

Newsletter –30th March 2021

Term 1, Week 9



School Closed	
Thursday 1 st April	- Teacher Only Day
Friday 2 nd April	- Good Friday
Monday 5 th April	- Easter Monday
Tuesday 6 th April	- School holiday

Kia ora koutou - Dear Parents and Whanau,

We have had a couple of exciting weeks since the last school newsletter. A team of 8 hardy **Whānau Captains endured a Leadership hike and camp** on the 19th and 20th of March. The Captains hiked from Kauri Mountain to Oceans Beach, carrying all their tentage, food, water, etc and set up for the night at **Jagger's Camp**, courtesy of Murray Jagger. Our young leaders were excellent, as were the Dads who helped and Mr Hamilton for organising the activity.

Another team who represented Parua Bay School so well, were the senior Kapa Haka group, who participated impressively in the **Otangarei Kapa Haka Festival**. Their performance was a credit to their families, the school and the coaching from Whaea Rai. A special thank you to Jamie for stepping in and helping to organise the team.

Whānau Hui took place on Tuesday 23rd March - it was very well attended, including the school's Kaumatua, Harry Mahanga. Whaea Rai played a key role in the invites and organisation. A couple of key things from the Whānau Hui included: **the naming and blessing of the new building which will take place at 9am on Friday 16th April**. This is a TOD (Teacher Only Day), however parents and children are welcome to attend. The building will be blessed before the teachers and staff begin working inside the building to prepare it for use. A second decision from the Whānau Hui was for the **Term 2 Pōwhiri to take place on the first day of school, Tuesday 4th May**. More details to follow.

We have been greatly blessed as a school by people's generosity in terms of time, talents and donations. Thank you to all families who have contributed school fees. As a decile 9 school we receive reduced funding from the Ministry of Education compared to other schools. One way that we compensate for that is through school fees and donations. Currently just under 30% of school families have paid school fees - this is a voluntary contribution, however it is certainly needed. If you have not already done so, please contribute your school fees if you are in a position to do so.

For the last two weeks we have had the pleasure of **Joanne King**, a **Community Educator from St John's**, **coaching students on the basics of first aid**. The sessions have been informative, fun and practical. Thank you to Jo for doing such an awesome job with our tamariki.

On the sporting front, **teams and individuals have truly been flying the flag** for Parua Bay. In the recent WPSSA (Whangarei Primary Schools' Sports Association) **swimming competition**, our students achieved the following: Henry Childs 2nd Free, Breast, Back Y6 Boys; Cody Tremain Top 10 Yr 5 Boys Breast; Zac Laing top 10 Backstroke, 6th Free Year 7 Boys; Katie Hayward 2nd in Yr 7 back and free; Jade Marris 6th in Back and Breast, 7th Free Yr 7.

FYI, in the Northland Swimming Carnival **Katie** Hayward came 1st in the 50m Free and 2nd in the Individual Medley 100m. In Squash - **Zac** Laing beat the 1st and 3rd best NZ under 13 players at the recent Franklin Tournament!

At the time of writing this newsletter, I have heard that our intermediate teams have taken part extremely well in the Northland **Lit Quiz**, held in Kerikeri. Well done! Attendance at the event would not have been possible without our supporting parents.

And finally, FYI there will be a whole school assembly on Wednesday 14th April at 1:45pm, followed by a special morning assembly on Thursday 15th April at 10am - more to follow. If you are interested in your child attending SKIDs on the following dates: Thursday 1st April, Tuesday 6th April and Monday 3rd May - please phone Tracy Noble on 0211271115.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Mark Ashcroft

Board Meeting Report - Wednesday 24th March 2021

Kia ora koutou.

At this meeting we:

- Welcomed Barbie Reynolds to her first meeting as our new Staff Representative. We really
 appreciate Barbie taking on this role and look forward to the benefit of all her knowledge and
 experience.
- Continued development of our plan to appoint someone to oversee Sponsorship and Grants at our school. We feel there is significant potential to raise extra funds for the benefit of our akonga through this avenue. We passed our Sponsorship policy last year and have now allocated some funds for the remuneration of the coordinator. We see our school having Gold, Silver etc tier sponsors if this initiative is successful.
- Received and discussed Mark's Principal's report which covered steps taken since our last meeting towards our strategic goals and a summary of the main events affecting the school.
- Discussed an informative report from Hazel Smith & Laetitia McKenzie our Learning support coodinator (LSC) regarding Learning and Behaviour Support at the school.
- Were updated by Mark on plans for several construction projects including a bicycle pump track and an all weather basketball court sized turf.
- Discussed a thorough Te Reo Report 2021 from Whaea Rai.
- Reviewed and updated our Staff Representative Role Description policy

Please contact me through the school if you have questions or comments.

Warm regards James Buckland Board Chair

Upcoming dates

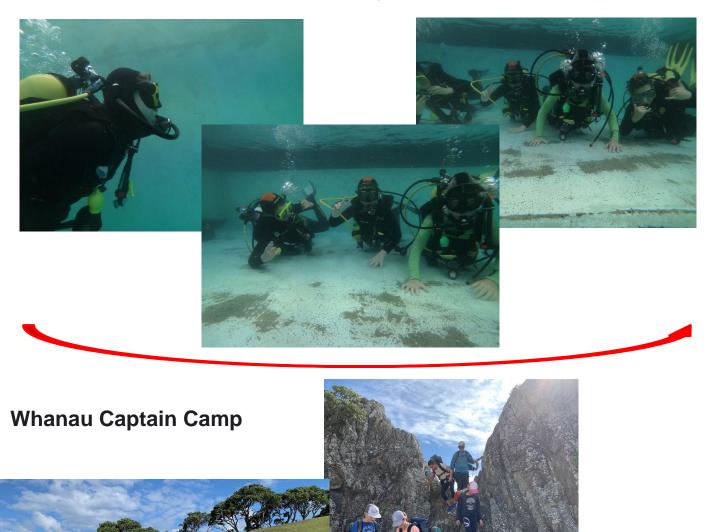
Thursday 1 st April	TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 2 nd April – Tuesday 6 th	Easter holidays – School closed
April	
Wednesday 14 th April	Assembly 1.45pm
Thursday 15 th April	End of Term 1
Tuesday 4 th May	Term 2 starts

Successful Junior Cake Stall - \$544.00 raised

(to purchase a water play table for Team Manu)



Scuba Diving Year 8's





Kapahaka Festival – Otangarei School





Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes, twice a day Taitaia ōu niho ki te pēniho pūkōwhai mō te 2 miniti e rua ngā wā ia rā

Avoid sharing toothbrushes because this spreads bacteria that can cause tooth decay



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RAD BALLET CLASSES - DANCE FOR EVERY CHILD

Bream Bay Ballet under the directorship of Elizabeth Harvey a registered certified teacher of the Royal Academy of Dance and former professional dancer, will be offering classes from Pre School level up in RAD ballet in KAMO Classes are held on Thursday and Saturday. The RAD offer an internationally recognised syllabus with yearly examinations and quality tuition.

Bream Bay Ballet hopes to extend classes in the future to offer ISTD modern Jazz and NZAMD contemporary Whether its recreational or vocational, classes are delivered in a nurturing and caring environment which balances enjoyment of dance with the appropriate discipline that accompanies ballet and provides every child the opportunity to achieve to the best of their ability.

For information on class times please contact - Elizabeth Harvey ARAD RTS ISTD 021 0847 1533 or dance@breambayballet.com











