

**PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2015
TERM 4 - WEEK 9**



Important Dates

Tomorrow	Year 7/8 trip to H2O Xtreme Pools
Tomorrow	PTA Christmas Carols evening – 6pm
Friday 11 th December	School Assembly hosted by Room 11 @ 11.45am
Tuesday 15 th December	Summer Reading Issues 8.30am – 5.30pm
Wednesday 16th December	Final Newsletter
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Wednesday 16 th December	Year 8 Awards evening
Thursday 17th December	End of term 4 at 12.30pm
Wednesday 3rd February	Term 1, 2016

Kia ora tatou

Purple Sea Production USB Orders

We have **9 USBs** left so get in quick if you still have not placed an order (first in first serve – no holds and you will need to pay at the office not online). Orders already placed and paid for will be sent to classes today.

Sausage sizzles

A big round of applause to all the parents who have helped with our super Wednesday sausage sizzles this year. Today's sizzle is the last for 2016. We have raised nearly \$5000 this year which has gone on a wide range of extra-curricular activities and transport costs. Thank you all for your support.

Reports

It has been a pleasure reading all the reports and I fully appreciate the time and thought the teachers have put into writing them. There's plenty of successes to celebrate as well as clear guidance for future learning. Reports will go home next Monday.

Super Hero day

It was a fantastic to see all the Super Heroes last Friday raising money for Lily Cooke who is in Starship Hospital for a lengthy stay. Thank you to you all especially Mikala Watson and Milly Dunn in Year 8 who organised the day. The money raised will go towards games and activities for Lily while she is in hospital.

Class for 2016

The children will find out their new classes next Thursday 17th December and will briefly meet their 2016 teacher and class mates.

Helpers morning tea

We are having a special morning tea on Friday in the library to say thank you to all our parent and community helpers who have supported the school this year. See you there at 10.30am.

Year 8 Leavers Awards Evening

Tickets are now available for \$5.00 from the office.

Term 4 fees – paying by term

If you are paying your fees by term and haven't yet paid for Term 4, can you please pay this by Friday 11th so we can reconcile the accounts before the end of term. If you are unsure please just give Michelle in the office a call 233 1339. Thank you.

Exhibition of Paremata School Work

There will be an exhibition of writing from the Paremata School writers group and art works from the year 4, 5 and 6 team at the Emerging Light Gallery on Steyne Avenue (next to Black Rose Florist) in Plimmerton. The theme is about Awarua the taniwha of Porirua. This will open on **Saturday 5th December** and run for two weeks. The Gallery's opening hours are weekdays from 9am to 5pm and Weekends 11am to 3pm. Please come and view the work of our up and coming artists.

Nga mihi nui - Bryce

STATIONERY FOR 2016

We will be providing Back to School Stationery Packs again for 2016. This is an on-line system with eemyeeny which provides 'Back to School' Stationery Packs for each room/year group on their website www.schoolpacks.co.nz. The lists are presently being finalised and will be online from next week. Coming home today is an information pamphlet with all the details.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND PICNIC EVENING - Tomorrow

- 6.00pm – BYO picnic in the hall or outside by junior fort if fine
- 6.45pm – singing starts in the hall
- 7.30pm - finish



**Please bring along a non-perishable item (in particular toiletries, nappies, toilet paper, baby food, pasta, rice, tinned fish, milk powder, cereal, custard powder). The donation boxes will be in the office all next week if you would like to drop off your donation during the week. These will be given to the local Salvation Army Food Bank in time for Christmas **

SUMMER READING

We will again be running the very successful Summer Reading opportunity. Background details are on the school website. Children are required to have a signed permission form, which can be collected from the library or downloaded from the school website. The eight books can be chosen and issued anytime between 8:30am – 5:30pm, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December. Parents are most welcome to help their children select books. Any queries please contact either Penny Gorman or Emma McGill, library@paremata.school.nz



LIBRARY BOOKS - all library books need to be returned to school for the annual end-of-year stock take.

