



# Parua Bay School

"Success Through Effort"

"Ma te mahi ka matou"

**Newsletter – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**

**Term 2, Week 1**

Kia ora koutou whanau

I trust you all had a relaxing break over the Easter period and your children are ready to get stuck into the busy life of school again. I would like to thank all the staff and students for their exceptional contributions into making the last week of last term such a wonderfully positive time. The whanau academic competitions in the hall proved to be exciting and challenging events, the "Caring Kind" afternoon was a huge success, with numerous differing activities being organised by teachers for the benefit of our community, and finally the Anzac Service was a respectful occasion where our students acquitted themselves with dignity in this formal time of remembrance.

You will have noticed the increase in construction and infrastructure work happening at school over the holidays. The new four classroom development is scheduled to be completed by the end of this term, and we are very much looking forward to our Years 3 and 4 students moving into this wonderful learning environment as soon as it is ready. However, the intention for all "relocated" classrooms (Rooms 9, 10, 14 and 15) to be taken away to free up some more space around the school will be put on hold. The exceptional roll growth the school has experienced over the past three years has meant that these classrooms will be remaining in order for the school to be able to function properly. The Board of Trustees and I are in negotiation with the Ministry of Education over the possibility of a further building programme, which may result in the school receiving more new classrooms. A Feasibility Study is currently being prepared to give to the Ministry of Education, upon which decisions for further classrooms will be made.

In the meantime, the Library will be used for its original purpose (as a classroom), when in Term 3 it will be able to be claimed back as a library. There are also plans to create a better space for the staff using Room 13 and the adjoining reading resource room. A meeting was held last term between staff and a representative, Anna, from Nature Playground, and from this we will be planning to design and build a junior playground using natural resources. This project will incorporate the students' and community ideas and will aim to use local resources and manpower once the brief has been designed and determined.

Junior and senior assemblies are taking place in the hall every fortnight on even numbered weeks - seniors on Wednesday afternoons at 2.00 p.m. and juniors on Friday mornings at 9.00 a.m. There will be a powhiri ceremony / assembly for all our new students and staff this Friday 5 May at 9.00 a.m. in the hall and you are welcome to attend this event. Other events to look forward to this term are the annual Arts 'n Crafts Show on Queen's Birthday weekend (Monday 5 June) and the Literacy Support evening for parents and students on Monday 12 June at 6.00 p.m.

I look forward to seeing you at school during the term.

Nga mihi ra  
Danny Jewell

**Welcome** – we would like to say a warm welcome to Alec Cooper who has taken over the role as our new Caretaker. Alec has many years experience working within the Education Sector, with over 10 years caretaking at Whangarei Heads School and Whangarei Boys' High School. We look forward to the positive impact he will have here at Parua Bay School.



## Upcoming Events

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Powhiri - 9.00am All Welcome (in the hall)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Arts & Craft Meeting 6.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 5-8 Assembly 2.00pm All Welcome
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	The Hub Camp to Coopers' Beach
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 0-4 Assembly 9.00am All Welcome



✓ EVENTS ✓ INSTANT SCHOOL MESSAGES ✓ ABSENTEE

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**Lost Property** - Mrs Chubb kindly took home all the lost property over the holidays and washed it. It will be displayed on the deck by Room 13 until the end of the week then it will be sent to the charity shop. If you believe your child has left something at school please take the time to look through this mountain of clothes, shoes, towels etc that seems to keep appearing!



# Arts & Crafts Meeting

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 6.00-7.00pm Rooms 3 & 4

Babysitter will be available to look after your children!

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# Arts & Crafts Show



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June Queen's Birthday



Parua Bay School will again be hosting the annual Arts and Crafts Show on Queens Birthday weekend. This is an awesome established fundraising opportunity for the school that has proven very successful in the past. We will be looking for parent helpers to help set up, run stalls, baking, clear up etc...

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**Save the date**

**Book your babysitter!**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

**Time for parents to party!**





## **Northland Primary Schools Swimming Championships.**

In the last week of last term, 5 of our very best swimmers attended the Northland Primary Schools Swimming Championships representing Whangarei: Josh Laing, Ruby Lewis O'Shea, Ellinor Whittam, Ella Grindle and Jayden Stokes. These swimmers swam superbly well throughout the day and recorded some very impressive times and performances. The following results reflected a wonderful day of swimming prowess:

Jayden Stokes      Under 12 Boys - 5th Freestyle, 8th Backstroke.

Ellinor Whittam    Under 10 Girls - 1st Medley, 1st Breaststroke, 4th Butterfly, 6th Freestyle, 8th Backstroke.

Ella Grindle        Under 10 Girls - 2nd Butterfly, 2nd Medley, 2nd Breaststroke, 2nd Backstroke, 9th Freestyle.

Joshua Laing       Under 9 Boys - 3rd Medley, 3rd Freestyle, 4th Backstroke, 5th Breaststroke.

Ruby Lewis O'Shea Under 9 Girls - 2nd Medley, 3rd Freestyle, 3rd Backstroke, 3rd Breaststroke, 3rd Butterfly.

Records were broken all afternoon in a very high level of competitive swimming. Ellinor Whittam set two new records for 25m Breaststroke - 21.87 beating the previous best of 23.71, and for the Individual Medley she swam 1:11.19 beating the previous record of 1:14 .85. It is interesting to note that Ella Grindle's 2nd placed swim in both these events also beat the previous records by some margin too. A fantastic day of achievement and fun was experienced by all the swimmers - my congratulations go out to them all for a wonderful day.

Danny Jewell

*Congratulations!*

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  - 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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