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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

**Newsletter 2017/34**

**31 October 2017**

## Upcoming Events

### **TERM 4**

#### **Week 3**

*Mon, 30 Oct-Fri, 3 Nov*

- Rms 8, 15 & 16 on Camp

*Tues, 31 Oct*  
• Superstars Cricket Programme (selected students)

*Tues, 31 Oct*

- Kapiti Kids Motivational Trust speaking to Years 5-8

#### **Week 4**

*Mon, 6 Nov-Fri, 10 Nov*

- Rms 13 & 14 on Camp

*Tues, 7 Nov*  
• Superstars Cricket Programme (selected students)

*Thurs, 9 Nov*

- Red Cross visiting Ngaru Syndicate

#### **Week 5**

*Mon, 13—Wed, 15 Nov*

- Fire Service visiting Year 3/4

*Tues, 14 Nov*

- Board Meeting—7pm

*Tues, 14 & Wed, 15 Nov*  
• Technology Catch-up days for Year 7/8

*Thurs, 16 Nov*

- Epro 8 Challenge (selected Year 5-8 students)

*Fri, 17 Nov*

- Whanau Fun at 1.30pm

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone

The senior classes who headed off to camp yesterday had a wonderful calm crossing to Curious Cove via Picton. They arrived tired but excited, and particularly enjoyed their first chance to explore their home for the next 4 nights. We look forward to them returning and hearing their stories on Friday evening.

Book Week was absolutely fabulous last week. The classes decorated their windows and doors with book themed artwork, which was incredibly impressive. I was grateful the student librarians were judging these rather than me! Congratulations to the classes (one in each syndicate) which won the top awards; Room 18 -Year 0/1, Room 26 - Year 2, Room 7 - Year 3/4, Room 28 - Year 5/6 and Room 14 - Year 7/8.



Congratulations to Isobel Chisholm, who won the short story competition with her detailed tree story. Isobel, you have such incredible natural talent!

We've had 67 responses to the Board's Parent Survey so far and only one week left before it closes. With over 400 families in our community I hope we will have a lot more responses before the survey closes on Wednesday, 8 November. This two-yearly survey is online and will take parents 5-10 minutes to complete. I strongly encourage every parent to complete the survey as the feedback we gain is vital for the future direction of our school. Thank you in advance. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/paraparaumubeachschool17>

Kind regards, Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki



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## YEAR 4 CHROMEBOOKS FOR 2018

We are aware that some families of current Year 4 students have already purchased or leased their Chromebooks in preparation for 2018 and BYOD. Of course there is no rush with this. As a school our preferred device is a Chromebook – the brand itself doesn't matter.

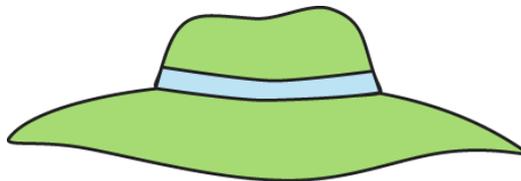


About a third of our families have purchased direct from a shop e.g. Harvey Normans, Noel Leemings, Warehouse Stationery etc. The other two thirds have either leased or paid outright for a chromebook through the local Education Trust (Whakaaro Hou Education Trust) which assists all schools on the Kapiti Coast.

If you wish to go through the Trust you can buy a device outright or lease to buy over a two year or three year period. The Trust only does one roll-out of devices per term. Their next roll out requires 'Expression of Interest' forms to be in by 17 November. Putting in an expression of interest does not tie you into anything, it merely starts a line of communication between yourself and the trust. School will send home more information about this with the Year 4 students shortly. For more information on the Trust go to: <https://whetrust.weebly.com/>

## SUNHAT TERM

A reminder that Term 4 is a sunhat term. Students must wear a bucket-style/wide brim hat when outside. Caps and fedora style hats (with a small brim) do not provide enough protection to the face or neck, so please ensure your child has the appropriate sun protection. We also recommend that students keep a small tube of sunscreen in their bag for daily use; roll-on sunblock seems to be the easiest for kids to dispense and apply themselves. School hats are available to purchase from the school office at a cost of \$14.



