

Parua Bay School

"Together Navigating our Learning"

Newsletter – 18th September 2018

Term 3, Week 9

Kia ora koutou whanau

As we near the end of Term 3, Parua Bay School has hit the headlines for its amazing achievements at the A.I.M.s Games in Tauranga. In only our 3rd visit to this intermediate aged student competition, Parua Bay School returned home victorious with 10 medals and a cup. With only 60 intermediate aged students at our school, (some intermediate schools have rolls of over 1000 students), once again Parua Bay School has "punched well above its weight" to win more medals per capita than any other school. One gold medal was achieved in the Year 8 girls cross country and this was a fantastic race. 9 medals were won in the squash tournament and this shows what a fantastically strong squash scene there is in Parua Bay. However it is also a credit to the commitment of the students, coaches and parents involved in this sport. All of these students can be seen at the squash courts on a daily basis, and this commitment and focus is just one of the many reasons why they have acquitted themselves so well at these championships.

Other sports represented at these games for Parua Bay School were hockey, netball, cross country and gymnastics. All students representing our school had a fantastic experience and have returned to Parua Bay with some great memories of the week. There will be a special assembly for our Year 4-8 students on Thursday this week at 9.00 a.m. in the hall, where the exceptional achievements of the A.I.M.s games students will be recognised. Please come along and celebrate their incredible feats with us in what should prove to be an extravaganza of Parua Bay School excellence.

Finally, the students and staff from Years 4-8 have been working hard over the past few weeks practising for the end of term production, "Time after Time." Please make sure you don't leave buying your tickets to this production too late, as past performances have shown what an amazing show this is, and you wouldn't want to miss out. Tickets are running out fast for the final evening, however there are still seats available for the first two nights and the matinee. So please support your child(ren) and the school by purchasing tickets from the front office for this fantastic journey through time.

I look forward to catching up with you at one of the performances.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 19 th September	 ✓ Year 7 Technology day (swopped from Friday 21st) ✓ Northland Cross Country Event – Barge Park – selected students.
Thursday 20 th September	✓ Pizza, sausage sizzle and ice blocks
Friday 21 st September	✓ Teacher Only Day!
Tuesday 25 th September	✓ Year 4–8 School Production – Evening Show & Matinee
Wednesday 26 th September	✓ Year 4-8 School Production – Evening Show
Thursday 27 th September	✓ Year 4–8 School Production – Evening Show
Friday 28 th September	✓ Last day for term 3.

NOTICES

- ✓ There will be a sausage sizzle \$2 and ice blocks \$1 this Thursday
- ✓ Reminder Teacher Only Day on Friday 21st September.
- ✓ Book your tickets now for the school production limited tickets available.
- ✓ Raffle tickets to be returned to the office by Monday 24th September.
- ✓ Yummy stickers keep collecting and drop off at the office.

HEALTH NOTICES

- ✓ Remember to check your child/children's hair daily for head lice and eggs.
- ✓ Thread Worms please check your children. The most common symptoms of a threadworm can include: an itchy bottom; general irritability and behavioural changes; trouble sleeping, or restless sleep, sudden lack of appetite. Worming tablets are available from the Pharmacy.

TIME AFTER TIME - Parua Bay School Production 2018

Tickets are on sale and selling out fast!

Tuesday 25th September Matinee 11.00am Evening show 6.30pm Wednesday 26th September Evening show 6.30pm Evening show 6.30pm

For the evening productions snacks will be available – Potato chips \$2; bags of lollies \$1; ice blocks \$1.

If you have any other questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us:



AIMS GAMES gives 11, 12 and 13 year olds an opportunity to compete as an individual or in a team against the best of their age in twenty different sports. The aim of the event is to provide opportunities for the student in the middle years to compete at an elite level, be active, celebrate fair play and enjoy success.

In fifteen years, the Anchor AIMS Games have gone from a small festival of sport, to what are now considered the International Championships for Year 7-8s. Since 2004 they have grown from 760 competitors representing 17 schools and four sporting codes to the 2018 ANCHOR AIMS GAMES where there were 10,000+ competitors representing 320 schools from throughout New Zealand, Tonga and the Cook Islands.

