



# Parua Bay School

"Success Through Effort"

"Ma te mahi ka matou"

**Newsletter – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Term 1, Week 3**

Kia ora koutou whanau / parents

The first two shortened weeks of the term have raced by in a flash, and although the beginning of the year is typically busy and frenetic due to swimming and whanau competition disruptions, I can report a very calm and purposeful start to the year in all classrooms.

2016 was yet another extremely successful year for Parua Bay School. Great strides were made to achieve our three Annual Goals of:

- 80% of all students to achieve at/above the National Standards for Mathematics (73% - 2015)
- To effectively and strategically implement "collaborative teaching and learning practices" at Parua Bay School.
- To meet the diverse needs of all our students at Parua Bay School.

The 2016 Annual Report, along with the new 2017 Charter, will be attached to the Parua Bay School website later this week, so if you'd like to take a closer look at how the school progressed against the goals last year, please look at those links. However, in a nutshell, goal 1 was very nearly achieved with our students raising their achievement from 73% at or above the National Standards for Mathematics to 79.5%. We feel that "collaborative" practices have been successfully initiated at Parua Bay School, and that these need to be embedded throughout 2017. We also feel the diverse needs of our tamariki at Parua Bay School are continually being met on a daily basis, although this is a continually evolving situation and requires constant reflection and evaluation.

The Board of Trustees were extremely thorough and genuine in their intent and practice of planning strategically for Parua Bay School in 2017 and onwards. From this "Strategic Plan" we have drawn our three new Annual Goals for 2017:

- *To reduce the gap between boys' (62% at / above) and girls' (90% at / above) achievement in writing.*
- *To build capacity amongst all teachers to teach te reo Maori within the classroom.*
- *To consolidate further collaborative teaching and learning practices at Parua Bay School, effectively utilising flexible learning spaces.*

Please look on the website for the attached Parua Bay School Charter 2017 to find out more details about this.

Next week Hazel Smith will begin some accelerative learning programmes for some of our students who we feel would benefit from a short, intensive course of tuition in small focus groups. The Senior Leadership Team, alongside the teachers, have identified students who we feel can accelerate their learning in this programme. We are extremely lucky to have the resources and expertise to offer this programme, and I look forward to some excellent progress being made by these students.

Just a final reminder of the meeting in week 6, **Wednesday 8 March from 6.00 - 7.30 p.m.** where parents will be given an opportunity to better understand the direction the school is taking in terms of collaborative teaching and learning practices. This meeting also doubles up with information on our "Keeping Ourselves Safe" programme happening later in the term.

Have a great week,

Nga mihi tra, **Danny Jewell**

## Upcoming Events



Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Scholastic book orders due
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Pizza - order at the office ( see information below)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Y7/8 Parua Bay School - Swimming Sports Competition
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y4-6 Parua Bay School - Swimming Sports Competition
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4-6 Parua Bay School - Swimming Sports non-competition
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5-8 Zoned Swimming Championships with Whangarei Heads School -10.00am
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> -Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Y4 Camp
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y4 Zoned Swimming Championships with Whangarei Heads School -10.30am (selected students only)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4-8 WPSSA Swimming at Whangarei Intermediate school (selected students only)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Collaborative meeting/Keeping Ourselves Safe - 6.00-7.30pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> March	New entrant conference (after 6 weeks at school) 3-6pm Friends of Parua Bay School (PTA) 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting 6-7pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Camp Year 6-8 Triathlon 10-12.30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y4-6 WPSSA Summer Sports
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y2 Camp Lit Quiz Y0-1 Beach clean up
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Y7-8 WPSSA Summer Sports
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March -29 <sup>th</sup> March	Student Led Conferences at Parua Bay School
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 1

## School Lunches

### PIZZA



The Good Food Collective will be offering pizzas, starting this Thursday lunchtime. Please order at the office by 9am.

**Cheese, Cheese & Ham and Salami \$6.00**

### REMINDER

Fast food lunches  
Tuesday and Thursday  
only!

