



Parua Bay School

"Success Through Effort"

"Ma te mahi ka matou"

Newsletter – 21st February 2017

Term 1, Week 4

Kia ora koutou whanau

The year has begun very positively and I have been extremely impressed with the level of focus and independence that students are demonstrating in their studies whilst on my classroom visits. With the school growing so quickly, I have reviewed my Principal visits to classrooms and decided to divide my time so that I visit junior classes (Years 0-4) one week and then see the senior classes (Years 5-8) the next week.

Two key areas of focus for the school this year are te reo / tikanga Maori within the classroom /school, and collaborative teaching and learning practices being embedded. With our common theme of "Identity" being integrated through all learning areas throughout the school this year, there will be an opportunity to explore a diverse range of cultures and countries, as well as honing in on our special bi-cultural nature of New Zealand.

The word "Maori" has many meanings but one of them is "normal" as well as the culture of a people or an ethnicity of a group of people. It is therefore a privilege to witness our journey at Parua Bay School with te reo and tikanga Maori over the last few years where our bi-cultural nature is becoming "normalised". No longer do we need to "prepare" students, staff and community for powhiri, as it is becoming part of what we do and who we are at Parua Bay School.

Timatanga (a process to start the day with karakia, waiata and mihi) was initiated last year and has become an integral part of the school day at Parua Bay School. Matua Paul comes into school every Tuesday and is delivering te reo / tikanga Maori tuition in his very personalised and original manner of singing, storytelling and games. I have asked Matua Paul to write a brief explanation of the history and purpose of waiata and karakia, which you can read later in the newsletter. There is also a copy of our school karakia along with the meaning for you to read. This is a beautiful karakia, written for us by Kere Mahanga, a couple of years ago - it has local references and wonderful symbolic and metaphoric meaning attached. The students and staff have also learnt to sign language this karakia prior to reciting it. If you want to see a Youtube clip of our karakia please follow this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=538zb3vrTuM>

Our kapa haka group has grown in strength and has now been split into junior and senior age groups. The senior group meets Whaea Rai every Tuesday afternoon and the junior group will start meeting Whaea Deanna later in the term. The Whanau hui is a meeting that happens towards the end of every term and is an opportunity to discuss all things Maori. This is open to all parents of the school so please feel welcome to come along to the hui this term on Tuesday 4th April at 4.00 p.m. at school.

"The changing shape of Education seems to be the hot topic of debate currently. I don't think there is any other profession that is scrutinised and analysed as much as the teaching profession. It's just as well that most teachers are, by nature, empathetic, caring, genuine and conscientious in their approach to their vocation.

The most political and divisive topic for discussion is that of "collaboration in teaching and learning". The mere mention of "modern learning environments" or "flexible learning spaces" has some of these authors fixated with the link to "Open Learning Classrooms" of the 1980/90s. Many of these articles focus solely on the furniture and set up of the classrooms and omit to mention the most essential part of the whole equation - the philosophy underpinning the environment. There certainly seems to be several "experts" in the media, ironically with very little knowledge about education, happy to write or talk about their opinions as though it were fact. I urge you all to make sure that, before you make a decision one way or the other, you read widely on the topic of debate. Only this way will you understand the purpose for change.

At Parua Bay School in Term 4 of 2015, we strategically planned challenging discussions and debates with staff around the why, what and how of collaboration in teaching and learning. Then, in 2016, the teachers all collaborated, in varying degrees throughout the school, by planning, teaching and reflecting in their collaborative groups. The teachers were supported by the Senior Leadership Team to delve into "Collaborative Teaching and Learning Practices" within their groups. Every term the staff reflected on this practice with robust debate and discussion feeding into S.W.O.T. (Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analyses.

We certainly can't purport to know exactly the model we want for Parua Bay School yet. What we do know is that we need to have a model of education, which is tailored to the needs of the students of Parua Bay School entering a very different world of work to that which we entered 20-30 years ago. I can also vouch for my teachers, who are an extremely committed and earnest team of professionals, who are willing to trial new ideas for the betterment of your children.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 8 March at 6.00 p.m. in the hall for any parent who would like to know more about our "collaborative teaching and learning" journey at Parua Bay School. I came across some excellent bite-sized videos, on the website of Pegasus Bay School (About our school - Modern Learning Environments) in Christchurch, which summarise things far better than I ever could. Please take a look at these videos - if you can only find time to look at one of these videos please look at the "Lead Presentation to her staff" as this really encompasses many of the benefits of this pedagogy.

I look forward to seeing lots of parents at the swimming sports for Years 4-6 this Thursday 23 February, where all students will be competing for their whanau.

Nga mihi ra

Danny Jewell

Karakia and Waiata at Parua Bay School

Tena koutou katoa

The subject of karakia is a huge one. It is difficult to summarise or describe in a few sentences but forgive me as I try. Aroha mai.

Karakia is far more than a prayer. It can be a poem, an invocation, a reflection, a chant or a metaphor. Karakia can be used to encourage mindfulness, calmness, reflection, preparation and togetherness among other things. Looking into the eyes of elite athletes just prior to them entering a sporting arena gives an insight into people who are in a state of focus, relaxation and preparedness. For some athletes it may be that some form of karakia has played a part in their pre-event ritual.

