

PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER 2016

WEEK 9 – TERM 4



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 8th December

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Friday 9th December

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Tuesday 13th December

Wednesday 14th December

Thursday 15th December

Friday 16th December

Christmas Carols evening – Flyer sent home yesterday

Year 7/8 Trip to H2O Xtreme Pools

Helpers Morning Tea @ 10.30am in school library

School Assembly @ 11.45am hosted by Ruma Kakariki (11)

Summer Reading Issues 8.30am – 5.30pm – see below for more

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Year 8 Awards Evening – tickets \$10.00

End of Term 4 @ 12.30pm after the final Assembly

Kia ora tatou

Multi-challenge day

Multi challenge day was a great success with the students working collaboratively to complete a wide range of activities. It was wonderful to see such great leadership, teamwork, and patience being demonstrated by all our students throughout the morning. The winner of the event is **KOWHAI** house with an average score of 11.22 activities completed from a possible 16. Thank you to all staff and helpers for your support and special thanks to Theresa and Sally for organising this fun event.

Carols Evening

Tomorrow we are holding our annual carols evening and fund raiser for Ronald McDonald house. The evening starts at 6.00pm with a picnic with the Carols kicking off at 6.45pm. Once children have performed please can all families continue to watch the show with their children until it concludes. This is to minimise disruption between items. A big thank you goes out to Sara Norling and the Carols team for their great organisation.

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 PTA sizzle 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 and there will be a letter enclosed with the report outlining the new enhancements. **If children require two copies of their reports please can you email their class teacher or the office by Friday December 9th.**

Class for 2017

The children will find out their new classes next Friday 16th December and will briefly meet their 2017 teacher and class mates.

Helpers morning tea – Friday 9th

We are having a special morning tea this 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 available from tomorrow at the office for \$10.00 each.

Lost Property

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

Nga mihi nui - Bryce

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Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also earns School Rewards^ for our school which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies, equipment for our classrooms or for students in need.

The site www.myschool.co.nz will be available from Friday 16th December. There will also be a link on our website.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

The school library will again be running the very successful Summer Reading Programme. Children are required to have a signed permission form, which can be collected from the library or downloaded from the school website. This means the children get to choose eight books to read over the Summer Holiday. The library will be opened for issues between **8:30am – 5:30pm Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December**. Parents are most welcome to help their children select books. Any queries please contact Emma McGill on phone 233-1339 x 825 or email library@paremata.school.nz.



Just a note to let you know that **all** library books are due back to the library as soon as possible. The library is now closed as I will be preparing for the annual stocktake. So search out those library books and return them as soon as possible please. There will be no more issues until the Summer Reading Programme on the 13th and 14th December.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON TOMORROW FROM 6PM –7.30PM

Come and join us at Paremata School. It will be outside by the big fort if it's fine, inside the hall if it's wet. Every year the children and teachers put a lot of effort into learning their carols and it's a great opportunity for families to support them by attending and singing along too. Other performances will include the school kapa haka group, the Ukulele Institute. **We would like to thank Porirua New World and Porirua Pak n Save for their Christmas Dessert Donations and Vouchers. Faultline Coffee will also be at the event and will donate a percentage of their takings to RM House also.**



NEW CHARITY THIS YEAR...Bring a **gold coin** in exchange for yummy Christmas desserts. All money raised will go to Ronald McDonald House to raise awareness about the amazing work they do in the community.

Knock your socks off with these wonderful Ronald socks! Just in time for you to wear with pride at the Carols evening! Better than a boring old Christmas Stocking, it's a pair of Ronald socks! Look stylish, and feel good knowing that you are supporting a worthy cause. Children and Adults sizes available at the office for \$5 a pair, with all proceeds going to Ronald McDonald House Charities.



ENVIRONNEWS - Tips for an Eco Christmas (Part 2)

Decorations and cards: * Send electronic Christmas cards. * Make your own cards and decorations. * Cut up old Christmas cards for tags for presents next year. * Save your decorations and reusable items like wrapping paper, ribbons and gift bags to use again next year.

