



Newsletter – 27th March 2019

Term 1, Week 7

Kia ora koutou whanau

With only three weeks left until the Easter holidays, this term has just flown by. The students and staff have been really busy in class and out of class. The Whangarei Primary Schools' Swimming Championships took place at Whangarei Intermediate School last week, and we had probably our most successful time at this event in recent years. We took around 25 swimmers from Parua Bay School and Whangarei Heads School to compete against the best swimmers in the Whangarei region. Our zone performed exceptionally well gaining lots of top 10 places and several top 5 positions also. Particular praise must go to Henry Childs, who won all his races at Year 4 boys, and Ella Grindle, who gained a 1st and 2 seconds in the Year 8 Girls. Other notable performances were from Zac and Josh Laing, Madison and Taylor Stokes, Joe Prout, Madyson Picard, Tessa Hayward and Erin Scott. Please check out all our swimming performances and results published in this newsletter - we are proud of you all - well done. If there was a trophy for the best zone, I'm sure we would have won it with so many great performances across the board.

There is a growing movement in the community and the Whangarei District Council for ensuring the safety of our tamariki and community members in and around Parua Bay. Although there are plans for more car parking and a drop off zone at the front of the school to be developed later in 2020, there needs to be interim supports and mechanisms to promote the safety of pedestrians during that time. Therefore, in addition to meetings with all relevant parties to ensure immediate transport safety precautions like signage, crossings, speed warning signs and safety platforms, it is imperative to constantly remind parents and the community for the need to take control of their children at the busy times of the day; beginning and end of the school day. So there will be a TRANSPORT SAFETY NOTICE going into every newsletter to remind parents of the need for precaution and supervision for their children.

Looking ahead, we have the Fun Friday Festival on this Friday 29 March from 4.30 p.m., which will be a great time to have fun after school with friends and family. It's also a very busy week next week, the Monday afternoon will be dedicated to our Whanau Waiata / Chant competition from 1.30 p.m. in the hall. Please feel free to come along and watch this inaugural spectacle - it will be keenly contested. Then later next week the Year 3s head off to the Holyground Camp Ground and Year 4s head off to Marsden Bay Christian Camp, and we wish them all the best for a fantastic time there.

Looking forward to catching up with you at one of these events.

Nga mihi ra

Danny Jewell

Fun Friday Festival

Friday 29th March

4.30 – 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 27 th March	Cultural Festival @ Otangerai – Kapa Haka Whole school assembly 2.00pm
Friday 29 th March	Sausage Sizzle \$2 ice blocks \$1 – order at the office Fun Friday Festival – 4.30–7.00pm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Phonics Meeting 5-6pm
Wednesday 3 rd April – Friday 5 th April	Year 4 Camp – Marsden Bay Christian Camp
Thursday 4 th April – Friday 5 th April	Year 3 Camp – Holyground Camp
Thursday 4 th April	PTA Meeting 3-4pm Staffroom
Wednesday 10 th April	Whole school assembly 2.00pm Dean O'Brien – Author/Singer 9-11am
Friday 12 th April	Last day of Term 1



Transport Safety Notice

Please abide by the following common sense rules when picking up / dropping off your child(ren) at school:

- No Child(ren) must cross the road on their own
- Children should be supervised closely when crossing the road - younger children should be holding parents' hands
- Cross the road at the crossing by the Four Square - it may be a longer walk to your car but it is a safer place to cross.
- Practise safe crossing of roads by looking both ways, listening for traffic and crossing the road sensibly.
- Never cross the road in between buses or anywhere near the buses.
- Always walk and never run across roads
- Always close the school gates behind you after leaving.



Phonics Meeting – Tuesday 2nd April

Why not come along, have some fun, as we all learn together.

Session 1- on Tuesday 2nd April, 5pm to 6pm will focus on the single letter sounds.

Session 2 - on Tuesday 9th April, 5pm to 6pm will focus on the double letter sounds.

