



## **Newsletter –5<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

## **Term 1, Week 1**

Kia Ora Koutou - Dear Parents and Whanau,

In a bid to furnish as much calendar information as possible, the following dates will appear on the school's google calendar and you will be reminded of them throughout the term and year. Inevitably some dates will be added, including Whanau Hui. Please also note the correction to the Meet the Teacher evening, confirming this as Tuesday 16th February.

Please also be aware that the provisional end of Term 1 and beginning of Term 2 dates are as follows: last school day in Term 1 for students will be Thursday 15th April with the school closed on Friday 16th; the first day of Term 2 for students will be Tuesday 4th May, with the school closed on the Monday 3rd May. These dates have *yet to be confirmed* by the Ministry of Education. The reason for these provisional opening and closing dates is due to the Health and Safety of students, parents and staff during demolition work needed to remove asbestos from the large number of older classrooms being removed. These dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Nga mihi mahana,  
Mark Ashcroft

### **POWHIRI**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 9.15am**

**To welcome all new students, whanau and staff**

**Meet the Teacher Evening  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 5.30pm**

### **ICAS**

ICAS certificates have now arrived and will be sent home with your child/children next week.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Waitangi Day – School closed
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Powhiri 9.15am – everyone welcome
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Y7/8 Waitangi Day Trip
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3/4 Parent camp meeting 5pm Meet the Teacher 5.30pm-7pm (Please note wrong day forwarded in email)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Y7/8 Swimming Sports Assembly 1.45pm Team Moana Parent camp meeting 5.30pm Board of Trustees meeting 6-8pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Y7/8 Parent camp evening 5.30pm Te Manawa Tahi – Community Centre 8am-9am
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y4/6 Swimming Sports
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Zone Swimming – Parua Bay School/Whangarei Heads School
Monday March 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y7/8 Camp Tangihua
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y3/4 Reotahi Trip – Room 5 & 6 Y7/8 Epro 8 – To be confirmed Assembly – 1.45pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/8 Epro 8
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Reotahi Trip – Room 7 & 8
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March –Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Team Moana Camp
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Camp
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Cricket lessons – all classes
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	WPSSA Swimming Sports – selected students Assembly 1.45pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y7/8 Hiking Club overnight – To be confirmed
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	St Johns First Aid – Rooms 1, 14 & 2
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	St Johns First Aid – Rooms 1, 15, & 3
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Board of Trustees meeting 6-8pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	St Johns First Aid – Rooms 14, 15, & 4
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	St Johns First Aid – Rooms 10, 11, 12, 5, 6 & 2
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	St Johns First Aid – Rooms 5, 6, 7, 8, 3 & 4
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	St Johns First Aid – Rooms 10, 11, 12, 7 & 8 Assembly 1.45pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays – School closed
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Assembly 1.45pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 1 – To be confirmed
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of Term 2 – To be confirmed

## STAFF DIRECTORY 2020

Principal	Mr Mark Ashcroft
Deputy Principal	Mrs Hazel Smith
Assistant Principal	Mr Robert Jones
Principal's Secretary	Lisa Currie

### Teachers

Year 0 / 1	Room 11	Mrs Amanda Askew
Year 0 / 1	Room 12	Mrs Renay Brown
Year 2	Room 10	Mrs Carolyn Henwood
Year 3 / 4	Room 8	Mrs Melissa Aarsen /Ms Briar D'Arcy-Wright
Year 3 / 4	Room 7	Whaea Tania Westren
Year 3 / 4	Room 6	Whaea Barbie Reynolds
Year 3 / 4	Room 5	Whaea Deanna Uttley
Year 5 / 6	Room 4	Mrs Kylie Aubrey
Year 5 / 6	Room 2	Whaea Rai Shortland
Year 5 / 6	Room 3	Ms Janette Steel
Year 7 / 8	Room 1	Miss Lynfa Harris
Year 7 / 8	Room 14	Mr Jeremy Hamilton
Year 7 / 9	Room 15	Mr Rob Jones/Ms Sam McNeight

Learning Support Coordinator	Mrs Laetitia McKenzie
Part-time Teachers	
Release	Ms Samantha McNeight/ Whaea Pera

