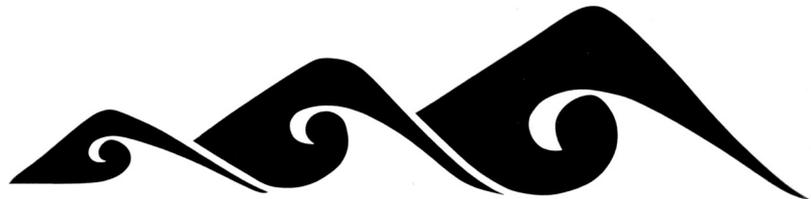


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Paraparaumu Beach School

Newsletter 2017/30

19 September 2017

Upcoming Events

Week 9

Today

- Junior Winter Tournament

Wed, 20 September

- Artsplash Singing & Wearable Arts—Michael Fowler Centre

Thurs, 21 September

- Science Roadshow (Yrs 5/6)

Fri, 22 September

- Artsplash Dance—Michael Fowler Centre

Week 10

Tues, 26 September

- Whole School Assembly 9.20am -ALL WELCOME

- 11am—Tu Meke Time

Fri, 29 September

- Year 6 Raumati Technology Visit

Fri, 29 September

- Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

Mon, 16 October

- First day of Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone

I enjoyed a great trip to Whakarongotai Marae last week with the Year 2 classes. The iwi at the marae are always so welcoming and accommodating. If you make a mistake with your maori pronunciation or protocol, you are helped and supported, which is the way we all learn.

I was very proud to see our Student Volunteer Army (SVA) in the local newspaper last week as well.

Many weeks of planning went into organising the trips to Whareroa farm to plant trees and our SVA were heavily involved in every aspect, down to costing out and hiring the

buses to get students there. Georgia Grant wrote to the Kapiti Newspaper to inform the community and share the passion our kids have for the local environment. Great work everyone!

Kind regards, Jess Ward - Principal/Tumuaki



WELCOME TO OUR RECENT NEW STUDENTS

Angelica, Elizabeth, Tanekaha and Tatum—all in Rm 17.

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Are you using KINDO yet? We are receiving lots of positive parent feedback on how easy it is to use. Next year we will be removing EFTPOS from the school office, as it is not cost effective for us considering the low number of people who use it. So register for KINDO now and give it a try.

KID'S QUOTE

Recently I have been attending syndicate assemblies to remind students of behaviour expectations at PBS. We had experienced a spike of silly and unkind behaviour, and the message needed to be reinforced that such behaviour was unacceptable and not the PBS way. A few days after talking at the senior assembly a senior boy said the following:

Student: "Your talk at assembly changed my perspective."

Ms Ward: "In what way?"

Student: "There's just been a lot of 'drama' lately and there's no point in it. It's unnecessary."

Well said! The years we spend at primary school should be full of fun times not 'drama'.

WEATHER DAMAGE TO HALL

Driving rain earlier in the term forced its way under the hall's roof capping, which in turn caused water damage to the hall ceiling. Fortunately the water damage was contained to ceiling panels and a very small patch of wall lining. Insurance will cover the cost of the interior ceiling work, but we need to replace the roof capping out of our own funds. It's a hassle we don't really need, as remedial work will probably take place during Term 4, but it can't be avoided.

STUDENTS' WORK

The talented students of Room 29 have created some stunning tree artwork recently. All of these artworks are very eye-catching so it was hard to select just six to share with you.



PROCESS FOR 2018 CLASS REQUESTS

At PBS we prefer that parents do not submit requests, unless there are exceptional circumstances. For this reason, we have a formal process which parents must adhere to. Requests from parents must be for specific reasons (e.g. *based around the child's needs*). It is preferable that you don't name a specific teacher. I can assure you that we act professionally and thoughtfully when placing students in classes for the new year. This process is an extremely complex and time consuming task with many variables to consider. When undertaking this process we have to consider: *class size, gender balance in each room, the distribution of students with social/behavioural and learning needs (including special abilities), medical needs etc.*

In a school our size, it can take between 6-8 weeks to put class lists together; whereas in a small school there may only be one class at each level – so no process is needed. Therefore, we ask that parents/caregivers are both understanding and supportive of the complexities involved. Whilst we will continue to allow parents to submit such requests, we do ask in return, that the final school decision on class make-up (**whether or not** a request has been able to be met) is both respected and promoted positively by parents to their children. We are extremely lucky to have such an “across the board” teaching strength in our school, and with all classes within a syndicate following a similar, collectively-planned programme, we can confidently say that *every* class will offer access to quality teaching and learning, along with the opportunity for many wonderful new friendships to be made.

