



Parua Bay School

"Success Through Effort"

"Ma te mahi ka matou"

Newsletter – 27th February 2018

Term 1, Week 4

Kia ora koutou whanau

Thankfully the warm, wet, muggy weather that persisted throughout the summer holidays and into the start of this term seems to have disappeared, and has been replaced by more pleasant conditions. We are very lucky to have air conditioning units in all classrooms at school, and this allows our teachers and students the opportunity to learn throughout the day even in the warmest temperatures.

This is a particularly busy term with systems, procedures and processes being set up in all classes to promote the smooth running of all classes throughout the year. Learning programmes have begun in earnest, with reading groups and numeracy groups already co-ordinated by teachers to ensure that learning needs are met. We have been fortunate for the children to experience the benefits of the, "Life Education" programme and the "Water Skills for Life", programme over the last 2 weeks. These crucial external programmes teach our children the vital skills of dealing with conflict, relationships and survival. Not only is it an essential part of the children's education but it is also great to be able to invite the experts, Nadine Campbell from Life Education, along with Harold, and Jennifer Campbell from Swim for Life.

Swimming Sports days for our Year 4-6 children will be taking place this week on Wednesday 28 February, and for our Year 7-8 students next week on Monday 5 March. Please come along and support your children in this fun filled whanau event. There are options for all our students to participate on a competitive or a non -competitive level, thereby making this competition suitable for all our tamariki.

Finally, there will be an opportunity for you to come into school and find out what your child(ren) are learning about at the "Student Led Conferences (S.L.C.s) on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 March. At these interviews the students will talk to you about their specific goals for reading, writing and numeracy, as well as a more general goal based on a value. This is an opportunity for your child take some ownership over their learning; please support your child to become more empowered in this journey. Obviously, the younger children will need to be supported and prompted in their responses, whilst the more senior students should be more fluent and agentic in their approach to these conferences. More information will be sent out next week in a letter.

I look forward to catching up with you at the swimming sports day this Wednesday.

Nga mihi ra

Danny Jewell

Upcoming Events



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| Wednesday 28 th February | Parua Bay School Swimming Sports - Year 4 - 6 |
| Thursday 1 st March | Whole school Assembly 2.00pm |
| Friday 2 nd March | Ki-o-rahi @ Kensington - Year 7 & 8 |
| Monday 5 th March | Parua Bay School Swimming Sports - Year 7 & 8 AIMS Games meeting - 6pm |
| Friday 9 th March | Dress up day - Creatures of the deep theme ICAS entries due |
| Wednesday 14 th March | WPSSA - Swimming Sports - selected students only |
| Friday 30 th March | Good Friday - Public holiday - school closed |
| Monday 2 nd April | Easter Monday - Public holiday - school closed |
| Tuesday 3 rd April | Easter Tuesday - School holiday - school closed |
| Thursday 12 th April | Teacher Only Day - school closed |
| Friday 13 th April | Last day for Term 1 |

Wednesday 25 February

9.30am - 2.00pm

Year 4 -6 Swimming Sports

A sausage sizzle will be available outside Room 9 at lunchtime tomorrow so come along with your \$2.00 to Whaea Rai and get a sausage.



Monday 5th March

Year 7 & 8 Swimming Sports



Dress up day (Creatures of the deep theme)



Friday 9th March

We are celebrating the end of sea week with a dress up day. Come dressed up as your favorite sea creature,

Gold coin donation, all proceeds to Orca Research Trust.
Best dressed parade to be held on the bottom court at 9.45am



School Lunches

PIZZA



Smith & Local will be offering pizzas, starting this Thursday lunchtime. Please order at the office by 9am.

Cheese, Cheese & Ham and Salami \$5.00

REMINDER

Fast food lunches Tuesday and Thursday only! Please make your order at the bakery, we do NOT take orders at the office.

ICAS Exams

Are you interested in taking part in the ICAS exams in 2018. These exams are for Years 4 - 8 and are designed to challenge and extend students who show excellence in particular curriculum areas. They are also provide exam practice for high school.

Collect more information and entry forms from the school office if you are interested or visit www.eaa.unsw.edu.au for more information. The closing date for entry is Friday 9th March.

