-free.*

Ka kite ano—Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki

KIDS QUOTE



A Year 3 student stopped to talk to our Caretaker Mr Trask. *“Hi Mr Trask, you should try a robotics game; they do make them for people in their 30s!”*

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO...

Danika—Rm 18, Karli—Rm 18, Joshua—Rm 3, Malachi—Rm 8 and Skye—Rm 13.

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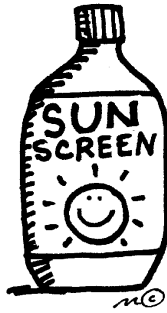
PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Nga Korero o te Wiki
|
He marama?
Do you understand?



SUNHATS AND SUNBLOCK

We are loving this sunshine, and now that summer has arrived we must get the kids back into the habit of wearing 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 650 students everyday. 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. Wide-brimmed school hats can be purchased from the office.

WHANAU GROUP MISSION STATEMENT

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.



SURVEY—PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS 2017— LAST CHANCE

This survey only has two simple questions, so it will take you under two minutes to complete! We value your opinions so please keep your responses coming. Please follow the link below and share your thoughts with us, so that we can plan to meet the needs of our parent community. <https://goo.gl/forms/2hTpAJ9kMAZRj3E22>
NB: Survey closes tonight

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.



PTA MEETING—2 MARCH AT 7PM IN THE STAFF ROOM

The PTA is a group of people whose goal is to raise money for ALL the children at Paraparaumu Beach School. We have a lot of fun while we come up with ideas to help raise funds for the students.

The PTA is vital for our students as it raises money to help students attend camps, school trips and also provide resources for classrooms and without the PTA, costs for students participation on trips, camps etc would increase. The gala last year raised \$20,000 towards the upgrade for the big playground.

We are looking for new members to come and bring some great ideas and have some laughs.



Responsible Citizens: These senior students were completing homework before school.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



In April we will be practising our Tsunami evacuation procedures, this involves evacuating everyone at school to Mazengarb Reserve. This is a large undertaking but one we need to practise. In coming weeks, more information about this will be in weekly newsletters

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that in any emergency situation, we ask that parents stand back or sit with their child quietly until the school has completed all its emergency processes before releasing children. Our goal is to provide for the safety of everyone's children, in a calm and reassuring way. If children are taken away by parents before we can complete processes, this would interfere with our safety goal. Thank you

Student Update Forms

"Updating School Records" forms went home to every student last week. 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.

Tackling Technology - Just for Parents Evening Presentation Monday, 13th March 2017 7-8pm In the School Hall Gold Coin Entry

Te Motu Syndicate are very excited to be able to invite parents of Year 5-8 students to a "Tackling Technology" Presentation run by The "Attitude" Team.

Our evening presentation is designed to complement the existing programme students receive at school and aim to provide caregivers with insight into the issues their young people are facing. Parents and caregivers will walk away with an understanding of their pre-teen's world and practical strategies to help their family navigate these challenging years.

During this presentation you will gain confidence and skills you need to be proactive when tackling technology. Topics include insights into the modern digital world, brain development, text bullying, gadget addiction and online safety. We address utilising technology for all its good parts while keeping realistic boundaries. Parents will be empowered to feel confident while monitoring technology use in their household.

Registration to attend

Name _____ Number Attending _____

STUDENT ABSENCES

A reminder that if your child is absent from school, please phone the office (298 5775) or text (027 755 7915) **before 8.55am**. *Please note the extra 902 5920 school number no longer exists.*

Also, if you take your child out of school during school hours, please remember to sign them out at the office before you go (and in again if they come back).

Thank you also for your patience as we are experiencing problems with our new telephone system. We hope to have it sorted asap!



NETBALL

Trials for Year 6-8 players will be after school on Wednesday, 8 March at 3.30pm and Wednesday, 15 March at 4.15pm. I am aware that the Year 6 players are at camp on these dates, but unfortunately with the netball season starting early, trials need to be early.

Regards—Vicki Wilson

NETBALL AND HOCKEY

All netball and hockey notices have now gone home. If your child did not receive one and is interested in playing either sport, the forms are available from the office or the school website.

Regards—Vicki Wilson



Two cheeky boys trying to scare Ms Ward this morning!

NGARU SYNDICATE THANKS

Ngaru syndicate would like to say a huge thank you to the many parents who helped out with our Beach Education trips last week. We enjoyed great weather and the students were able to participate in a fantastic learning experience.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP FUNDRAISER—AMENDMENTS

Apologies to White Rose Cakery who were last week mentioned incorrectly as White House Cakery. Also, a big thanks to Vanessa Kellogg for her contribution to the Rock and Bingo night.

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