Parua Bay School pupils experienced great success at AIMS GAMES last week. Twenty four of our students travelled to Tauranga to compete in Netball, Hockey, Gymnastics, Cross Country and Squash.





Cross Country began the week with a high. The conditions were good this year and Erin, Cassie, Alex and Bella all gave it their best shot amongst a tough field.



They had to run 3km over an undulating course with the final killer hill towards the end of the course. We are super proud of Bella Earl who won GOLD in the Year 8 girls race out of a field of 160 runners. She ran it in a time of 11:06, narrowly missing the games record by 6 seconds. This is a huge achievement for Bella and we look forward to hearing about her successes in the future!

Our Netball Team played some tough games over the course of the week and won one of their games 16-13, gaining them an extra bonus point. They were finally placed in 112th position. Over the week they developed their skills and built up a strong sense of team spirit and resilience, supporting each other during the games.





Our 6 -a - side Hockey Team were new to AIMS this year and found their pool play an exciting challenge. They too came away with a fantastic win in one of their games, taking it to a penalty shoot out and winning 4-2 in the end. The team fought hard in all of their games and honed their skills over the week against some high level teams.

Alex Watson competed in the boys Gymnastics in a number of events during the beginning part of the week. Standards were high and he was able to perform well on the Mat and Floor with his routines. He excelled in the Vault and was placed 8th in this competition.



Our Squash Team fought hard in their games across the week. They showed great team spirit supporting each other at every opportunity. They all played outstandingly well. Final placings were critical to us achieving our team medals for both boys and girls.

The girls draw had 32 entries. Olivia Rhodes played some tough games consistently well and achieved BRONZE in the girl's individuals, with Ellie Petty getting 18th place. It was a close call....but this was enough for them to gain SILVER for the girls teams!



The boys draw had 64 entries. Luca Smith made some great progress up the ladder and achieved 11th in the final placings. Cam Griffin and Flynn Venmore battled it out for 3rd and 4th in a really top match, in the end Cam took the BRONZE, a great achievement.



Freddie Jameson made it to the finals and took GOLD medal for Parua Bay with great skill and agility.

These great placings meant we were hard to beat.....Freddie and Cam took GOLD in the boy's team medals and Flynn and Cam took SILVER. The prizegiving was a sea of red with Parua Bay School students!

All in all AIMS games was a huge success for our country school. Our name is on the AIMS GAMES map....and Trophies!!!

TERM DATES 2019

Term 1

Monday 4th February - Friday 12th April Includes:
Wednesday 6th February - Anzac Day

School Holidays

Saturday 13th April - Sunday 28th April Includes
Friday 19th April - Good Friday
Monday 22nd April - Easter Monday
Thursday 25th April - Anzac Day

Term 2

Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July Monday 3rd June

School Holidays

Saturday 6th July - Sunday 21st July

Term 3

Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September

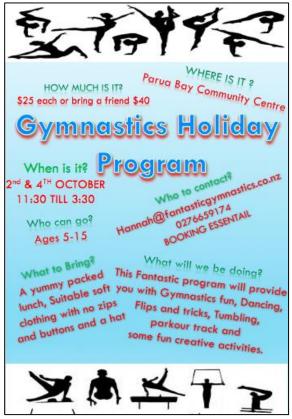
School Holidays

Saturday 28th September - Sunday 13th October

Term 4

Monday 14th October - Wednesday 18th December Includes
Monday 28th October - Labour Day







Piano and guitar lessons available starting term 4 2018. \$25 per 30 minute lesson, held in school time. Contact Helen Tong 021 231 7886 or 09 435 6225, Students must have a suitable instrument available to practice on at home.





Manaia Hockey AGM will be held at Te Mangoroa Whangarei Heads School on Saturday 22nd September at 2.30 pm. Prize giving will be held immediately afterwards at 3.00 pm.