

PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH 2016

WEEK 5



IMPORTANT DATES

Tomorrow	Parent Interviews
Tuesday 8 th March	School Show – Rhythm Interactive
Friday 11 th March	Family Fun Night
Thursday 17 th March	Run Jump Throw
Friday 25 th March	Easter (NO SCHOOL)
Monday 28 th & Tuesday 29 th March	Easter (NO SCHOOL)
Monday 4 th April – Friday 8 th April	Kahikatea Syndicate - Senior School Camp
Friday 15 th April	End of Term 1
Monday 2 nd May	Term 2 commences

Kia ora tatou

Goal setting interviews

Many thanks to those parents who have made a time to meet with their child's teacher. The second round of interviews is tomorrow. If you haven't booked in a meeting please can you make a time asap using the this link and code. If you go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code>, type in the code **JVTF6** then fill in the boxes and book your times.

Year 5-8 Athletics Trials

The Year 5-8 Athletics trials are being held today at Adventure Park. All the best to the 55 children who are taking part. From this event we will select the children to go to the Parumoana Interschools Athletics day. A big thank you goes out to Vanessa Burn and Theresa Ready for their fabulous organisation. We are also very appreciative to the staff and parents who have given up the day to support the children with this event.

Year 3-4 Kowhai team Pataka Trip

The Year 3-4 children are visiting Pataka Museum/Gallery next week to take part in a sustainability and environment workshop. The children will be taking the train to and from Porirua. Many thanks to the teaching team and parents for giving the children this opportunity.

Easter Tuesday – School Closed

A reminder that school will also be closed on the Tuesday after Easter. This is an education sector allocated holiday. As Easter is usually part of the school holidays some families will not be aware of this.



Email From Police College – For Your Information

Funeral at the Royal New Zealand Police College - Friday 4 March 2016


This email is to notify and inform Paremata School (Staff/Students/Parents) that may be in attendance at the College or in and around the Paremata/Papakowhai/Aotea area on the afternoon of Friday the 4th of March 2016 between the hours of 2.30pm - 4.00pm.

There will be a joint Police & Military funeral service held at the Royal New Zealand Police College commencing at 1pm that day. The service will conclude with a 'Volley of Shots' conducted by an 8 person team from the New Zealand Army. The team will fire a volley of three shots as a mark of respect, at some time between the hours mentioned. The shots will likely be heard from some distance away and across the Porirua basin. Unfortunately I can't be more precise with timings at this stage.

Nga mihi nui - Bryce

CONTACT DETAILS

Spark etext system

 We use an **etext system** at Paremata School where we text parents regarding absentees, any school emergencies, closures etc. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date cellphone numbers (2 per family) especially if this number has changed recently. The texts will come through as a 15 digit number with the first words of the text saying "Paremata School" You can reply to these texts.

Email

We communicate a lot using emails and also send out the newsletter on a Wednesday afternoon by email. Please make sure we have your correct email address so you can receive any school information.



PTA FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Our family fun night is being held on Friday 11th March from 5:45pm-7:30pm. Come and join us on the field, there will be plenty of activities for everyone. Bring a picnic dinner or support the year 7/8 students and purchase a delicious sausage from the BBQ.

2016 MUD CHALLENGE

Paremata School will **not** be sending a team along this year to the "**Mud Challenge**" but if you would like to get together with a few friends and enter go to the website for all information and entry.

2016 Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge - Wellington – Thursday 4th August

www.eventpromotions.co.nz

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE COMING!!

We will be offering the Entertainment Books and new Digital Memberships as a fundraiser again this year. Books will be coming home later in Term 1. **If you do not want a book sent home because you are going to order a digital one online or any other reason, please let the school office know as soon as possible as I have to send in the lists – email mariea@paremata.school.nz.** More information coming soon.



PAK N SAVE FUNDRAISER - please bring your receipts from Porirua Pak n Save to the office.



YUMMY STICKERS –fundraiser and class competition – new sheets available from office or download from website www.yummyfruit.co.nz

ENVIRONNEWS FROM RUMA KIWI

HELP - WE ARE DROWNING IN PLASTIC!

- Do you know that we use over 1.6.billion plastic bags a year.
- 50 percent of the plastic we use is used just once and thrown away.
- Possible solution: Next time count how many bags / plastic wrap etc are used at the supermarket.
- How can this be reduced?



THE ANNUAL GLUTEN FREE FOOD & ALLERGY SHOW IS BEING HELD
AT THE TE RAUPARAHA ARENA, PORIRUA
10AM-5PM OVER THE WEEKEND OF 19-20TH MARCH 2016

See us at the
Wellington
GLUTEN FREE FOOD
& ALLERGY SHOW
19-20 March 2016
Te Rauparaha Arena
Porirua 10am-5pm
www.glutenallergy.co.nz

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Wellington Group
New Zealand Riding for the Disabled

VOLUNTEERS WANTED - Love horses? Love people? - Got a spare few hours every week? Then we want you!

The Wellington Group **Riding for the Disabled**, is based behind Kenepuru Hospital in Porirua. We work with people with disabilities, helping them gain from the therapeutic benefits of horse-riding. We need people like YOU to help out for full or part days. We operate during the school term on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Currently we are particularly short of volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays - but if you can help on any of our ride days we would love to hear from you.

There's loads of variety and lots to learn – plus we have lots of fun! Full training and support is provided so you don't need to know anything about horses or people with disabilities to get involved. You just need to be willing to lend a hand and be 16 years or over.

Want to know more? Contact us now! Call Jill Reti (Administrator) on 237 5550
Or email us at wellingtonrda@xtra.co.nz.



STAGLANDS - Celebrating Children's Day: Kids Go Free

Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be supporting National Children's Day on the 6th March 2016 with free entry into The Reserve for ALL CHILDREN. In addition to their usual attractions, this Children's day visitors will be able enjoy a special performance from The Major Minors Children's Choir.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

During the April School Holidays Porirua Basketball will be conducting a School Holiday Programme at Te Rauparaha Arena. All school ages welcome. Registrations can be made through hypebasketball1@gmail.com. Date: Monday 18th April - Cost \$20pp
Time: Registration Desk will open from 9am and the programme will run from 9.30am – 2.15pm.



The incredible **LITTLE SPROUTS EASTER COUNTRY FAIR** is back - one week before Easter – on Sunday, 20th March - from 10 am until 2.00 pm. More information on our school notice board. **Entry to the fair is FREE and scavenger hunt tickets are on sale NOW for only \$7.50 each with a prize bag for EVERY ticket holder and special golden egg prizes for 1 out of every 10. Last year tickets sold out in only TWO WEEKS, so get in quick!** Order your scavenger hunt tickets and find out more at www.littlesproutseastercountryfair.co.nz