### Support Staff

Office Assistant / Librarian	Linzi Morgan
Teacher Aides	Rebecca Anderson
	Claire Harrison
	Karen Anderson
	Kelly Oosterbroek
	Alli Wyeth
	Val Land
	Jaymee Uttley
Caretaker	Alec Cooper

### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Chair	Mr James Buckland	Member	Mrs Tangiwai Baker
Member	Mr Andrew Glen	Member	Ms Sarah Irwin
Member	Mrs Bronwen Gilmour	Staff Trustee	TBA
Principal	Mr Mark Ashcroft		

### SCHOOL DONATIONS & FEE

School donation and fees statements will be emailed shortly

One Student per family	\$100.00 Donation / \$5.00 Photocopying
Two Students per family	\$180.00 Donation / \$10.00 Photocopying
Three or more students per family	\$240.00 Donation / \$15.00 Photocopying

Payments can be paid by direct credit to: Parua Bay School - 12 3092 0070244 00

Payment plans via automatic payment makes fees for the year easier, contact the school office to arrange this. **NOTE** - Decile 1-7 schools can receive Ministry of Education funding of \$150 per student to replace annual school donations. As a decile 9 school we do not qualify for the Ministry's school donation support.

## The following information will be handy as we start the school year:

- ✓ **Newsletters** are issued every second week via e-mail. If you do not receive one please contact the school office to ensure we have the correct email. Please notify the school if you wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter. Newsletters are also available on our website ([www.paruabay.school.nz](http://www.paruabay.school.nz)).
- ✓ It would be appreciated if all pupils have their **stationery** by the end of next week. Stationery lists are on the school website or available from the school office.
- ✓ Parua Bay School is a '**no litter**' school. This means that students take their lunch wrappings home. Please assist us by ensuring that items in the school lunch boxes are able to be disposed of properly. Food scraps (excluding citrus and banana skins) may be left at school in the "Chook Bucket".
- ✓ We discourage students from bringing lollies and fizzy drinks into our school. Please pack a **drink bottle** with water as students can refill these during the course of the day.
- ✓ Years 0 – 3 students who use the **bus transport** need to have a written note from their parents if there is a deviation in their normal method of transport. At all other year levels we do appreciate it if you are able to notify the office if your child is permanently off or on any buses on a particular day. Please inform the office if you collect your child who has been marked on the bus
- ✓ **Assemblies** – whole school assemblies will be held fortnightly on a Wednesday at 2.00pm on even weeks.
- ✓ **School starts at 8.45am** each morning. It is important for students to be punctual. Students are not allowed in the school grounds prior to 8.15am, unless they are bus users.
- ✓ **School Lunches –REMINDER** – Parua Bay Bakery lunches Tuesday and Thursday only! Please make your order at the bakery, we do NOT take orders at the office.
- ✓ **Break times :**



Session One	8.45am – 10.45am
Morning Tea	10.45am – 11.15am
Session Two	11.15am – 12.45am
Lunch	12.45 pm – 1.30pm
Session Three	1.30pm – 2.45pm



- ✓ Please phone school on the day explaining why your child is **absent** before 9:00am. It is important we know where your child is, if they are not at school. If your child has an unexplained absence you will receive a text asking for an explanation.
- ✓ Please **name all clothes and children's equipment/belongings**. This is really important at this time of the year when many students have similar stationery and other items. Please also pack spare clothes as accidents do happen.
- ✓ **Swimming** is part of our Physical Education Curriculum and we do require children to bring togs (swimming costumes). If your child cannot swim for medical reason we DO require a note. Please name all togs and towels as well as clothing.
- ✓ During these early weeks of school protect your child by giving them **sun protection** - sunhats, sunscreen and sensible clothing. No hat, no play!

- ✓ We love **parents to visit the school**. Under OSH rules we are required to sign you in at school when you are here for any length of time (5 mins or more). PLEASE come to the office and record your name when you arrive, and also do the same on departure. Please use the COVID QR codes when entering the school grounds.
- ✓ We are fortunate to have an amazing **Parents Teacher Association (PTA)** who support our school in many ways. However they are always looking for new faces and ideas at their meetings. Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month.
- ✓ Communication - Keep up to date with happenings in our school by checking out our calendar on our **official school website**: [www.paruabay.school.nz](http://www.paruabay.school.nz) and the [Parua Bay School Facebook](#) page.
- ✓ Before and after school care is available at Parua Bay School through sKIDS. If further information is required please visit their website [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz).
- ✓ **And finally** if you have any queries regarding our school please do not hesitate to contact us. Parua Bay School has an open door policy and you are welcome in the classrooms at any time. If you have a concern please approach your child's teacher or team leader. If it is a general concern, contact Lisa Currie (Principal's Secretary) and she will make an appointment with either the Principal or Team Leader.