Packaging: * Avoid glossy and metallic wrapping paper which cannot be recycled. * Make your own wrapping paper from newsprint, a great activity for children. * Use twine, flax or fabric ribbons instead of tape (which is non-recyclable). * Present gifts wrapped in fabric, or in bags or boxes that can be reused. * Look for present options with no packaging. Trees: * Buy a living native Christmas tree in a pot to use year after year, or start growing one for next year. * Build your own driftwood or cardboard tree.



Dog Walker!!!

3 girls will walk dogs for an extremely low cost after school hours. This will only be on for a limited time so you will need to hurry!

Short Walk: \$2.00
Long Walk: \$5.00

All the money will be donated to the Cancer Society. Just call 027 335 2639 for your dog to get walked today!

Cancer Society

COMMUNITY NEWS/NOTICES

CAROLS BY THE BEACH This annual family fun event is on again this Saturday 10 December from 3.00 to 7.00pm on the Plimmerton school field (in hall if wet). Free entry to field and entertainment items. Bring along a picnic blanket and your own food – or buy some from onsite food trucks. Phone St. Barnabas Church for more information - 233 8572.

SUMMER DRAMA CLASSES FOR YOUTH - Kids4Drama are holding master classes for kids and teen over the summer holidays. This is a great opportunity for students to learn off industry professionals and further their dramatic skills while still having lots of fun! Book before 20th December and go in the draw to win a free term of drama classes for 2017.

Contact becca@kids4drama.co.nz to book your space or for more information.



KELLY SPORTS - We are pleased to announce that our Holiday Programme will be open during the week heading in to Christmas... Running from the 19th of December through the 23rd, we have a week filled with sports, games and festive cheer. This sports based holiday programme will give your children the opportunity to try different sports, learn new skills, build their self-confidence, and most importantly have a huge amount of fun!!! These holidays we have built our programme on what our kids have enjoyed in previous Holiday Programmes, and included a fun trip to the movies to see Trolls!

Kelly Sports Porirua January Holiday Programme is here!! Our January Programme kicks off in the New Year running from the 9th to the 27th of January. We have 3 weeks filled with action packed days of sport, games and activities! This sports based holiday programme will give your children the opportunity to try different sports, learn new skills, build their self-confidence, and most importantly have a huge amount of fun!!! This January we have more activities than ever! Including sporting specialists from around Porirua coming to teach kids sports skills as well as our Inter-Zone Champs Day which helps raise money for Cure Kids. Visit www.kellysports.co.nz and search for "Ngatitoa Domain" to find out all the details about our programme. If you have any further questions, please contact us through our porirua@kellysports.co.nz email address.

YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 19th December – 3rd February 2017.

Families can also book online and see all of our information on our website at www.ymcawellington.org.nz We have all kinds of fun things coming up these summer holidays, lots of exciting activities and brand new in-house themed days! These holidays we're heading to Laserforce, Roller-skating, swimming, heading to the Zoo and enjoying seeing Moana at the Embassy Theatre, all of the fun things that you can think of. For those of you who have plenty of energy to burn we are going to have heaps of outdoor fun with our bikes, scooters and even a Teddy Bears Picnic. Mix that with our crafty, yummy, energetic in house days including, Fear Factor, Lego World, and Star Wars Day and we have a recipe for a fun and energetic school holiday programme. These holidays we will be enjoying our Summer Carnival Celebration. Our 6 centres will come together to enjoy all of the stalls available and have fun on the bouncy castles. Here at the YMCA, we've got fun covered! 5% discount available for families who book before 12th December

WANT TO GET YOUR KIDS AWAY FROM THE SMARTPHONE & IPAD? THEN 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.

- The Learning Connexion - 182 Eastern Hutt Rd, Lower Hutt
- 16th to 20th, 24th to 27th January, mornings & afternoons
- \$25 half day, \$45 full day

Learn more at www.ArtClassesForKids.co.nz or call 0800 278 769. Leda Farrow, The Learning Connexion - Kids Holiday Art Programme Facilitator