



Parua Bay School

"Success Through Effort"

"Ma te mahi ka matou"

Newsletter – 7th March 2017

Term 1, Week 6

Kia ora koutou whanau

Nearing the halfway point of this first term and our really long run of fine weather continues. The children are still enjoying days in the pool, on the playing field and in our freshly air-conditioned classrooms. Mr Reynolds' Year 7/8 students have shown resilience and patience for the first five weeks of term working in the hall, and have now been rewarded with a new classroom. This now means that the hall will be free for use by all classes, as well as having a space we can use for whole school assemblies and waiata practice. We will be having a whole school assembly this Wednesday afternoon at 2.00 p.m. in the hall, and you are all very welcome to attend this certificate presentation assembly.

Wednesday 8th March (tomorrow) – Dual Purpose Meeting in the hall

- "Keeping Ourselves Safe" - 6.00 - 6.45 p.m.
Ian Anderson, a local constable, will be delivering a presentation about the "Keeping Ourselves Safe" programme, which will run later in the term for all classes.
- "Collaborative Teaching and Learning Journey" - 6.45 - 7.30 p.m.
We will be holding an information meeting focused on our "collaborative teaching and learning journey" at Parua Bay School. There has been some confusion and discontent from some of our parents at Parua Bay School regarding this issue and this meeting is an opportunity to clarify the purpose and intent of this different approach to education. It will also be a chance for parents to ask any questions they may have about "collaboration in education".

I look forward to welcoming you to this meeting on Wednesday.

As you read this newsletter, some of our students will have competed in the Whangarei Primary Schools Swimming competition at Whangarei Intermediate School. This is an amazing achievement just to have reached this level of competition; however, I look forward to reporting some great results next week from our students' performances.

In week 7, on Tuesday 14 March, the Parents & Teachers Association (P.T.A.) will be meeting at school in the staffroom at 6.00 p.m. to discuss the upcoming year. The P.T.A. is an invaluable asset to Parua Bay School - being a high decile school, the Ministry of Education funds us a fraction of what lower decile schools receive, and therefore we need to raise funds for often quite mundane items such as furniture and books. Letters have been sent out to promote parents putting themselves forward to represent their classes at the P.T.A. Please support this vital group of volunteers by coming to just a few meetings in the year.

Finally, please read through the letter you will have also received with this newsletter regarding "Student Led Conferences". Empowering your children to be highly-motivated, self-managing learners, who can really understand their learning, is an absolutely crucial cog in the "collaborative" wheel. I encourage you to support your children to be in control of their own learning by entering into these "student led conferences" with a positive and purposeful mindset. We are now into the third year of this style of conference and, whilst I think we have some way to go before our students are fully in control of their own learning, I believe that our tamariki are now becoming more accustomed to them and will be more fluent in this process.

Have a wonderful week.
Nga mihi ra

Danny Jewell

Upcoming Events

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) 3.00-6.00pm Parent / Teacher Association Meeting (PTA) 1 st Meeting 6.00-7.00pm
Thursday 16 th March	Year 3 Camp - Year 6-8 Triathlon 10-12.30pm
Tuesday 21 st March	Y4-6 WPSSA Summer Sports
Thursday 23 rd March	Lit Quiz Year 0-2 Beach trip to Urquhart's Bay
Tuesday 4 th April	Year 7-8 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

Parent / Teacher Conferences (Year 0/1 - Room 3 & 4)

Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th,
& Thursday 16th March
3.00 - 6.00pm

Book your child's parent/teacher interview
on line now!

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Use the event code: **bbh2x**

Student Led Conferences (Year 2 - 8)

Tuesday 28th March - 3.00 to 7.00pm
Wednesday 29th March - 3.00 to 5.30pm

Book your student led conference
on line now!

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Use the event code: **ms2av**



Special one off fundraiser
"The Force"



Ham and Cheese Toastie Lunch
Wednesday 15th March
(order at the school office)
\$2.50

School Lunches

PIZZA - Thursday only!



Cheese, Cheese & Ham and Salami \$6.00

REMEMBER!

Fast food lunches Tuesday
and Thursday only!

Parent / Teacher Association (PTA)
Meeting Tuesday 14th March 6-7pm
Come along and show your support!



**Compulsory Parua Bay School
T-shirts**



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. We also have a small selection of peak and bucket hats at a cost of \$10.00.



Be Safe, Be Seen - Slow Down

There are long term plans afoot with the Ministry of Education and the local council to solve traffic congestion problems at Parua Bay School. These problems are evident every day at 2.45 p.m. when buses, cars, parents and pedestrians all converge towards the front gates of Parua Bay School. This plan will hopefully give us a safer bus transportation route, more car parking options for parents and staff of the school, the Kindergarten and the Play Centre and a safe pedestrian walkway from the school to various exit and parking points. However, this plan is still very much in its infancy; so it is imperative that all parents heed the following safety advice:

- Drive with exceptional care around the school vicinity
- Don't walk through the staff car park
- Children must not cross the road without an adult
- If parking opposite the school, please walk with your child back to your car.
- Please don't park in the Kindergarten or Play Centre car parks, unless using them to drop off children.
- Please encourage your children to be safe at all times at the end of the school day
- Please leave service station access free.



When dropping off or collecting your children please keep the bus bay clear at all times!

AIMS GAMES 2017

New Zealand's PREMIER Sports tournament for year 7 & 8 students.

Information Meeting - Wednesday 15th March 6pm - Room 14

Please see this website for more information and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting for more information and planning.

<http://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/>

ICAS exams

Are you interested in taking part in the ICAS exams in 2017. These exams are for Year 3 - Year 8 and are designed to challenge and extend students who show excellence in particular curriculum areas. They 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 March 24th



WE ARE DEVELOPING THE JUNIOR PLAYGROUND AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT...

CAN YOU?

- Donate free labour for painting, prep work, gardening or building
- Donate resources e.g. timber, paint, nails, bark, steel framing, sand & playground equipment
- Donate landscape planning ideas
- Offer ideas or contacts for supplies and materials needed.

If you can help with any of these we would love for you to put your details down at the school office. We hope to hold a meeting later this term to formulate a plan and get the ball rolling to have a junior playground for our tamariki.

Kia ora on behalf of the students and teachers of Parua Bay School

Health check - Threadworms

Please check your children, threadworms are small, thin, white, thread-like worms between 2 mm and 13 mm long. They infect human guts (intestines). They are common in children, but anyone of any age can be affected.

Treatment usually includes medication plus hygiene measures. Medication kills the worms, but not their eggs, which can survive for two weeks. Therefore, you also need strict hygiene measures for two weeks after taking medication to prevent you from swallowing eggs which may cause a new infection. All household members should be treated at the same time, including those without symptoms.

FANTASTIC GYMNASTICS 2017

fun and fitness for children of all ages

recreational
competitive tumbling
NEW kindy class
playgym

WHERE Parua Bay Community Centre
WHEN Monday - Thursday afternoons
CONTACT call/text 0276659174
hannah@fantasticgymnastics.co.nz

Part time work wanted by local mature lady. I am trustworthy, honest, experienced and reliable
Open to housekeeping, child minding.....
Please text Julie on 021 158 4307

LIBRARY BUS

12.30 - 1.15pm
31st March, 28th April,
26th May & 23rd June



Come and help Jim and Margaret Comrie celebrate
40 years farming in Parua Bay

It's time to say farewell and wish them well...
Saturday 18th March, 7pm at 'The Woolshed' Live band. Koha welcome.
Bring your dancing shoes, BYO and a plate of finger food.

Contact Mike Smith
02102343095

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)

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