

# PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017

### WEEK 9



#### IMPORTANT DATES

Tomorrow  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
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Monday 3<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2:30 – 4:30pm  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 8:30 – 9:00am & 2:30 – 4:30pm  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 9:00 -12:30pm  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 8:30 – 9:00am & 2:30 – 5:30pm  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 8:30 – 10:30am  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 9:00am  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

ParentLink Meeting in Staffroom @ 7.30pm  
Assembly @ 12pm  
Scholastic Book Issue No. 2 due (can be ordered online)  
Kahikatea - Senior School Camp  
Book Week – competitions & quizzes  
Bookaneer Book fair opens in the cove of the library  
Bookaneer Book fair (see below for more information)  
Author visit – Gillian Candler  
Bookaneer Book Fair  
Bookaneer Book Fair closes  
Book Character Parade  
End of Term 1 @ 3.00pm  
School Photos



Kia ora tatou

#### **Te runanga O Paremata**

To further increase the student voice and leadership at our school we have formed a children's parliament called Te runanga O Paremata. The group consists of a pupil representative from each class throughout the school. The children meet with me and the management team twice a term to bring fresh ideas from their classes about how we can continue to improve the school for the children. We also discuss things affecting our school like the current MOE zoning review. Yesterday was our first meeting which was very enjoyable and enlightening for all. Congratulations to all the class reps for being selected for our first parliament.

#### **Northern Porirua Zoning Review Feedback**

Many thanks to everyone who has taken the time to fill out the survey on Survey Monkey. The feedback submission from both the community and the students was submitted today and can be found on our school website. The MOE will now consider all the feedback from the Porirua community and come up with a plan on the way forward with the overcrowding issue at schools near Aotea Block.

#### **Parumoana Athletics Inter-schools Sports Day**

Well done to all the children who took part at the Parumoana Athletics meet yesterday. As usual our children performed superbly doing their best in all the events. Results from the meet will be available shortly. A big thank you to Vanessa Burn, Theresa Ready and all the parents who supported the team on the day.

#### **Eli's Special Assembly**

We are having a special assembly on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 12pm** for our caretaker Eli who is retiring in April. Eli will be returning to the school cleaning crew part time for a few hours per week just to keep him out of trouble. Please join us at the assembly if you can.

#### **School Bugs**

As we have a number of viruses (sore throats and stomach bugs) working their way through the school please can you keep your child at home until they have recovered. Thank you for your cooperation.

Nga mihi nui - Bryce

## **BOOK WEEK**

Ahoy me hearties, our **Book Week** is fast approaching. It is our annual time when we celebrate books and the love of reading. The usual competitions and daily quiz will be held as well as an author visit by Gillian Candler, who writes nature books for children. The visit is provided by the New Zealand Book Council with the support of Creative New Zealand. Our celebrations will end with our awesome book character parade.



This year during our book week we are also having a **Scholastic Book Fair**, a reading event that provides the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful

selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Seek and ye shall find adventure in a book with swashbuckling new titles from Scholastic. Reading for pleasure, inside and outside of school, has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Family motivation in reading activities can have a strong, positive impact on a child's educational achievement. (Information brochure coming home today).

Make plans to go come to our **Bookaneer Book Fair**: where books are our treasures and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

I look forward to seeing you and your family in the cove of the library hooking up a good book.

Emma - School Librarian



## **HOCKEY 2017**

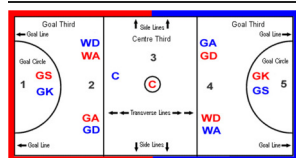
This year Tawa Hockey is going to run a **Year 1-2 Fun Sticks Program on Saturday mornings**. It is a 12 week program, 1 hour sessions starting with skills and finishing with games. This is not team based so no uniforms, coach's, managers or training are required. Any number of year 1-2 students from Paremata School may enrol in this program. Trained instructors will be running these sessions and the cost is \$20 per student. There may need to be 2 time slots depending on student numbers (one at 9 and the next at 10). If you are interested in this for your child there is a sign-up sheet in the office. Any queries please contact Theresa [theresar@paremata.school.nz](mailto:theresar@paremata.school.nz)



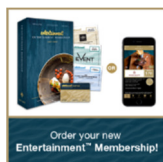
Unfortunately no one has stepped up to co-ordinate the **Year 3-6 Hockey** this year.