AIMS GAMES 2018

New Zealand's PREMIER Sports tournament for year 7 & 8 students.

Information meeting - Monday 5th March 6.00pm in the staffroom.

For more information visit <http://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/>. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

ADVANCE NOTICE
STUDENT LED CONFERENCES
Tuesday 27th March 3pm-7pm
Wednesday 28th March 3pm-5.30pm
More information to follow.

School Camps – Police Vetting Forms - If you wish to attend your child/children's school camp, please note that as per the Vulnerable Children Act 2014, Parua Bay School is required to complete a Police Vet on all parents attending overnight school camps. If you require a form please collect one from the office or alternatively if you require one emailed please send a request to office@paruabay.school.nz

BULYING- SCHOOL SURVEY REVIEW

Last year the BOT decided to publically address the top 5 issues arising from the community survey. The first of these (Te Reo) was addressed in the 12th December 2017 newsletter.

This article reviews the response to the question - *"Our school manages and deals with bullying issues appropriately"*

Of the 115 responses received, 40% strongly agreed or agreed, 24% were neutral, 17% disagreed or strongly disagreed and 18% didn't know (the 1% remaining is due to rounding the percentages).

26 Comments were received. 14 of these indicated that they had direct or indirect experience with bullying, with some strong opinions on the appropriateness of the school response. A number of responses also indicated unawareness of the school policies with regards to bullying. This article seeks to clarify the school approach and to direct parents/guardians to the appropriate resource.

Parua Bay uses the PB4L (Positive Behaviour For Learning) approach which can be found on the school website at [Parua Bay PB4L](#).

In this, bullying is defined as follows:

"Bullying is deliberate, unwanted, aggressive behaviour among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time"

Please take the time to read this document and understand the processes. This is understandably an emotive area and one in which PBS seeks to address issues quickly, effectively and to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. Parents/guardians whose children have experienced bullying are urged to raise it at the earliest opportunity with the child's teacher. A clear understanding of the steps to be taken by the

school should be provided through written communication with the parent/guardian and ongoing communication

Fantastic Gymnastics

Physical Preparation for Life

ENROLLING NOW FOR TERM 1

PROVIDING THE WHANGAREI HEADS AND ONERAHI AREAS WITH GYMNASTICS FOR ALL FROM PRESCHOOLERS TO ADULTS, BOYS AND GIRLS, WE HAVE CLASSES TO SUIT ALL AGES AND ABILITIES INCLUDING A NEW TUMBLING CLASS AND ADULT GYM AND CONDITIONING

FOR CLASS TIMES AND INFORMATION OR TO ARRANGE A TRY OUT FOR THE COMPETITIVE SQUAD PLEASE CONTACT CORINNE AT hannah@fantasticgymnastics.co.nz

or visit us at FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/fantasticgymnasticsNZ/>



NETBALL
NORTHERN



NORTHERN ZONE COMMUNITY DAY

Meet the 2018 SKYCITY Mystics and take part in skills and drills with your favourite players, plus lots of other fun FutureFern activities

WHEN: FRIDAY 2nd MARCH 2018
TIME: 4.30 - 6.30pm
WHERE: Whangarei Netball Centre, Whangarei

THIS IS A FREE EVENT SO BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY




Kamo Fire Brigade Presents...

TOUCH A TRUCK



Sunday March 18th 10am to 3pm

Machinery display and rides...

COME AND PLAY, RIDE &

CLIMB... for kids big and small.

Bring the family and friends for a great day out.

Food and drink stalls available or bring your own picnic. RAIN or SHINE.

This is a community fundraising event. All proceeds are going to Kamo Volunteer Fire Brigade Sky Tower Challenge Team. Raising funds for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ.

ENTRY FEE

BY DONATION



Hurupaki School



Attractions will include Fire Engines, Police Cars, Trucks, Diggers, loaders, Graders and much, much more!



Looking for Year 1 - Year 6 hockey players to join our fantastic club!!

For more information or to register please contact :

Zoe Cummings - 021 438963

zoeandjacko@gmail.com or Corrine

Scott- 021 02995457

benjied@hotmail.co.uk

DANCE FITNESS

Every Monday at Parua Bay School Hall at 6.30pm

Come along and give it a go, first lesson free!

Enquiries contact Linzi - 0210328218