

Newsletter - 29th June 2020

Term 2, Week 12

Kia ora koutou - Dear Parents and Whanau,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of Term 2. This has been an unusual time for families, students and staff as we moved through various alert levels and have now reached a 'near' normal time. Albeit from a school perspective, the full lockdown seems a long time ago. I want to acknowledge again the support from whanau during the home learning, the engagement and efforts of our tamariki and the long hours and creativity put in by staff throughout the 'holidays' and subsequent on-line phase of Term 2. I think the students and staff are all looking forward to a well deserved break.

I also acknowledge at this time that many families may be experiencing financial uncertainty as companies and businesses respond to the current economic climate. As we remain at <u>Alert Level 1</u>, I would remind families to ensure any **students who are unwell are not sent to school**. We will continue to maintain practices around handwashing and cough etiquette.

Thank you to those parents and children who attended the **Transition to School evening** on Wed 24th June with Amanda and Hazel. Mrs Askew has an extremely well organised and nurturing programme for our New Entrant students (and parents!). Thank you also to parents who attended our **Whanau Hui**, also held on the 24th June. Numbers were small however we discussed Maori and whole school achievements, related curriculum plans and professional development as well as consulting on the school's draft **Tirītī O Waitangi Policy - a key guiding document for our kura.**

By way of reminder, hard copies and digital copies of **Dr Melinda Webber's 'Kia tū rangatira ai:** Learning, succeeding, and thriving in education' have been sent out with students and via email. This is potentially a very valuable survey to help provide insight into ways to improve provision for our rangatahi. Also, on **Wednesday 1st July at 6pm a special evening will be held for parents of our current Year 6 students, outlining the benefits of our intermediate programme at Parua Bay School, including some exciting new additions.**

I have been very impressed by our **senior Year 7 & 8 Crossing Patrol students**. The seniors ran 8 sessions, covering all students at school, coaching the children on how to safely use the Kea crossing. The training took place mostly in the school hall. As you may be aware, the Kea crossing is still awaiting road markings and 'active use' flags, which will hopefully be sorted before the start of the new term. Constable Ian Anderson has fully supported this initiative.

We will be farewelling **Matua Caleb** at the end of this term. Caleb has been an excellent staff member whom children and staff literally look up to. We wish Caleb well. **We welcome Joe Andersson and Helen Smith as new staff for Term 3**. Both Joe and Helen will have responsibilities in Team Manu. They bring an amazing range of skills and talents to the school.

For your information, a **Powhiri will be held to welcome our new whanau, students and staff on Tuesday 21st July at 9.15am.**

Ngā mihi mahana,

Mark Ashcroft Principal

Wednesday 1st July	Year 7/8 Information Evening – 6pm
Thursday 2 nd July	Nachos \$5 – order at the office before Wednesday
	PTA meeting 3pm in the staffroom
Friday 3 rd July	Dr Melinda Webber - survey due
	Last day of Term 2
Monday 20 th July	First day of Term 3
Tuesday 21 st July	Powhiri – 9.15am everyone welcome
Friday 28 th August	Teacher Only Day

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Thursday 2nd July 3pm PTA meeting - Everyone welcome

NACHOS FOR LUNCH THIS COMING THURSDAY! ORDER NOW!

Pre-order by Tuesday at the Office. \$5



Scuba Diving Photos

Nathan Kennedy, Joel Urbahn-Hill and Ollie Maunder scuba diving with Mr Ashcroft











Kea crossing training with Constable Ian Anderson

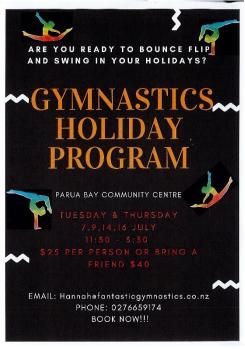


Tennis Northland Holiday Programme Wed 8th & 15th July and Thurs 9th & 16th 9am-2pm all ages \$20 per child per day Raewyn Heywood – 0274386197 raehey@xtra.co.nz

Tutukaka Holiday Surf Programme Thurs 16th – Sat 18th July 10am-12.30pm \$110 for 6 years of age and up Contact – nzsurfacademy.co.nz









RUGBY AND HOCKEY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

WHEN

YOU CAN CHOOSE WHAT DAYS TO ATTEND WHO CAN ATTEND

BOYS AND GIRLS YEAR 3 TO YEAR 10

WHAT IS THE COST \$25 - 9AM TO 12PM PER DAY

\$40 - 9AM TO 3PM PER DAY

WHAT TIMES

DROP OFF 8.30AM - PICK UP NO LATER THAN 3.30PM WHERE
WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

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