## Whanau Competition

Manaia	Motukiore	Taika	Pakikaikutu
<b>Whanau Captains:</b>  Isabella Horsley Toby Greenwood	<b>Whanau Captains:</b>  Kiri Waelen Jimi Baker	<b>Whanau Captains:</b>  Olivia Tremain Anabelle Tuato'o	<b>Whanau Captains:</b>  Phoebe Kippenberger Burke Gentry

The names of each whanau group are of particular significance to our community. During pre-European times, local hapu (sub tribes) would warn the iwi (main tribe) at Parihaka of approaching danger by a series of signals beginning at Mt Manaia who would in turn signal hapu at Taika (Mt Tiger). They would then send a signal to Motukiore (the island out from Solomon's point) who would relay it on to Pakikaikutu (the mountain range above Waikaraka). The signal would then go to Onerahi and on to Parihaka at which point the iwi could prepare for the danger of an approaching war party.

Upon enrolment, every child at Parua Bay School is placed into one of the above whanau groups. Children are always placed in the same whanau group as any previous or current siblings and whanau. Children will remain in that whanau group for the duration of their time at Parua Bay School. Teachers are also placed into a whanau group.

Students participate, and learn healthy competition through lunchtime sports competitions and academic competitions, as well as gaining points through demonstrating the four kinds in and around the classroom and wider community. School wide events, such as Swimming Sports, Triathlon, Athletics and Cross Country greatly contribute towards the overall points.

With the students developing a sense of belonging and pride within their whanau, along with the growing history and prestige of the Whanau Competition, this year promises to be another exciting year of competition. We welcome and encourage parents and whanau to get in behind this initiative. You can do this by coming along to watch and support your children during the lunchtime sports competition, academic events and of course the school wide events such as Swimming, Triathlon, Cross Country and Athletics.

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Dr Miranda, Professor of Football - Uni of Sao Paolo

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Riley - 10 year old futsal fanatic

details and registration  
www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz  
Or contact Christian:  
021 246 7328  
christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz



**Manaia Tigers Football Club**

**Registration Day**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Outside Parua Bay School Hall  
9.30-11.30 am

New and Returning Players  
Ages 5-12

Boot swap- bring any unwanted old boots. Plastic sprigs only.

For further info please contact Guthrie Lepper  
Mobile: 027 2001563 Email: guthrie.lepper@gmail.com



## Come and see a kiwi in your backyard!

WHLF Backyard Kiwi invite you to attend a community kiwi release. Learn about kiwi at Whangarei Heads, see a wild kiwi up close and take part in the release of kiwi into the area.

**5.30pm, Sunday February 14**  
**At Parua Bay**

Park at the Parua Bay Community Centre and walk down to the rugby field (if wet we will be in the hall).

Short walk to the release site optional  
(wear shoes for walking)

Backyard Kiwi Hats (\$25) and Bumper Stickers (\$5) will be available for purchase

For more information, call Todd on 021 1145 385  
or todd.hamilton64@gmail.com

Check out Facebook & our website  
[www.backyardkiwi.org.nz](http://www.backyardkiwi.org.nz)



WHANGAREI HEADS LANDCARE FORUM

[www.backyardkiwi.org.nz](http://www.backyardkiwi.org.nz)

### Girls' Brigade invites you to join a fun and inclusive group

for young women aged between 5 and 18 who want to make the most out of life. Our badgework programme focuses on developing the physical, educational, social and spiritual skills of those who attend. You can find out more @ <https://www.girlsbrigade.nz>. There are two Girls' Brigade Companies in Whangarei and we meet on Thursday nights during term time commencing 18 February:

**1st Kamo Company meets from 6.00 - 7.45pm at St John's Golden Church, 149 Kamo Road, Kensington, contact Brenda 027 2771159**

or

**2nd Whangarei Company meets from 5.30 - 7 pm at Hope Whangarei Church, Hunt St, Whangarei, contact Sue 021 2600792**