



Newsletter – 26th May 2021

Term 2, Week 4

Kia ora koutou, Dear Parents and Whanau,

Students and staff are enjoying the new teaching spaces for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. The Year 3&4 classes are located on the ground floor, along with the administration offices and library. Years 5&6 students occupy the 1st floor, along with the multipurpose 'Maker Space', the Staffroom and several breakout rooms. As indicated in the building plans, shared via email and displayed for several months in the hall and previous office, 'classrooms' within the new building are flexible and collaborative learning spaces. The new building's name is **Te Kupenga o Te Matauranga, 'The Net of Knowledge'**. This name has been given to Parua Bay School by our local Mana Whenua.

Te Kupenga o Te Matauranga, as well as the Te Akonga spaces (Y0-2), means we no longer have isolated classes. **Typically, a large open space will be occupied by two classes.** This enables the children and staff the opportunity to make the most of the available space, learn in grouping across classes and maximise the expertise and time of teachers and support staff. If you would like to know more about the Ministry of Education design rationale behind the 'Innovative Learning Environments' and its impact on learning and achievement, it is summarised in the document by Dr Gabrielle Wall (Nov 2016) "[The Impact of Physical Design on Student Outcomes](#)": Ministry of Education. Pages 7, 23-39 outline benefits of the open plan spaces.

The dedicated library space is gradually coming together - thank you to Geraldine for her sterling efforts to assist with the organisation of the systems, shelving and computer-based admin system "Access It".

Parking continues to be a challenge at the moment, especially for parents at the beginning and end of the day. The bus drivers are appreciative of parents not parking in the marked bus bays located at the front of school. We look forward to the completion of a much improved drop off/pick up parking area for parents.

Thank you to parents who have responded to our request to reduce the Tuesday and Thursday **purchases of chips and other cooked items, to Thursdays only.** This has already made a difference by reducing litter around school.

We wish our **Year 7&8** students well in the **WPSSA Winter Sports' tournament today.** Years 4-6 Winter Sports will take place on Wed 2nd June. We are endeavouring to ensure Parua Bay School sports shirts are available for parents to purchase, available via the Uniform Hub site. We will keep you informed when we have the details.

Senior Kapa Haka has now resumed, under the capable direction of Jaymee Uttley. The Seniors meet every Thursday afternoon. Junior Kapa Haka also meet on Thursdays, led by Whaea Pera. Thursday is also a busy day for **our new Student Council team - congratulations to Olivia.T, Ashton, Katie, Kiri, Atawai, Eva, Bo and Camille.**

Please come along to our next **Whanau Hui, to be held 8th June, 5:30pm.** Guest speaker will be Lindsay Dunn, Regional Coordinator for the MACs organisation (Māori Achievement Collaborative).

And finally, a big thank you to Mr Jones for organising the **ANZAC assembly held in Week 3** along with our Year 8 students. Although the assembly followed ANZAC Day, our guest representative from the RSA, Mr. Ken Massey, and the several readings and wreath laying by classes, helped to remind our students of this significant time.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Mark Ashcroft
Principal

Upcoming dates

Teacher Only Day

Friday 4th June

Wednesday 26 th May	WPSSA Year 7 & 8 Winter Sports at Kensington Assembly 1.45pm
Friday 28 th May	Year 8 Scuba Diving – Selected students
Tuesday 1 st June	Year 7 & 8 Waitangi Visit
Wednesday 2 nd June	WPSSA Year 4-6 Winter Sports Transition to school Hui 5pm-6pm
Friday 4th June	Teacher Only Day
Monday 7 th June	Queen's Birthday – School closed
Tuesday 8 th June	Whanau Hui 5.30pm-7pm
Wednesday 9 th June	Assembly 1.45pm
Friday 11 th June	Year 8 Scuba Diving – Selected students

Board meeting report Wednesday 19th May 2021

At the meeting we reviewed the following:

- Thanked all the staff for their commitment and time with the new build and moving into the new building - a project that has taken a long time to progress, with a great outcome.
- We discussed implementation of our new sponsorship policy to cover school costs that are not funded. This will be further discussed at future board meetings. The Board thanks the PTA for their continued fundraising and grant applications, that allow us to purchase much needed resources for the school.
- We continued to discuss how the school meets the Maori Language Programme requirements and reviewed the Treaty of Waitangi policy along with the Te Reo Report.
- We reviewed the maths report from the newly appointed maths co-ordinator and can report many positive outcomes.
- We reviewed the ongoing progress of initiatives in the Annual Plan to achieve Strategic Goals.

Please contact the Board Chairperson James Buckland through the school if you have questions or comments.

Transitioning your child to school Information evening

Come along to find out how you can support your child starting school,
and see how we structure our transition to school programme.

Wednesday 2 June 2021 at 5pm

Staffroom, Parua Bay School



To register please email office@paruabay.school.nz

Year 8 Scuba Diving



ANZAC ASSEMBLY



Year 7 & 8 Kayaking



SPARE CLOTHING — Please remember to pack spare (named) clothing, with the wet weather setting in lot of students are getting wet at break times.

Plants....plants.....plants....

Our Enviro committee are trying to raise money to buy a few Veggie Pods. We are looking for any **PLANT DONATIONS** please bring to the office. Thanks for your support.



EVENT POSTPONED FROM MONDAY 24 MAY TO TUESDAY 1 JUNE 2021

Due to a bereavement, Nathan had to unfortunately postpone his Teen Brain talk on Monday 24th May, 7.30pm to 9.00pm. A new date has been set for **Tuesday 1 June 2021, 7.30pm to 9.00pm**. Please note all tickets purchased will still be valid for the new talk. We apologise for the inconvenience.

You are invited to our:
Community Meeting and Parua Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association AGM
9th June 2021 - 6.30 – 8 pm
@ Manaia Bowling Club
Light refreshments provided.
PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY POSITIONS REQUIRED.