If you are in year 3-6 you will need to contact the Tawa Hockey club.

## **NETBALL – UMPIRES COURSE**



Hi all - Umpires course confirmed for 6.30pm on the Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of April at Papakowhai School. Run by Helen. She will cover basics and new rules.



## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – ADVANCE ORDERING FOR 2017/18 BOOK!!**

**PRE-ORDER NOW TO RECEIVE 6 PRINTED EARLY BIRD OFFERS.** Choose between the Book and the Digital membership and securely purchase online with a just a few clicks. Our payment address is <http://www.entbook.co.nz/104U135>. Or you can order through the school office.

**Yellow flyers coming home today.** Emails will also be sent out during this fundraiser.

## **ENVIRONEWS – RUMA KIWI**

### **Batty about bats NZ native long and short tailed bats**

What's cool about these bats is that they are tiny (like mouse-sized, can fit in the palm of your hand) and they can fly a long way. Individual bats can easily travel 50kms in a night, which doesn't take them too long; since they fly at around 60km/h. Habitat is really important to bats. So too is being safe from predators. A DOC ranger visiting a colony in a forest near Ruapehu noticed over a week, an unknown assailant had repeatedly raided the colony **eventually killing 102 of our native and endangered short-tailed bats**. They discovered a single cat was the culprit.



**We can see why another one of our amazing mammal is on the endangered list.**

## **WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME MORE MEMBERS TO JOIN THE 2017 SCHOOL PARENTLINK TEAM**

Currently we are a group of 8 parents who plan a few social events and fundraisers for the year. We need new people to come on board; otherwise the number of events we can support will be reduced.

Meetings are in the staffroom and held only twice a term.

This year we are arranging three fundraisers, and one of those being the gala in October.

Come along for a chat and see where you can help out, you can email us with any questions at [paremataschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:paremataschoolpta@gmail.com), or just show up on the night. Mums, Dads and grandparents welcome.

**Next meeting – tomorrow - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm in school staffroom**

Your Parentlink Team: Julie Morris, Kate Harris, Kate Benson-Cooper, Marilyn Hunt, Angela Collins, Jo Gibbs, Tina Budd and Tina Paish.

**Become a Friend of the PTA**

<http://www.paremata.school.nz/1059/forms/3-friends-of-the-pta/submissions/new>

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**



**AFTER SCHOOL FUN CLUB** **ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A QUALITY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME? AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME @ ADVENTURE SCHOOL, 18 – 28 APR 2017**  
**BOOK ONLINE NOW: [www.asfc.co.nz](http://www.asfc.co.nz)**

The Holiday Programme is open over the school holidays from **8.00 am - 5.30pm**. Our quality programme offers **exciting field trips by chartered bus (e.g. Visit to Somes Island, Rollerskating, Visit to Carter Observatory and Brookfield Camp)**, fun games, art & craft and sport activities for primary aged children. Our experienced team members are looking forward to meeting your child. All staff trained and police vetted. For enquiries or more information please visit the website and choose your relevant Holiday Programme. We are approved by MSD and you may be eligible to receive an OSCAR subsidy. Everyone is welcome ☺



Our Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. Kelly Club programmes are packed with variety to entertain and inspire children. Each Holiday Programme is full of exciting activities and trips that will guarantee your children have a great time! Kelly Club Discovery operates from the Discovery School Hall. **Programme running from Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April – Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 7am-6pm.** For more information and to book online, please visit [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) or phone Nicole on 0273212112

## **A REMINDER ABOUT OUR ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

There are five categories for photos of Pauatahanui Inlet: Scenic, Nature, Recreation, Human Impact and Artistic (any Inlet-related subject). Prizes are sponsored by local businesses. The prizes include best in each category by photographers aged between 13 and 18 (youth) and under 13 (junior)

Entries close on 21 April. Full information, conditions of entry and an entry form are available on the Guardians website, [www.gopi.org.nz](http://www.gopi.org.nz) We would be grateful if you could pass this on to all your family, friends and contacts who are interested in photography and exploring the Inlet.