All requests must:

- ♦ be in writing to the Principal (jward@pbs.school.nz)
- ♦ be in by 4pm October 31
- ♦ specifically describe student's needs and reason for the request
- ♦ be from the child's parent/guardian

All requests will be carefully considered, however there is no guarantee that a request will be met. Thank you for reading.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge students who have achieved at a very high level in their chosen pursuit (academic, sporting, cultural, community service or other activities). It is intended to be used to promote these students as role models throughout our school community in a manner that encourages other children to look up to and strive to emulate. Students from Years 4-8 are eligible to be nominated for the award.

Official nomination forms are available from the school office or on the school website under “Board of Trustees”. They should be completed and returned as soon as possible. The nomination closing date is Friday, 20 October.



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ART SPLASH

This Wednesday and Friday, students from Years 4-8 will be involved in Art Splash Wellington at the Michael Fowler Centre.

This is a young person's Arts Festival that has been running for 30 years now. Students are performing from our Dance Group (run by Kathryn Siverson and Brenda Staples), our Wearable Arts Group (run by David Parr) and our Singing Group (run by Carrie Reid). All these groups are extra-curricular and they form part of the school lunch time arts activity programmes that teachers run voluntarily.

Thanks to all the parents and caregivers who support their children to participate. We hope they have a great time!

VODAFONE EMAIL SERVICES

Vodafone are closing their email services for the following domains on 30 November: vodafone.co.nz, vodafone.net.nz, ihug.co.nz, wave.co.nz, quik.co.nz, es.co.nz, pconnect.co.nz, paradise.net.nz and clear.net.nz.

If you have a contact email address with the school with one of these addresses, it will no longer work after 30 November. Please notify school of your new email address once you have obtained a new one, so we can update our records. This is particularly important as Kindo will no longer work for you with these old addresses. Thanks.



HOCKEY SHARED LUNCH

We will be having a shared lunch for all hockey players on Friday, 22 September.

A separate notice will be sent home.

Vicki Wilson



LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be on display during the last week of Term 3 out by the netball courts. Anything un-named or un-claimed will be sent to the Koha Shed.



TE MOANA SYNDICATE RECYCLING GROUP

Te Moana Syndicate Recycling Group is collecting Oral Care waste to be recycled through **Colgate's TerraCycle programme**. Please drop your Oral Care waste in the collection bin outside the staffroom to help our school be in to WIN some great prizes.

Accepted Oral Care Waste:

- Toothpaste tubes and packaging
- Non-electric toothbrushes and packaging
- Floss containers and packaging
- Interdental brushes and packaging

Any brand accepted. Visit terracycle.co.nz for more information.



SCHOOL ENROLMENT SCHEME - TERMS 1 & 2, 2018 NEW ENTRANT ENROLMENTS

As I am sure everyone is aware, enrolment at this school is governed by an Enrolment Scheme. By law, we are unable to enrol any student who does not reside within the school's "home zone". This regulation applies even to the siblings of current pupils, if the family is now living "out-of-zone".

If all families have fully completed and returned "Information Update" forms, then we should have accurate data with which to track "out-of-zone" siblings. If, however, for any reason parents have not advised the school of children in this category wishing to enrol at the school in future, please do so immediately!

The advertisement for applications for "out-of-zone" five-year-olds due to start school between 31 January and 6 July next year will be published next month in the newsletter and the "Kapiti Observer".



STUDENT COUNCIL—WHANAU FUN

The Student Council will be organising Whanau Fun / House Groups on Tuesday, 26 September at 1.30pm. As you are probably aware, this involves the whole school participating in fun sporty activities.

Your child has been put into a group. While of course it is optional, it would be great if your child / children could come wearing their team colour. It can be a tee shirt or shorts or even a ribbon in your child's hair or a scarf.

We have organised the groups so siblings will be in the same colour group and there is an even spread of children in terms of ages.

Feel free to come and support and enjoy the fun!



PARAPARAUMU COLLEGE UNIFORM FITTINGS FOR 2018

Beat the January rush. You can book a uniform fitting for your child at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The booking code is **qwckx**. Bookings are available for November and December.

Join a Memory Walk on 24 September 1.30pm at Otaihanga Domain

The Memory Walk in the Kapiti Coast has a twist this year—the walk from Otaihanga Domain to the beach will be an 'Improve Your Memory' Walk and include puzzles for the whole family aimed at keeping our brains healthy! Register for your local Memory Walk today at alzheimers.org.nz/memorywalk