



## Newsletter – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 - Term 3, Week 6

Kia ora koutou, Dear Parents and Whānau,

Last week a number of our intermediate students participated in a **debating competition** held amongst local schools, hosted in Whangārei. Well done to our team of highly driven debaters. A special thanks to Mr Jones and parent volunteers for helping to organise the day and provide support and transport. Qualifying senior students also entered the **Northland Science Fair** with notable results. See write up from Mr Jones below:

Fantastic Debating results - 4 wins from 6 debates. Outstanding first up effort from our 2 year 7 teams. Isabella Malcolm, Chloe Harrison, Gracie William, Sylvie Hermans and Georgia Baker.

Central North Science Fair, Forum North - 3 prize winners - Alistair Waelen, Georgia Baker and Jake Sheppard - actual prizes/placing are yet to be confirmed.

On Monday this week students also attended the '**Lit Quiz**' in Kerikeri, an event aimed at developing literary talent and interest - we had 2 teams which enjoyed the bookish excitement of the event, playing against a wide catchment of teams throughout Northland. A special mention goes to Cael Bernecker, Cameron Scott, Alistair Waelen, Evalani Tuato'o and Isabella Malcolm, who apparently came 4th in a hotly contested round. Thank you to our parent helpers.

Teams for the annual **Mathex competition** from Years 5 to 8 battled it out at Whangarei Boys' High School on Thursday afternoon and evening. Thank you to parents for transporting students, we are highly dependent on your help with such activities. Each year group from Parua Bay had between 2 to 4 teams competing with over 40 other teams in each event. Well done to all students who participated, particularly to Unai, Dunixi, Sonny and Finlay - who came second in the Year 6 competition.

Every Tuesday we have a group of approximately 18 students participating in a new **Aquabots programme** - where students problem solve and create submersible buggies capable of being controlled and manoeuvred to achieve certain tasks. A huge thank you to Gareth Bodle and Adrienne Hermans for getting this initiative off the ground. It is great to see such a high level of engagement from the students and the involvement of the parents supporting and supervising the teams. We have also had a hugely generous donation from Bunnings towards the Aquabots team - see Adrienne's note in this newsletter.

We had a large contingent of **top runners from Year 4 to Year 8 who took part in the Barge Park WPSSA Cross Country competition** on Wednesday this week. As well as schools from across Whangārei there was also stiff competition from the Kerikeri cluster of schools. Cross Country is always a tough and gritty competition, I was very pleased to see the huge efforts made by all our students, often running in races with between 80 - 100+ competitors. Of particular note: Mabel Eilering placed 3rd in the 8 year old girls (ages at Jan 2022); Toby Harrison placed 3rd in the 9 year old boys; Bo Baker came 2nd in the 10 year old girls; Kaylee Earl came 1st in the 11 year old girls; Jade Marris placed 3rd in the 12 year old girls - outstanding results. Thank you to Mr Brent and parents for helping make attendance at the event possible.

**AIMS Games is drawing closer**, students and parents will be heading to Tauranga this weekend to join young people from all over Aotearoa New Zealand to compete at the highest levels in the intermediate age group. A huge amount of time and planning has been put into the preparations for our students by Mr Hamilton and our parent coaches/supervisors. I am sure this will be an awesome experience for our rangatahi.

When students take part in competitions, being able to represent Parua Bay School and being easily identifiable are benefits of wearing the school sports tops. **Thank you to all parents who have commented on the sports tee survey to gauge parental opinions** around having a required (or uniform) top for sporting events and for optional use day-to-day in school. Please have your say if you have not already done so. [Sports tee survey here](#). [Uniform Hub \(shop\) link here](#).

**Thank you to our Board of Trustee nominees who have stepped forward to represent you and your children.** It will be now over to the rest of the community to vote for candidates. Voting papers have been **emailed** to everyone on the electoral roll (or sent by post if you don't have an email address). **Candidate statements** can be viewed at <https://paruabay.boardelections.nz/>. **Voting closes at 4pm on WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER.**

Two final points for your consideration - we have a **shortage** of sports equipment for break and lunch times, e.g. **footballs, netballs, basketballs and rugby balls**. Do you have any such equipment you would like to **donate** to school? If so, please bring them into the school office, any donations would be greatly appreciated. **The Kea Crossing** has become a safer way to cross the busy road through Parua Bay before and after school. We have an awesome team of volunteers, who also have many demands on their time. We may have to close the crossing several afternoons each week if we cannot find **further volunteers**. If you would like to help in some way, please contact or speak to Aimée in the school office.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Mark Ashcroft  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

|                                                   |                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2022           | Meet the NRC Candidates at the School Hall at 3pm              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 | Year 7&8s - Aims Games 2022 in Tauranga                        |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2022          | WIG Wednesday – Gold Coin Donation for Child Cancer Foundation |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2022             | Yr 8s at Tech College                                          |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2022             | Yr 8s Scuba                                                    |

## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Wear your craziest wig to school and **donate \$3** to Child Cancer Foundation

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# Yr 7 Debating Day.....





# AquaBots at work.....



## Thank you Bunnings for supporting Parua Bay School!

Bunnings Warehouse, Whangarei have made a generous donation of tools and equipment to Parua Bay School: including a drill, drill bits, tool boxes, pliers, cutters, a vice, measuring tape and much more! This equipment is initially to assist the Y7/8AquaBots programme but will also be huge assistance to future STEAM projects across the school.

Thanks again Bunnings from the students, staff and community of Parua Bay School.





# WPSSA Cross Country Champs



**Congratulations!!**

Jade Marris – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bo Baker – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mabel Eilering – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Toby Harrison – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kaylee Earl – 1<sup>st</sup>







## PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA

10 September 2022- Save the date!

Parua Bay School Y7/8 AquaBots group are fundraising to purchase a 3D printer and soldering equipment for the school. We are lucky to have the support of the amazing wood fired **Owhiwa Rd Pizzas** who are bringing their pizza oven to Parua Bay School! So gather your family and friends and come down to Parua Bay school on the evening of **Saturday 10 September 2022** and purchase mouth watering pizzas for dinner, and support STEAM at Parua Bay school!

All welcome, see you there!

## Music lessons with Sam Benge

Group lessons and 1:1

All ages - Ukulele, Guitar, Keyboard, Bass  
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