

PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2016

WEEK 8 – TERM 3



IMPORTANT DATES

Tonight

Friday 16th September
Wednesday 21st September
Thursday 22nd September
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Monday 10th October
Monday 10th October
Saturday 15th October
Friday 16th December

Gala Meeting in Staffroom @ 7.30pm – all welcome

Artsplash Assembly @ 11.45am – all welcome
Netball Prize Giving @ 6pm in the school hall
Cultural Parade, fundraiser for Kitoola School, Uganda
School Assembly @ 9.30am (after Cultural Parade)
Mulch Day from 9.00am (see insert below)
End of Term 3 @ 3.00pm
Term 4 commences
Junior Swimming Programme commences
Paremata School Spring Gala
End of Term 4 @ 12.30pm

Kia ora tatou

Artsplash Assembly

To celebrate all the hard work in Artsplash this year we are having a special Artsplash assembly on Friday at 11.45am. Please join us if you can make it.

Gastro Virus in School

As many parents are aware we have an acute gastro bug going through school at present. An information sheet on how to prevent the spread of the virus is attached to the newsletter. Please can you ensure that if your child gets sick that they don't return to school until they have been well (symptom free) for 48 hours.

Reminder Letters Re Activity Fee And Swimming Programme

A reminder letter will be going home to the Pohutukawa and Kowhai team soon letting parents/caregivers know how much is owing on the activity fees. These fees will need to be paid before your child can attend the swimming programme next term. Our bank account details are 12 3254 0048796 00.

Enrolments For 2017 – **DO YOU HAVE A CHILD TURNING 5 YEAR IN 2017 – HAVE YOU ENROLLED?**

As we are looking at our numbers for 2017 can you please advise the office if:

- If you have a child starting in 2017 and you haven't yet enrolled them please contact the office for an enrolment form.
- Your child is leaving Paremata School and isn't a Year 8.
- Out of Zone enrolments close next Friday - 23rd September 2016.



Congratulations to **Chloe Instone** who recently came 3rd in the Wellington Archery Championships and 4th in the New Zealand Under 15 Nationals. This event was indoors and the shooting was at a distance of 25 metres. Chloe has been participating in Archery for only a year and this was her first time competing. What an awesome effort!



Nga mihi nui - Bryce

CULTURAL PARADE: NEXT THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER @ 9.00AM

Come and celebrate the diversity of different cultures within our school. All children are encouraged to dress in a traditional outfit or something that represents this e.g rugby/soccer gear; a flag, head band with a symbol etc. We would love to see parents/grandparents etc also dress in their national costume.

Remember to bring a gold coin donation for Kitoola School in Uganda.

NB A note from Heather Haswell (Yr 5/6 teacher): Our connection to Kitoola goes back to September 2013 when I formed a strong connection with the school after completing five weeks of volunteer teaching. Kitoola School is an outreach village programme which has no running water, no power, very few resources etc and 260 amazing children. We have fundraised and built three stunning classrooms for them and the cultural parade enables this to continue.

Followed by the School Assembly at 9.30am

Continue the celebrations at our end of term school assembly at 9.30am. This includes the **Star Awards** in remembrance of our beautiful teacher Kirsty Gunston.

PAREMATA SCHOOL SPRING GALA

Paremata School SPRING GALA RAFFLE

As part of this year's gala, we are running a raffle to raise funds to put towards a major overhaul of the senior fort. EACH FAMILY should have received raffle tickets to sell to family, friends and workmates.

1st prize is \$1,000 New World voucher! If you cannot sell your tickets please return them to the office as soon as possible as we have families wanting to sell more.

SUGAR FOR SWEET-MAKERS

From tomorrow, Thursday, there will be some 1.5kg bags of white sugar at the office available for sweet-makers to collect - first in, first served. Please leave your name and number when you pick up a bag. If you are a regular sweet-maker, Tanya Revill will be contacting you separately about sugar supplies.

DONATION SORTING DAY

This coming Saturday, September 17, 9am – 11am (rain-off day will be Sunday September 18). Contact Jo Gibbs on parematagibbs@orcon.net.nz

LOST PROPERTY

We have a mountain of lost property in the room off the hall. This will be sent away at the end of the term so please remind your children to have a look if they are missing any clothing.



ENVIRONews – THE MAUI DOLPHIN



Fact- The Maui dolphin is critically endangered and both the Department of Conservation and the International agencies think this too. There are only 55 Maui Dolphins left in the world, and they are facing immediate danger of extinction. Maui Dolphins are located on the west side of the North Island.

Solution- The Department of Conservation have taken big steps forward to try and help the Maui dolphins. There are bans on set netting and trawling on the west side of North Island. The Department of Conservation have been working hard to protect them and they hope that these special Dolphins will stay alive.



Now that spring is here, we need to get some mulch around the plants to protect them from this seering heat... and also to ensure that our school look fabulous before the School Gala. Therefore, next **FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER, FROM 9AM** (until the job is done) will be

MULCH DAY

The kids love having the opportunity to get out there and help us with this. We've even had teachers report on the benenfits of previous mulch days, saying the kids return to class enthusiastic and more focused on their school work.

But we can't do this without the support of our parents. If you can come we would love it, if there are grandparents that can help we would love that too. Remember, you don't need to be the one doing the hard labour, that's what they kids are for! So come down, and enjoy a day or even a few hours with the kids. We have the gear, but if you have a spare pitch fork or wheelbarrow, that would be great, thanks.



