

PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 5th JULY 2017

WEEK 10



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 6th July

Friday 7th July

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Monday 24th July

Thursday 27th July

Tuesday 1st August

Saturday 5th August

Learning Celebrations Afternoon 3-6pm

School Assembly hosted by Ruma Kea and Kōtuku @ 11.45am

End of Term 2 @ 3.00pm

Term 3 commences

Parent Teacher Conferences – school will close at 12.30pm

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School Disco

Kia ora tatou

Quiz Night

What a fabulous Quiz night we had on Sunday at the Supply Room. A big thank you to Kylie Wihapi, Jo Gibbs, Kate Calvert, Julie Morris and the committee for putting on such a great event. Thank you also to all the families who donated items for the raffles. We raised approx. \$1800 which is a fantastic effort. We look forward to the next one.

Regional Cross Country

Well done to the Paremata team who ran at the Regional Cross Country yesterday in Masterton. As usual our runners performed superbly and did their very best. Well done to you all. Many thanks to Theresa Ready, Vanessa Burn and all the parents who provided transport and support on the day. **Congratulations to Anya and Carter** who placed in the top 10 and will now represent greater Wellington at the Inter-Regional Cross Country in Timaru on 27-29 September.

Matariki Evening

Ka mau te wehi! What a great performance our Kapa Haka groups put on last night at our inaugural Matariki evening. It was excellent to be able to showcase our Kapa Haka programme to our community. Many thanks to those whanau that stayed on for the Maori Community meeting. We value your feedback and appreciate the time you gave up to do this. If you were unable to attend please follow this link to a short survey on our Te Reo and Tikanga Maori programme. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZP36VG>. A summary of the feedback will be sent out early in term 3.

Mid-Year Reports

The children's mid-year reports come home this Friday. Enclosed with each report is an overview on the Overall Teacher Judgments against the National Standards, feedback on how your child is tracking and the next steps to follow for continuing to improve. Parent teacher child conferences are in week 1 and 2 of term 3 please follow this link to book in your time.

School Photos - Photos have arrived and will be given out before the end of term.

Final Assembly - Our final assembly for term 2 is on at 11.45am this Friday -please come along if you can.

End of term

The end of term is upon us. Whakawhetai kotou katoa (Thank you to you all) for your hard work and dedication to our kura (school). Pai mahi on all that you have achieved this term. Have a happy and safe break. School returns on Monday July 24.

Nga mihi nui - Matua Bryce

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our mid-year parent conferences are being held on Thursday 27th July and Tuesday 1st August. To ensure quality discussion time we would appreciate it if only the parents and child concerned attend the conference with their teachers. The library will be open with supervision for all siblings to relax in while the conferences are on. **School will be closing at 12.30 pm and the interviews begin at 2pm.** After School Care will operate for all the registered ASC children from 12.40pm for children who normally attend on these days.

parent teacher conferences – July 27th & August 1st

We are inviting **parents and students** to meet with teachers between the following times.

Thursday 27th July 2.00pm – 7.45pm (end of last interview)

Tuesday 1st August 2.00pm – 7.45pm (end of last interview)

During the 20 minute conference your children will share samples of their work with you and explain their learning progress.

We are using the online booking system. If you go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code>, type in the code **zdnqx** then fill in the boxes and book your times. If you don't have access to the Internet or are having difficulties then please contact the office to book a time.

Book School Interviews Online

Parents...



Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit **you**. Simply enter the school code and press "Go".

You will be guided through three simple steps, and a few moments later you will get an email confirming your interviews.

School Interviews works for both primary and secondary schools.

If you have children at another school that doesn't use our service, let them know what they are missing!

Schools...

School Interviews makes organising parent evenings easy.

You can set up an interview evening, enter phone bookings, or print interview schedules - all in a few minutes. Just click the orange "School Admin" button to log in.

Or if your school hasn't tried our service yet, you can find out how School Interviews works, and why your school should use it. If you like what you see, sign up for a free no-obligation trial and see how School Interviews will revolutionise your parent-teacher evenings.

positive feedback. We had a 95% hit rate which is fantastic - would recommend this system to anyone.

- Francis Fraser, Executive Officer

"Everything went fantastically well. I could not imagine going back

CROSS COUNTRY STUDENT RECOUNTS

Abigail – Ruma Piwakawaka (6)

My first impression of the race course, it's a flat track where you just run around a field a couple of times, but after walking the course my impression changed immediately. The first thing you had to do was to run directly across the field through a gate onto a small dirt track that was going around a very small sheep paddock where the confused sheep stared at you as you ran past. Then onto a small gravel path that lead to a field you ran up a small hill, down again, then there were two small stone jumps for horses... instead of going around them you went over! After that the next bit was around a field that was about the same size as our field here at Paremata School. The last bit was past a big tree where the 80 meter sprint to the finish line was waiting for you. This is the race course that the year 5 and 6s ran. The year 4s run a smaller course and the year 7 and 8s ran both.

Anya – Ruma Kiwi (16)

It started at Parumoana getting 1st with Lily right behind me placing 2nd and Ella 8th. When we crossed the finish line we were amazed with our effort to get to Parumoana and to be going to regionals was absolutely amazing.

Going over the Rimutaka Hill and getting a queasy tummy wasn't the best but as soon as we got to the course we were full of excitement, nerves and ready to run as fast as we could.

