

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that persisted throughout the summer holidays and into the start of this term seems to have disappeared, and has been replaced by more pleasant conditions.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

Wednesday 28 th	Parua Bay School Swimming Sports - Year 4 - 6
February	
Thursday 1st 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 5^{th} 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 from 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 12^{th} 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

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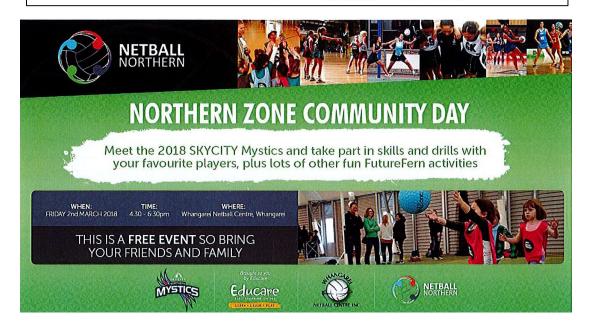
ENROLLING NOW FOR TERM 1

PROVIDING THE WHANGAREI HEADS AND ONERAHI AREAS WITH GYMNASTICS FOR ALL

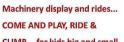
FROM PRESCHOOLERS TO ADULTS, BOYS AND GIRLS, WE HAVE CLASSES TO SUIT ALL AGES AND ABILITIES INCLUDING A NEW TUMBLING CLASS AND ADULT GYM AND CONDITIONING

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/







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





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

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