Thanks
Karen Tonks

COMMUNITY NEWS/NOTICES

JUDGEFORD GOLF CLUB JUNIOR OPEN DAY

- Saturday 1 October from 10am to 12 midday - Judgeford Golf Club - Open to all kids under 18 years
 - Snag golf, putting, BBQ and some other fun activities
 - Information will be available about the 2016/2017 junior programme and registrations being taken
- For further information contact Matt Wood at wood278@xtra.co.nz or on 027 406 4505

YOUTH MOUNTAIN BIKE TERM 4 AFTER SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS!

Registrations now open! Each afternoon we'll focus on a different skill and go for a sweet ride! All abilities are welcome to join. We'll split into groups with a WORD mountain bike instructor so you can ride with mates of similar radness. All programmes run 4.30pm-6.30pm

Monday- 7-9 yr olds (Makara)- and WORD Race and Adventure Team (Mt Victoria)

Tuesday- 10-12 yr old girls (Makara)

Wednesday- 7-9 yr olds- and 13-17 yr girls (both at Mt Vic)

Thursday- 10-12 yr old guys (Makara)- and 13-17 yr guys (Mt. Vic)

All programmes run from 4.30-6.30pm (new time!) Cost: \$195 (7 sessions)

For more info and to register, check out the [WORD Term Programmes page](#).

WELLINGTON WATERFRONT FUN RUNS FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

Athletics Wellington is partnering with Cigna and Sport Wellington to bring you the **Cigna Kids Waterfront Fun Run** on the afternoon of Thursday 20 October. Starting and finishing at Waitangi Park there are different distances for all age groups from pre schoolers through to year 8s. The Cigna team will be there running the Cigna Carnival with face painting a sausage sizzle and popcorn to support Achilles International NZ. Immediately following the kids fun run Athletics Wellington and TempoFit are introducing a new event also on the waterfront - **The Wellington Open 5km Fun Run**. Only \$10 to enter either event. For details go to www.athleticshub.co.nz/kids-fun-run

KELLY SPORTS PORIRUA are once again running their programme at Ngatitoa Domain Hall this September and October. Our programme is full of exciting activities and trips that will guarantee your children are active, fully involved and having a blast!! We have a heck of a schedule lined up for these holidays... Join us from only \$25 per session! We are MSD approved and offer WINZ/OSCAR subsidies for those who qualify. Contact porirua@kellysports.co.nz or visit www.kellysports.co.nz for more info!

TAWA RECREATION CENTRE along with **SCOUTS NZ** will be running an adventure themed programme these coming holidays. Visit our website for more information or give us a call on **232 2260**. Copy and paste this link into your browser <http://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/get-active-indoors/recreation-centres/tawa-recreation-centre>. More information on school notice board.

WANT TO GET YOUR KIDS AWAY FROM THE SMARTPHONE & IPAD? SEND THEM ON A KIDS 'CREATIVE HOLIDAY'!

The Learning Connexion will help your children explore their own imagination, develop their creative skills and in the process build up their self esteem. No two children are the same, which is why we tailor our approach to each unique child. We encourage individual creative expression and will teach children of any art level - no prior art experience necessary. Runs 26th - 30th September, 3rd - 7th October, Monday to Friday, mornings & afternoons

Learn more at www.ArtClassesForKids.co.nz Or call 0800 278 769

Leda Farrow, The Learning Connexion - Kids Holiday Art Programme Facilitator

NZ POLICE MUSEUM - SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Please let your school community know that during the school holidays we have four workshops available. All workshops **must be booked in advance**. *St John in Schools* is offering two *Emergency Ready & Responder Workshops* and the New Zealand Police Museum is offering two *Scene of Crime Officer (SOCO) Workshops*. Visitors can also test their detective skills with our **FREE** Detective resources. Read on for details about our school holiday activities. Events are listed on our website: www.police.govt.nz/museumevents. **All workshops have limited spaces and must be booked in advance.** Call (04) 238 3141 or email museum@police.govt.nz

PAREMATA-PLIMMERTON JUNIOR SOFTBALL & TEEBALL REGISTRATIONS - Paremata Plimmerton RFC Clubrooms, Pascoe Avenue, **Thursday 8 September** - 6:00pm - 7:30pm and **Saturday 10 September** - 10:00am - 12:00pm. A chance to register in person (if for some reason you are unable to register online). pay subscription costs via cash or cheque, and collect playing uniform. **Subscription costs - \$50.00 per player**, with discounts for families with 2 or more players. The **preferred payment method for subscription is via Internet Banking**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted at the Clubroom Registration days. All new and returning players and coaches welcome. Late registrations only accepted if spaces in teams are available. **Enquiries — contact:** pareplim.softball@gmail.com

PARENTING TEENAGERS COURSE starts first Wednesday Term 4 at 7pm-9.30pm covering 6 weeks October 12th to November 16th. This is recommended for Years 7-8 students. Teenage years are fun but can be challenging. Get a group together to watch the DVD and share your experiences for these fun filled sessions. Register interest or find out more by emailing: anne.hadley@hotmail.co.nz

CALLING ALL BUDDING FILM BUFFS! - These school holidays **STAGLANDS** will be running a cool new competition to see who can make the best video at Staglands! The video can be about anything you like – just as long as it is filmed at Staglands! It doesn't matter either if it's shot using a professional camera or your smartphone – it's all about the ideas. The competition runs from Saturday 24 September to Sunday 9 October 2016. To enter you need to upload your video to Facebook, and use the hashtag #StaglandsSprogs. There are fantastic prizes on offer. Winner will be announced on Friday 14 October. Visit website for further details www.staglands.co.nz

PORIRUA Night Market

THE LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

September bonus
free outdoor movies
FINDING NEMO | 5.30pm
PROJECT WILD THINGS | 7.30pm

Thursday 29 September
5PM - 9PM | Cobham Court