We did our walk around and got to know our course. After that we went back to the grandstand and waited. When we were called, we got our timing chip and went to Theresa for our warm up. Knowing it was going to be a hard race I promised myself I would be proud of myself whatever place I came. The gun went off and the crowd erupted, I had a good start and I was already puffing after the first 100m of the race. Going round the course was hard. I was hoping to get in the top 10 so badly. The final 400m Dad was cheering me on and I was sprinting so hard so I didn't get beaten. OMG I got 6th, I was so amazed with my effort and now I was going to nationals/inter-regionals in Timaru. I am really excited. Thank you to Ms Burns and Theresa for all their help getting us here, plus to all the people who didn't make it to regionals, to get to Parumoana is amazing.

“Pēke kirihou i kanga”



“We are the future. Ban plastic Bags”

Forty four Paremata School students volunteered to go to Parliament to ban plastic bags in New Zealand. Many photographers came to capture the moment as the children were chanting outside parliament house. Two pupils from Carisbrook School in Dunedin had organised the petition and had collected 3600 signatures from around their community. [Maia Butters and Tanika Lawrence - Yr 8 Ruma Kotuku](#)

I went to the Beehive. Parliament means Paremata in Maori. We went inside and there was an elephant. If you patted its head he would give you good luck. I hope we have achieved our goal of Banning Plastic Bags.

[Asta Gibbs Year 4 - Ruma Kakariki](#)

Our student voice was loud and clear, our behaviour was exemplary as we shared that “Enough is Enough! Please support these students, by being aware of your own use of plastic. **There is now 1 million plastic bottles being sold globally every minute. (TVNZ Friday 30th June)** Do your Maths and work out how many are sold in an hour a day and a year. Pretty scary for our future generations. The children also had a tour of parliament to see what happens to the petition which was presented. Many thanks to the 12 parents who also came along to support the day.

[Heather - Kaiako - Ruma Kiwi](#)

Related News articles of Paremata School

<https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/features/north-and-south-island-schools-have-their-say-on-plastic-bags>

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/334024/it-s-so-bad-for-the-environment-and-it-s-our-future>

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/94180822/students-press-government-for-plastic-bag-ban>

PAREMATA SCHOOL GALA – SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER



Spring Gala Poster Competition

Kids get your pens out! Over the holidays, we would love it if you could design a picture on **A4 size paper** to be used for the Gala advertising this year.

Make it Spring – flowers, lambs, chicks, rainbows or anything else colourful and bright. No words are required (our technical team will add that later). There are prizes for each syndicate level Year 1&2, Year 3&4, Year 5&6, Year 7&8 **PLUS** the winner will have an extra prize of their flyer being used for Gala promotion.

Entries need to be returned to the school office in **Term 3 on Friday 28 July by 3pm**.

Want to sponsor the School Gala?

Paremata School's major fundraiser is our annual school gala, taking place on **Saturday 28th October 2017**. This year the gala profit is being earmarked again for a major overhaul of the senior fort; we'll probably need to save for a total of three years in order to raise what's required, and the school would be very appreciative of any assistance you can provide.

We are asking for expressions of interest from any school families who would like to be our 'Gold' sponsors for this year. As with previous years, we'll be using many avenues to promote our gala, which also provide promotion for sponsors as well. Using our web presence as part of Paremata School's website and a designated Facebook page plus other avenues, such as posters, street signs, flyers. We will not only gain maximum exposure for the school gala but also for our sponsors. Full details and online form can be completed on our website now. Gold sponsorship closes 11th August 2017.

<http://www.paremata.school.nz/3631/forms/5-gala-sponsorship-2017/submissions/new>

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FUNDRAISER!! PLEASE RETURN ALL UNSOLD BOOKS TO THE OFFICE



<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104u135> Extra books are also available. You can also pay at the office or online into the school bank account.

E-text messages will be sent home to families who still have not returned/purchased their books.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT - WEDNESDAY 5th JULY

Tonight's game is at 6.55pm against Discovery. Please be there at 6.45pm.

NETBALL - SATURDAY JULY 8th

1.40pm court 2 **Paremata Pulse** v Discovery Bluefire

Senior netball draw will be available tomorrow, so please go online to check www.sporty.co.nz/ngatitoanetball/Home

Paremata School will be on timekeeping duty, August 5th from 8.15am - 4.00pm. There will need to be 2 people to cover each timeslot (3 to set up in the morning and sweep the courts ready). There will be a roster available at the start of term 2.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PIPPINS is the beginning of an exciting adventure as part of the Guiding journey for girls aged 5-7.

We help girls to make new friends, tackle challenges, enjoy activities, earn badges and learn to appreciate and respect the environment and the community. Cooks Pippins meet on Thursdays 4pm at the "Western Suburbs Soccer Club Rooms" Albatross Close, Whitby. Please contact whitbypippins@gmail.com for more information or to join.

BROWNIES are 7 - 9 ½ year old girls who are encouraged to become more aware and independent and have a say in what activities they do. Working both individually and in teams girls learn both indoors and out.

Endeavour Brownies meet on Wednesdays at 6pm at the "Western Suburbs Soccer Club Rooms" Albatross Close, Whitby. Please contact whitbypippins@gmail.com for more information or to join.