



Parua Bay School

"Together Navigating our Learning"

Newsletter – 21st August 2018

Term 3, Week 5

Kia ora koutou whanau

Nearing the midpoint of this term with Spring just around the corner, there is a buoyant energy positively radiating around Parua Bay School. It won't be long now until the warm, summer sun shines down on us all in the bay and the resultant benefits of vitamin "D" will re-energise student and staff.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding for last week's disruptions caused by our Teacher Only Day and the Strike Day. These two consecutive days were obviously not planned to be together, as the T.O.D. had been organised well before talk of the Strike Day.

However, I would also like to report back to you how the Teacher Only Day was used by the staff for professional learning development. With the school undergoing a huge restructure over the next 2-3 years, it is essential that the staff is continually reflecting and reviewing their educational philosophy and pedagogy. With this aim in mind, the Senior Leadership Team took the staff to a diverse range of schools in Auckland and Christchurch to observe modern learning practices. Rob Jones took the Hub teachers (Years 5/6) to Christchurch over a period of two days to look at three different schools in action; Waitakiri School, Haeata Community School and Parkview School. Their main focus was to observe collaborative teaching and learning practices in a range of settings. Hazel Smith took Team Manu (Years 0-2) to Auckland to visit Forest Hill School and Hobsonville Point School. Their goal was to observe different models of play-based learning. I took the teachers from the Seniors (Years 7/8) and Team Awatea (Years 3/4) to Riverhead School in Auckland to observe and team teach in a collaborative setting with their staff. All our teachers appreciated the opportunity to observe different schools with a view to reflecting on their own practices, as well as forming some opinions about what sort of environments they would like to teach in.

At Parua Bay School we have amazing students who all achieve in their own right. However, there is one particular girl in Year 8, Bella Earl, who has worked extremely hard to achieve the incredible feat of winning the U-15 Cross Country National Championships in Wellington. Competing against other girls nearly 2 years older than her, Bella cruised to victory with more than 80m separating her and the second placed competitor. I would like to congratulate Bella, who is one of the most modest yet committed students at Parua Bay School. Well done on an extraordinary achievement.

Please click on link to view full report.

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503450&objectid=12104852

Don't forget if you're free on a Friday at 8.30 a.m. and would like to have a chat to the Senior Leadership Team, come and have coffee with us in the new staff room.

Nga mihi nui
Danny Jewell

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 22 nd August	• Transition to school meeting 10.00 – 11.00 am
Thursday 23 rd August	• School Disco – 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Monday 27 th August	• Science Fair in town – selected students
Tuesday 28 th August	• Mud Run in Auckland – Year 7 & 8 students
Wednesday 29 th August	• WPSSA Cross Country – selected students only.
Friday 31 st August	• Pet Photo Competition closes. • Daffodil Day
Monday 3 rd September	• Ticket sales for Production on sale.
Thursday 6 th September	• WGHS Enrolment Interviews
Friday 7 th September	• Kapa Haka Noho
Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th	• Aims Games Tournament – selected senior students
Friday 21 st September	• Teacher Only Day!
Tuesday 25 th September	• Year 4 – 8 School Production – Matinee and Evening Show
Wednesday 26 th September	• Year 4 – 8 School Production – Evening Show
Thursday 27 th September	• School Production – Evening Show
Friday 28 th September	• Last day for term 3.



ATTENDANCE

Please note children arriving to school after the school bell (including those that have attended dentist or doctor's appointments) must report to the school office. This is a Healthy and Safety measure and must be adhered to.



STREP THROAT

With strep throat being so prevalent in the school please ensure that if your child has sore throat symptoms you seek medical advice. Strep throat is a contagious disease so please ensure your child is kept at home until they are clear. Common symptoms include sore throat, fever and swollen lymph nodes in the neck



SAUSAGE SIZZLE – ICE BLOCKS

Aims Games Fundraiser – Sausage Sizzle (\$2.00) & Ice blocks (\$1.00) Friday 24th August & Friday 31st August. Order from Room 11.



T-SHIRT SALE

Parua Bay School T-shirt's for sale \$10.00 each.

PARUA BAY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Report Thursday 16th August 2018

For the first time we started our meeting with a karakia in te reo. It focused on the Board's priority of student achievement. It is intended that this will be a regular event. The Board wished to reflect its desire to see a focus on te reo and tikanga Maori within our school.

As part of his Principal's report, Danny was happy to announce a likely one off \$200,000 increase in property improvement funding (called 5YA) from The Ministry of Education (MoE) next year. All schools will be getting such a "bonus" but only the larger ones will be receiving this amount. On top of these funds, due to past roll growth, the school has more money in this 5YA fund than expected. The Board had initial discussions around what these funds could be used for. Relevant information will be gathered on the different options identified before our next meeting with a view to firming up our decision then.

The main focus of this meeting was to review all students' mid-year achievement data. A comprehensive report analysing the assessment results of all students against their respective curriculum levels is produced and analysed according to year level, gender, ethnicity etc. The Board is happy with overall student achievement, but as always, is looking for areas for future improvement.

Management and the Board have been working alongside MoE developing a master plan for all the building work happening around our school in the coming years. The first part of which will be our new block of eight classrooms. As part of the master planning process the MoE has asked us how attached we are to our old library and now staff room building. There may be an option for this building to be replaced as part of developments. The Board asked Danny to survey community opinion regard this building. Expect to see this in the near future.

At each meeting we review one of our policies to ensure that every Board policy is updated at least once every three years. Our Health and Safety policy was due for review at this meeting. Due to significant changes in Health and safety legislation since this policy was last reviewed, we decided to spend time updating this policy for our next meeting rather than rushing it.

Lastly, Tangiwai Baker summarised for the Board four different initiatives between Council, Community and our school regarding transport improvements. Discussion focussed around how the school can ensure these initiatives are as coordinated as possible.

Manaia Misfits Movie Night

Friday 31st August at the Parua Bay Community Centre

Cash / Eftpos Bar

\$80.00 per table

For more information email – manaiamisfits@gmail.com





Please return any Yummy Stickers collected to the office.



Parua Bay School Disco With DJ Warren

Thursday 23rd August

Entry by Gold Coin Donation

6:00—8pm All Years

**Spot Prizes and Best Dancers
Prize. Drinks, Glow Sticks,
Lollies and Chippies will be
available to buy.**

**Return your permission slip to
the Office.**

