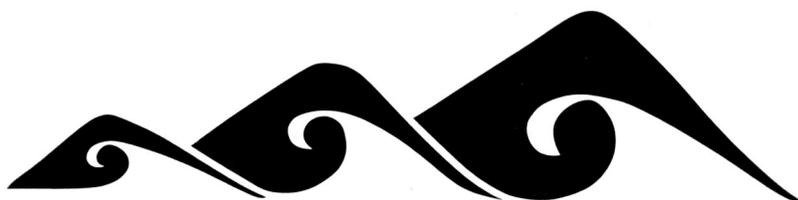


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**Paraparaumu Beach School**

**Newsletter 2017/01**

**31 January 2017**

## Upcoming Events

### **TERM 1**

#### **WEEK 2**

*Mon, 6 February*

- Waitangi Day—SCHOOL CLOSED

#### **WEEK 4**

*Tues, 21-Fri, 24 February*

- Yr 3/4 Beach Ed trips to Paekakariki Surf Lifesaving Club

*Thurs, 23 February*

- Meet the Teacher night (school closes at 2pm on this day)

*Fri, 24 February*

- New Entrant Parent Meeting—9.15 am

#### **WEEK 5**

*Tues, 28 February*

- Board Meeting—7pm

*Wed, 1 March*

- School Picnic—5-7pm

#### **WEEK 6**

*Tues, 7-Fri, 10 March*

- Te Moana Camp "A" - Rms 1, 4 and 28

#### **WEEK 7**

*Tues, 14-Fri, 17 March*

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

## Word of the Week

Te Kupu o te Wiki

**Powhiri hoki**

WELCOME back!



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora and Happy New Year,

The summer holidays are over, yet we're still waiting for summer to arrive! No doubt it will turn up shortly and blast us with intense heat. Some sunshine would be greatly appreciated as we have lots of outdoor events planned over the next 11 weeks of Term One. We would love some sun so that we can make the most of our school pool, enjoy the Year 3-4 Beach Safety Programme at Paekakariki and have a splendid time at the Year 5-6 camps this March.

We start the year with some great new additions to our PBS staff; David Parr (teaching Year 5-6 in Room 29), Sarah Smith (teaching Year 3 in Room 7) and Vicki Howarth (leading the Year 2 team and teaching in Room 24). What is so rewarding for me, is knowing each of these new staff members will now get to experience just how welcoming and positive our school community is; all credit to you, our Board and parent community, for continuing to make PBS such a great place to work in!

We have a few other staff changes this year too, with a couple of staff changing roles. With such a large junior syndicate we have reverted to having two leaders in this area. Rachel McDowell has been promoted to Year 0-1 Syndicate Leader, and is joined by Vicki Howarth leading the Year 2 team. Cath Franks has been permanently appointed as the Year 7-8 Team leader, a position she was acting in last year. And finally, Paula James has given up her Teacher Aide responsibilities to extend her hours in our school office, effectively filling the morning responsibilities Sue Gibson had previously carried out.

Over the rest of this week I'm looking forward to visiting every classroom to wish everyone a great year and introduce myself to any new student I haven't had the chance to meet yet.

Finally, before I sign off this newsletter, I would like to acknowledge the work of our staff and John Trask (Property Manager) for all the hours they have put into preparing our school environment and creating colourful classroom spaces in readiness for 2017. It's going to be a great year!

Ka kite ano

Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki



## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

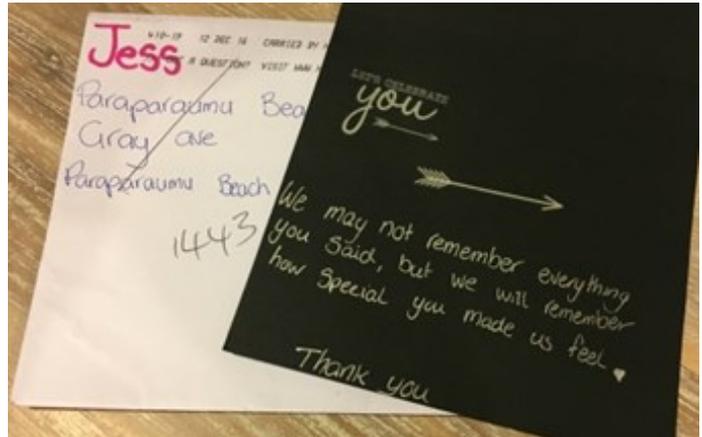
Levi—Rm 11, Arabella—Rm 18, Alyra—Rm 29, Max—Rm 5, Imogen—Rm 8, Indy—Rm 21, Kale—Rm 21, Jordan—Rm 18, Nakaia—Rm 18, Harlyn—21, Mia—Rm 21, Alex—Rm 15, Zayden—Rm 18, Thomas—Rm 18, Ashleigh—Rm 20, Alexander—Rm 19, Holly—20, Monty—Rm 8, Marama—Rm 13, Charlotte—Rm 18, Shion—Rm 18, Kevin—Rm 16, Charlotte—Rm 18, Alessia—Rm 21 and Jamie—Rm 21.

It's wonderful to have you join the PBS family!

## KIDS QUOTE

Thank you to the student who posted this anonymous card to me. It was lovely to find such a delightful card whilst opening all my educational mail during the school break. Your little act of kindness reminded me why it's so important to take the time to brighten someone else's day.

Jess Ward



## PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS 2017

As stated last year, we are keen to hold some parent information evenings. Strangely the survey link we posted last year worked for some people but not others. We've re-created a link and hope parents have more success this time around. 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/2hTpA19kMAZRj3E22>

Thank you.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Unfortunately we will no longer have daily lunch orders available from KenaKena Four Square.

Pita Pit orders will still be available on Wednesdays. Please place orders in a Pita Pit envelope (available from the school office) with your correct money enclosed and place in the money box outside the staffroom no later than 9am on Wednesday mornings.



## PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent -Teacher interviews, or "Meet the Teacher" as we often call it at the start of year, will be held on Thursday, 23 February. Interviews, at this early stage of the year, are not reporting sessions. However, they are an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and for parents to pass on essential knowledge about their child and what makes them tick. To make a booking, go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz), enter the code k7yut and follow the prompts.

**NB:** School closes at 2pm on this date to accommodate enough interview slots.