



Parua Bay School

"Success Through Effort"

"Ma te mahi ka matou"

NEWSLETTER -25th July 2017

Term 3, Week 1

Kia koutou whanau

Welcome back to Term 3 at Parua Bay School - I trust you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break over the holidays and that your children are fully refreshed, ready to get entrenched in their learning. The end of last term was a frenzied whirlwind of excitement and activity; sporting activities, meetings, visiting speakers, kapa haka, the new building opening and lots of furniture and resource removals. Certainly, the staff all deserved their well-earned break.

It is absolutely wonderful to have the new building, Te Akonga, open for instruction and learning this term. The opening ceremony was a huge success with upwards of about 100 parents, students, staff and community in attendance. The school is looking fabulous and I would like to thank Alec Cooper, our caretaker, for all his fantastic efforts over the holidays to ensure that the environment is not only clean and tidy but also safe for your children. Building work continues during the first 5 weeks of this term on the creation of a new staff area, along with an area for our teacher aides and students with special needs. The library will gradually take shape over the course of the term and we hope to have this facility fully functional around the middle of the term. It is great to witness these "Modern Learning Environments" coming to fruition at Parua Bay School, and I look forward to seeing students and staff enjoying these "collaborative spaces" this term. Please remember that Parua Bay School operates an "open door" policy, whereby you can come and experience the teaching and learning for yourself. It would be helpful if you communicated this intention to your child's classroom teacher, but when you're at school, teachers are only too happy to receive your help or support also.

On Wednesday 26 July, at 9.00 a.m., we are holding our termly powhiri in the hall for all students and staff new to Parua Bay School since the last powhiri at the start of Term 2. This is a wonderful ceremony and all parents and family members are cordially invited to attend this special occasion. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits for parents in the staffroom after the ceremony.

During this term there will be an opportunity for parents and community to give feedback to the school on a variety of issues, via 2 community surveys. The Health Community Consultation survey, created by Ange Vette, Deputy Principal, will go out this term and addresses typical "Health Curriculum" issues. The school community survey, administered by the Board of Trustees, also goes out later this term, and allows parents the opportunity to feedback their opinions on issues like curriculum, teaching and learning, communication, leadership and procedures. Please take the time to fill out these important surveys as it is an important part of our self-review cycle.

Finally, it is "Book Week" at school next week with some exciting activities organised for the children by the teachers. I look forward to seeing you around school at events and assemblies throughout the term.

Nga mihi ra

Danny Jewell

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 26 th July	Powhiri - 9.00am - 10.00am All welcome
Monday 31 st July -Friday 4 th August	Book Fair - Room 9
Tuesday 1 st August	PTA Meeting 6-7pm Whangarei Boys' High School Visit - Y8
Wednesday 2 nd August	Book Character Parade - morning assembly
Thursday 3 rd August	Junior Teddy Bear's Picnic



Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 31st July



BOOK FAIR

Starts on Monday 31st July and will run all week. The fair will be displayed in Room 9 for purchase and eftpos will be available. If you would like to purchase an extra book to donate to the school library it would be very much appreciated.



Opening times will be as follows:

Every day 8.00am-8.30am and 2.50pm- 4.00pm

Wednesday & Thursday 5.30pm - 6.30pm



BOOK CHARACTER PARADE!

To celebrate book week we will be having a character parade on Wednesday 2nd August and there may be a visit from Geronimo Stilton! Please come dressed as a character from your favourite book. There will be prizes for the best dressed juniors and seniors, 6 prizes in total. Parents are more than welcome to attend the parade.



A big congratulations to Isla Tuato'o who won the prestigious Sir Peter Blake award for outstanding leadership and community values.



BOT REPORT

The board met on 27th June and discussed a range of items. Unfortunately we have had Staci Paul resign as a BOT member due to conflict of interest with her new role at Ministry of Education. Thanks for your input Staci and best wishes for the new role. The board had the option to replace by a by-election or replacement by selection and voted to replace by selection- watch this space for updates.

Approval was given to commence painting of the school, commencing during the holidays with completion by start of Term 1 next year. It will be great to give the school a well-deserved makeover. Development of a junior playground was discussed and it was agreed to engage Nature Play NZ to assist in developing concepts and budgets for the project. Nature Play designed the Ngunguru School playground so have a look if you are heading past.

The community survey was also on the agenda, and as part of this it was decided that prior to the survey information will be provided to parents regarding the Tikanga Maori/Te Reo component of the curriculum, to be sent out during Term 3.

The Principal's Report included a number of items including the attendance report (we are around the national average for attendance figures), staffing, and room allocations following the completion of the new block. The BOT is awaiting a feasibility study from Opus regarding options for managing the future roll growth over the next few years.

Parua Bay School Board of Trustees

Casual Vacancy for an elected trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative,

The board has resolved under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should email Chairperson - Board of Trustees c/o admin@paurabay.school.nz

By Friday 4th August 2017

Come and try GirlGuiding! We have spaces in our Whangarei Heads groups, and would love to offer you 3 free visits to give it a go. If you would like your daughter to try a global organisation based on development and leadership as well as offering loads of fun and social experiences, get in touch. We have Brownies 5-6.30pm (7-9yrs old) - Guides 5.30-7.30pm in (9-12yrs old) with spaces.
www.girlguidingnz.org.nz 0800 484 331

Below is the link for the survey to determine if there is a need for a new kindergarten or extend the existing one in the Parua Bay/Whangarei Heads area. It's aimed at families that have pre-school children that aren't in kindergarten yet.

I've created this survey, its not associated with any agency, just from a concerned community member. I've sent this link to the playcentres, kindergarten and Whangarei Heads school..

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/78WFZDY>

Any queries contact Natalie Hall 0226133913

Has anyone seen this 'one of a kind' handmade bracelet that was lost at school, during school photos. If anyone has seen this, can you please return to school office. Thank you!



DDF Dance Studio dance classes to Kamo Thursday class starts 27th July
Beginner, Intermediate and Advance classes (main style is hip hop)

Beg 3.30-4.15pm \$10 per class

Int 4.14-5.15pm \$12.50 per class

Adv 5.15-6.15 \$15 per class

Classes for 4yrs+ male and female

Dance Tutor - Alannah Curtis (has had over 14 years experience teaching dance)

facebook.com/ddfdance Please enrol by texting or calling 0272225574 we enrol throughout the term.

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