## KID'S QUOTE

Last week lots of our staff got into Book Week and dressed up for the Book Character Parade on Friday. The office staff all got in on the act and dressed as witches. One junior student took a look at our Office Manager, Marie, and said...

**“You look just like a real witch!”**

I'm now waiting for Marie to tell me she needs counselling!

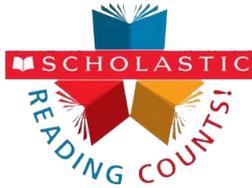
## CLEAN NEWSPAPER WANTED

Room 6 would like clean newspaper to be used for technology. If you have any, please deliver to Room 6.



## NEW SCHOLASTIC BOOK CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for someone to take over this role starting in Term 1 2018. This is a great way to support the school. If you are interested in this volunteer position or want to know more, please email Rebecca at [rtranter@gmail.com](mailto:rtranter@gmail.com). Full training and support will be given.



## JUICEES & COOKIES FOR SALE—PTA FUNDRAISER

The PTA will be selling Juicees and Cookie Time cookies every Friday this term at lunch time. They cost \$1 each and will be selling them outside Rm 17 from 12.30pm.



## WERE YOUR EARS BURNING? – Staff gratitude section

Mr Thomas is a superstar when it comes to leading the student council. I've watched these senior students grow in confidence and leadership throughout the year, which is in part to do with the opportunities Mike has offered and the encouragement of initiative he has provided. Our student council work so hard for the school and PBS kids; I know they enjoy contributing and appreciate Mr Thomas' guidance.



## COLGATE BETTER WORLD RECYCLING PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who left oral care products in the collection box outside the staffroom over the last couple of months. I am very excited to announce that we have been rewarded for our recycling efforts by winning one of the \$1,000 giveaways!! The School's Enviro Team have yet to decide how to spend the prize money.

The competition closed for schools on 29 October. However, you can still drop off your used, eligible oral care products into a collection bin at New World until Sunday, 5 November.

Many thanks for your contributions—Kaye Gilman



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## STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Hi. As you may know, the Student Council have been working on a huge project in making a fitness course. We wanted to keep everyone informed about our progress:

- ◇ We are currently working hard on the design of the fitness course. We are trying to use recycled materials where we are able.
- ◇ We met with the BOT and have their support.
- ◇ We are busy organising fundraising events. The first will be a sausage sizzle. This will be held on 29 November. Watch this space for more information.
- ◇ The project is three stages and we are determined to finish at least one station of the fitness course this year. This will be called "The Floor is Lava."
- ◇ We are hoping to leave plans for the Student Council next year to finish off the rest.
- ◇ The "Floor is Lava" station will have three different things in it. This will include a tyre balance, a normal balance beam and stepping posts.

We are very thankful to all of the parents that have put their hands up to come and help create the fitness course. We are still looking for more helpers. Everyone is welcome to help out with digging holes and such. Our first working bee will be on Saturday, 16 December.

*From Tara and Rikki on behalf of the Student Council*

## REUSABLE BAGS

Does your child need a togs bag for the up and coming swimming season??? Do you need a \$5 gift for your secret Santa this year???

Well we have the answer for you. Why not purchase a re-useable bag.? These bags are great as they fold away into their own little case and can be used at any time. They are strong and waterproof, so could be great for togs bags, shopping bags or just a bag that you can use at any time. In the photo below you can see the different designs and also how small they fold up to with the carry case that they go in. There are also some great prizes up for grabs – 3 different skateboards and some other prizes. You can order your re-useable bags by contacting Samara Shaw on email: [doris110cc@gmail.com](mailto:doris110cc@gmail.com) and paying \$5 electronically into BNZ PBS PTA account 02-0733-0148141-002 Ref: Child's name and room number or by filling in the order form at the end of the newsletter.



## Re-useable Bag Order Form

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Childs Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Bags required: \_\_\_\_\_

Design numbers requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Money enclosed:

Money internet banked:

If electronically banking money details are: BNZ PBS PTA account 02-0733-0148141-002 Ref:  
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