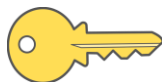
## T-shirts, caps and bucket hats



We have now received our school t-shirts and hats for you to purchase. Please note Parua Bay School t-shirts are compulsory for all year levels when attending activities outside of school. The cost of the t-shirt is \$15.00 and the hats are \$10.00 (there is a choice of either a peak cap or bucket hat). Both the t-shirts and hats can be purchased and collected at the office.

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**Pool Keys** - Can all pool keys please be returned to the office as soon as possible.



## Friends of Parua Bay School (PTA)

First meeting will be held in Week 7 on Tuesday 14th March at 6pm. Being a Decile 9 school, Parua Bay School receives a lot less funding than schools of lower deciles. Therefore it is vital that, if we want to continue to enable and empower the students to receive the best possible education, the school raises funds separately. The P.T.A. is a group of dedicated parents and teachers who work tirelessly to provide these extra resources for our tamariki. However, we really need some new members to bring fresh ideas and to make P.T.A. work more enjoyable and manageable. So please, don't be shy and come along on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March evening to support the great contribution the P.T.A. makes towards the effective running of the school.

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## School Statements

Statements will be sent home today, school donations are -

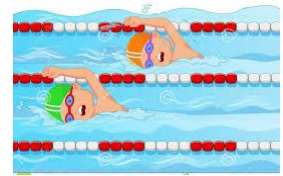
- one child \$100,
- two children \$180,
- three or more \$240.

There are also compulsory fees of

- photocopying fee of \$5.00 per student
- Years 7 and 8 - Technology fee of \$65.55. This is a material fee which must be paid.
- Workbook charges for all Year 4 students \$30.00

We are a Decile 9 school so we do not receive any additional funding which lower decile schools receive. Therefore, we depend on our school donations to ensure our students receive the very best education and we appreciate your support.

# SWIMMING SPORTS ENTRIES



To all parents/caregivers,

On Thursday (16th Feb) all children in years 4 to 8 will be making a decision about what events they wish to enter for our 2017 Swimming Sports day. Please take some time to discuss these options with your child prior to Thursday to help them make the best decision for them. We will not be changing the entries after that day.

**Year 4 to 6 - students will need to decide whether they enter either:**

**Competitive Event (Thursday 23rd February)** - these are either 2 or 4 length races for one or more of the main strokes (freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke). To be eligible to represent PBS at the Zone event and the WPSSA event, students in years 5 and 6 must enter the 4 length races for their preferred stroke/strokes. Students in year 4 must enter the 2 length races for their preferred stroke/strokes.

or

**Non Competitive Event (Friday 24th February)** - these are the 1 length and novelty races for less confident swimmers.

**Year 7&8 Event- (Monday 20th February)** - students will need to decide whether they enter either:

**2 or 4 length races** - To be eligible to represent PBS at the Zone event and the WPSSA event, students in years 7 & 8 must enter the 4 length races for that stroke. The 2 length races are the less competitive races.

## Term Dates / Public Holidays for 2017

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>10 ½ Weeks</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day Term 1
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday (Public Holiday)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Tuesday (School Holiday)
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>10 Weeks</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	First Day Term 2
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day Term 2
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>10 Weeks</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	First Day Term 3
Teacher Only Day (date to be confirmed)	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Last Day Term 3
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>9 Weeks</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	First Day Term 4
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day Term 4

## Manaia Hockey

Junior Hockey Registration Sunday 5 March 1-3pm. Please come along on this day to sign up and find out all about our club. Our club relies on voluntary parental help so come along and find out how you can get involved. We also welcome new and old members to our committee meeting TOMORROW- Wednesday 15 February at 6pm at 118A Tahunatapu Rd, The Nook to start organising our season and find out how everything works. Any questions please contact Roz O'Shea on [lewisoshea@gmail.com](mailto:lewisoshea@gmail.com).

## Onerahi Oral Health Clinic

Please phone **0800 MY TEETH** (0800 6983384) to book a free dental appointment for your child/children. Pre-school tamariki can be enrolled at birth.