Waiata happens every two weeks as a whole school event in the hall. It is an opportunity for all our students to enjoy singing as a group as well a time to learn new waiata. The act of singing has been proven to release endorphins into the blood system which makes you happy; it is also an excellent way to learn. By learning new waiata and regularly singing as a whole school, it is important to recognise and understand that students are being prepared for our own school powhiri, as well as for for powhiri at other schools or marae.

Matua Paul / Whaea Rai

Karakia

Haruru ana te tai a ihu
waka, marino ana te tai i
roto.

Ko te kina, te mango, te
patiki, nga kai o nga
rangatira.

Hui e?

Taiki e!

Translation.

The tides rumble at Ihu waka, but the tides within are calm. The kina, the shark, and the flounder are the food of champions.

Do we all agree?

The tide is full. (Yes, unanimously)

Upcoming Events



Thursday 23 rd February	Y4-6 Parua Bay School - Swimming Sports Competition - 9.30am start Pizza - order at the office (see information below) Vaccination Education Session Y7 & 8 - 9.00am - Parents Welcome
Friday 24 th February	Y4-6 Parua Bay School - Swimming Sports non-competition
Monday 27 th February	Y5-8 Zoned Swimming Championships with Whangarei Heads School -10.00am
Monday 27 th -Wednesday 1 st March	Y4 Camp
Thursday 2 nd March	Y4 Zoned Swimming Championships with Whangarei Heads School -10.30am (selected students only)
Tuesday 7 th March	Y4-8 WPSSA Swimming at Whangarei Intermediate school (selected students only)
Wednesday 8 th March	Collaborative meeting/Keeping Ourselves Safe - 6.00-7.30pm
Tuesday 14 th -16 th March	New entrant conference (after 6 weeks at school) 3-6pm Friends of Parua Bay School (PTA) 1 st Meeting 6-7pm
Thursday 16 th March	Y3 Camp Year 6-8 Triathlon 10-12.30pm
Tuesday 21 st March	Y4-6 WPSSA Summer Sports
Thursday 23 rd March	Y2 Camp Lit Quiz Y0-1 Beach clean up
Tuesday 4 th April	Y7-8 WPSSA Summer Sports Whanau Hui @ School 4.00pm
Tuesday 28 th March -29 th March	Student Led Conferences at Parua Bay School
Thursday 13 th 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

REMEMBER!

Fast food lunches
Tuesday and Thursday
only!

Office emails

Please note for general enquiries and absentees please email - office@paruabay.school.nz. If you wish to make an appointment with the Principal or have any personal issues please email Carol Abbott (Principal's Secretary) - admin@paruabay.school.nz



T-shirts, caps and bucket hats



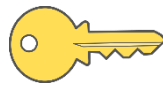
T-shirts and hats are now available to purchase.

Please note :

- Parua Bay School t-shirts are compulsory for all year levels when attending activities outside of school.
- Years 4-8, t-shirts will need to be worn for all summer sports events - starting next week!

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.

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



Vaccination Education session for the children at school on Thursday 23rd February at 9am for Yr 7 and 9.30am for Yr 8. Parents are welcome to attend.

Parents have a choice of having their children vaccinated against these diseases either at their General Practitioners or with their Public Health Nurse at school. NB: These vaccinations are free wherever you choose to go

Please feel free to contact the Public Health Nurse
Libby O'Donnell 021 641 047 or Freephone 0800 223358 option 2

Sports

Manaia Hockey

Registration for our junior hockey club is on Sunday 5 March 1-3pm at the Parua Bay Community Centre. Please come and sign your kids up on that day. We are also looking for more coaches and managers so come and join our fantastic club.

Any other questions please contact Roz on lewisoshea@gmail.com

Bay Tigers Football Club is now open for junior registrations.

Please visit:

<http://bit.ly/BTFC-registration-form>

For more information contact annelies.struijcken@gmail.com
We also would like to hear from anyone interested in coaching and/or training one of our teams.



Rugby League

If you are interest in playing this year, please meet Mataua Caleb outside the school hall tomorrow (Wed 22nd Feb) at the start of morning tea.

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:

TUESDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)

WEDNESDAY: KAMO HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEAR OLDS)

FRIDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)

CONTACT:

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WWW.NORTHLANDFUTSALACADEMY.CO.NZ
or contact Christian: 021 246 7328
christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz

SPACES ARE LIMITED!

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

SKYCITY MYSTICS COMMUNITY DAY

Meet the 2017 SKYCITY Mystics and take part in skills and drills with your favourite players, plus lots of other fun FutureFerns activities.

When: Sunday 5 March
Time: 10am - 12pm
Where: Whangarei Netball Centre

This is a **FREE** event so bring your friends and family!

ADELE TICKETS 4 SALE x 2
Sat 25 March, A Reserve
\$300 each
Genuine sale no profit gained
Includes insurance
Please call Lee-Ann
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