GRAFFITI GROUP

Congratulations to the year 7&8 graffiti group who have been working with City Council Graffiti Reduction and Tag Free artist Rachel Benefield to deal to graffiti and generally beautify the Station Road school entranceway. These students have given up half of their lunchtimes to help tidy up this area. I love their artistic take on the recycled clothing bin. Richard Witheford-Smith

*This past term a small group of kids from the graffiti group have been working on painting the clothing bin into a mural. The mural is based on 'reduce reuse, and recycle'. We have also been working on other projects such as planting more plants around the school and we painted the fence to the bridge. **By Claudia - from the Graffiti Group***



PAREMATA SCHOOL COMPOST BIN

You might have heard about us - we are the compost group. We are a group of year 5-8 kids who have set up a successfully working compost bin and worm at Paremata School. We are writing this to update you on what we are doing now.

In all of the classes there are now buckets where hopefully everyone is putting their organic food scraps in. Every week the compost group is coming around and collecting all of your waste. This food waste goes into our bigger compost bin and all this waste breaks down. This compost can be used for all sorts of things.

Composting for the whole school is a big job so it would be extremely helpful if you don't bring your food waste from home. Maybe you can compost your own waste!

Holly Carson and Oliver Poletti

PAID RESPITE CAREGIVERS POSITIONS

Three of Paremata School's special children are eligible for paid respite care. These are jobs suitable for an older, responsible teenagers or adults. A current, clean driver's license and no convictions is required.

Position 1: A child with autism. You would take the boy on outings or spend time at the boy's home to give parents a break. This may entail playing with the child and joining in games.

Position 2: A child with physical needs. You would take the child swimming, playing ball games at the park and playing modified games. Ideally a young man would be a good companion.

Position 3: A child with autism. You would attend after school care with the child for an hour or so after school probably once a week on Thursday and/or Friday.

These are broad outlines and would be negotiated with parents. They would entail school times and holidays. If you are interested please contact Trish Tennant, SENCO, Tel 233 1339.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME @ ADVENTURE SCHOOL, 21 – 23 DEC 2015 & 26 JAN – 2 FEB 2016

AFTER SCHOOL FUN CLUB **BOOK ONLINE NOW: asfc.aimyplus.com** - This Holiday Programme is open over the school holidays from 8am-5pm. All staff trained and police vetted. For enquiries and/ or enrolment please ph. 234-6440 or e-mail afterschool.funclub@xtra.co.nz (please state the location of the Programme). The programme is OSCAR approved and everyone is welcome. 😊

BASKETBALL

FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER 2015 - HYPE BASKETBALL CAMP - FUNDRAISER FOR TULI

Tuli (U13 Rep) has been selected to join the BBNZ Koru Development Tour to Australia in Jan. This fundraiser camp will help raise some of the money needed to be part of this fantastic opportunity. The camp will run from 9am to 1pm (Registration Desk will be open at 8.30am). Cost is \$18. The registration form for this is attached. (N.B. Hype Camps are for students aged 10 and over)

MONDAY 21 DECEMBER 2015 - SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

This is the final school holiday programme for the year. The Holiday Programme will run from 9.30am to 2.15pm. The cost is \$20 for the day. The registration form is attached. This is open to all students.

So still lots of basketball happening in the run up to Christmas. Also check out the BBNZ website (<http://www.basketball.org.nz/Competitions/3X3/Event-calendar>) if you are interested in doing 3x3 basketball tournaments over the summer.

CHRISTMAS WISHING TREE - KIDS CLOTHES SWAP EVENT

When: Tuesday 15th December, 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Where: St Andrews Church Hall, 11 Steyne Ave Plimmerton

Entry fee - \$10 + a minimum of 5 items of children's clothing (preferably more) that you want to swap.

Please come and support this Kids Clothing Swap night that is being held to raise money to buy awesome presents for the Kmart Christmas Wishing Tree Appeal and spread some Christmas love to those who need a hand up this year.

BOOK AND GARAGE SALE DUE TO MOVING HOUSE. Over 800 books!! Kitchenware, general household stuff, glassware and more. Saturday 12th December 10 to 1pm at 35 Taupo Crescent, Plimmerton, Porirua



NZ POST TENNIS HOT SHOTS LEAGUES are here!!

Grab your friends from school or your club and enter a team of 3 (mixed gender) in the Red, Orange or Green Stage competition. Held afterschool at a location near your school- Renouf Tennis Centre, Mitchell Park, and Tawa Lyndhurst Tennis Club. Battle it out against other schools in your area! For more information or to register contact Amelia Harris amelia@tenniscentral.co.nz or on 04 2809370. See you on the courts soon!