Kind regards

The Dental Team  
Cathy and Joanne



## 2017 Speech and Drama, Musical Theatre, Beginner Drama Classes.

Does your child love make believe but lacks confidence, is a natural entertainer or loves to sing and act? Has your child taken part in Speech NZ Oral Assessment Exams or speeches at school, would they like to build on these skills? Our registered teachers run dynamic engaging classes for beginners to advanced performers. Email us today to book your space, don't leave it to the last minute classes fill quickly, details on website [www.makingascene.co.nz](http://www.makingascene.co.nz)

## Manaia "Makos"

### Junior Rugby League Club

PLAY LEAGUE IN 2017

Calling all future kiwi league stars. Manaia Junior Rugby League Club invites you to register your interest as a player for the 2017 season. The season gets underway on SUNDAY the 26th March at the Otaika Sports Grounds (Blue goose fields) and are played at the same time each week. All grades play in boots and play tackle.

The age grades and playing times are :

7's, turning 7 or Under in 2017	Games start 9am
9's, turning 8 or 9 in 2017	Games start 9am
11's turning 10 or 11 in 2017	Games start 10am
13's turning 12 or 13 in 2017	Games start 10am



#### REGISTRATION DAY:

When: Sunday 26th Feb Registration at 11, followed by free sausage sizzle then some fun games.

Where: Manaia community fields, behind Parua Bay Community Centre.

SUBS \$30 per child  
(includes a mouth guard and socks)



Visit our facebook page at Manaia Junior Rugby League Club

Or Call the coaches/managers for more information.



7's	Caleb Piggott 436 2880/0212220721
9's	Caleb Piggott 436 2880/0212220721
11's	James Caldwell 0274942079
13's	Brett Yakas 021 844 109

## FUTSAL IS HERE!

### WHY PLAY FUTSAL?

- Caters to boys and girls of all abilities
  - No cancellations due to weather!
- Dramatically increases skill, agility, speed, quick decision making & confidence
  - It's fun - Kids love it!

### WHO IS IT FOR?

Anyone aged 8 - 15 years old

### WHEN & WHERE?

Term time 2017

Choose one or more of the following:

<b>TUESDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL</b>
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)
<b>WEDNESDAY: KAMO HIGH SCHOOL</b>
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEAR OLDS)
<b>FRIDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL</b>
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)

### CONTACT:

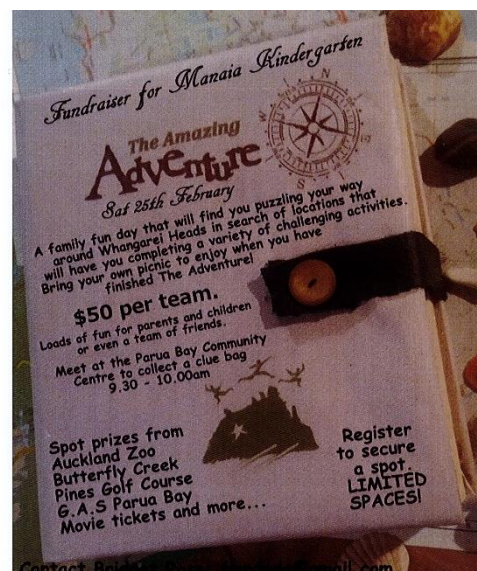
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SPACES ARE LIMITED!

**NORTHLAND  
FUTSAL  
ACADEMY**



**Fundraiser - END POLIO NOW**  
**Rotary Club of Whangarei South**  
Come and join in our walk on 18<sup>th</sup> February at the Canopy Bridge at 8.00pm - Gold coin donation  
**Glow stick \$1.00**



**PLEASE NOTE:** Access to 1398 Whangarei Heads Road. Our driveway is accessed through the school car park. Please could all parents keep the driveway clear at all times. Access is needed 24/7!  
Thank you Paul Botell, your friendly neighbour!