Well done - By wearing our bright colours and donating a gold coin we raised \$369.00 which will now be forwarded onto Christchurch.

Important –For the safety of our children please ensure that you close the gates when entering or leaving the school grounds. Kindly remind your children to do likewise.

Thank you – A big thank you to Skids for donating sausages to the Senior Camp Fundraiser. Also we would like to thank the Parua Boys Bakery for their donation of lollies for our Fun Friday Festival.

Wanted - Time for a clean out/sort out??!! Room 10 will be holding a Toy Sale at our Fun Friday Festival! Any unneeded working toys would be greatly appreciated as a donation. Please bring all toys to Room 10 by Thursday 28th March. Can't wait to see you there!

Japanese student visit



HELPERS NEEDED!

Our Fun Friday Festival is nearly upon us, this is a great community event so please come along and show your support. As with most events they cannot happen unless we have a group of volunteers willing to help out to ensure the smooth running of this fun evening. If you are able to offer any of your time with set-up, helping though out the evening or tidy-up please email the office at office@paruabay.school.nz

We are very much looking forward to the Fun Friday Festival on Friday, even more so the talent show during the event. If your child attended the auditions and is performing an item in the talent show, it will run between approximately 5 and 5:30pm. Please ensure they are there between these times. See you there!





A big congratulations to all our swimmers who took part in the WPSSA Swimming at Whangarei Intermediate School.

Henry Childs	1 st	Yr 4 Freestyle
	1 st	Yr 4 Backstroke
	1 st	Yr 4 Breaststroke
Henry Horton	7 th	Yr 4 Backstroke
Sophia Candy	5 th	Yr 4 Freestyle
Eva Tuato'o	5 th	Yr 4 Breaststroke
Zac Laing	18 th	Yr 4 Backstroke
	2 nd	Yr 5 Freestyle
	2 nd	Yr 5 Backstroke
Mia Baltus	6 th	Yr 5 Breaststroke
	1 st	Yr 5 Breaststroke
	5 th	Yr 5 Freestyle
Maddie Stokes	8 th	Yr 5 Backstroke
	2 nd	Yr 5 Backstroke
	2 nd	Yr 5 Breaststroke
Tayne Haag	4 th	Yr 5 Freestyle
	8 th	Yr 6 Backstroke
	17 th	Yr 6 Backstroke
Dylan Edwards	6 th	Yr 6 Freestyle
Jack Pasonage	8 th	Yr 6 Breaststroke
Jax Hannam	13 th	Yr 6 Breaststroke
Karlos Snow	2 nd	Yr 6 Backstroke
Taylor Stokes	4 th	Yr 6 Freestyle
	10 th	Yr 6 Breaststroke
	6 th	Yr 6 Freestyle
Hinewai Baltus	7 th	Yr 6 Breaststroke
Eliza Watson	9 th	Yr 6 Freestyle
	12 th	Yr 6 Backstroke
Joe Prout	2 nd	Yr 7 Freestyle
	17 th	Yr 7 Backstroke
Josh Laing	3 rd	Yr 7 Backstroke
	4 th	Yr 7 Breaststroke
	5 th	Yr 7 Freestyle
Ollie Maunder	12 th	Yr 7 Breaststroke
Madyson Picard	3 rd	Yr 7 Breaststroke
	8 th	Yr 7 Freestyle
Tessa Hayward	5 th	Yr 7 Backstroke
Alice Aastroem	10 th	Yr 7 Breaststroke
Mikaere Cooper	8 th	Yr 8 Backstroke
	11 th	Yr 8 Freestyle
	17 th	Yr 8 Breaststroke
Nico Reynolds	2 nd	Yr 8 Freestyle
	2 nd	Yr 8 Breaststroke
	1 st	Yr 8 Backstroke
Ella Grindle	2 nd	Yr 8 Freestyle
	2 nd	Yr 8 Breaststroke
	4 th	Yr 8 Freestyle
Erin Scott	4 th	Yr 8 Backstroke
	6 th	Yr 8 Breaststroke