

PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2018

WEEK 7– TERM 4



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 4 th December	Regional Athletics – Otaki pp Thursday 6 th
Tuesday 4 th December	Snorkeling Trip to Hongoeka Beach – Ruma Kakapo & Kiwi (13&16)
Wednesday 5 th December	Snorkeling Trip to Hongoeka Beach – Ruma Takahe (14)
Thursday 6 th December	Kahikatea Team to H2O Extreme
Friday 7 th December	Nga Tuangi Kapa Haka performance @ 9.10am in hall
Monday 10 th December	Kōwhai Team trip to Tawa Recreation Centre
Thursday 6 th – Thurs 13 th December	Scholastic Book Fair "Paws for Books" (more info below)
Thursday 13 th December	Christmas Carols and Picnic Evening 6-7.30pm
Thursday 13 th December	Ruma Miromiro – Trip to Space Place & Aotea Lagoon (weather permitting)
Friday 14 th Dec – Monday 17 th Dec	Summer Reading Programme Book selection 8.30am – 5.30pm
Monday 17 th December	Year 8 Awards Evening
Tuesday 18 th December	Final Assembly 11.40am / Last day of school @ 12.30pm



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Thursday 31 st January	Term 1 commences at 8.50am
Friday 12 th April	End of Term 1
Friday 19 th April	Good Friday (Easter in the school holidays)
Monday 29 th April	Term 2 commences at 8.50am

Kia ora tātou

EPro8 technology challenge

Congratulations to our fabulous Year 7/8 EPro 8 technology team who took part in the semi-finals last week in Lower Hutt. This was a tough competition problem solving against the clock and other larger schools. Our two teams came in fifth and ninth and performed admirably under pressure. Well done to you all (photos below).

Senior School Speech Finals

The Parumoana speech finals are on this Friday at Discovery School. All the best to Anya Birmingham and Vina Keokotavong who are representing Year 5/6 and Year 7/8.

School Outings

We have a number of school outings planned this term. If you haven't paid your child's activity fee for 2018 please can you contact Michelle in the office to get this finalised as the activity fees go towards paying the costs of the bus and venue. *Our account number is 12 3254 0048796 00.* Thank you.

School Drive Thru

Just a friendly reminder that on the drive thru the yellow lines and the No Stopping sign means that you can't stop/park and collect or wait for your child or grandchild. Cars who park there cause blockages on the drive thru and staff are unable to leave school to attend courses and appointments. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui – Matua Bryce

LOST WATCH - G-Shock watch with sterling silver link strap - it has sentimental value and a reward will be offered. If found, please take to the office. Thank you.



EPRO8

Congratulations to our two EPro8 teams who did us proud at the semi-finals in Lower Hutt, Week 6 Wednesday November 21st (Noah C, Vina K, Cameron L, Elijah K, Mitchell B, Caleb B, Dannielle R and Dylan R)

Fantastic team work, problem solving and stunning perseverance. Well done teams.



NETBALL GAME STUDENTS VS TEACHERS

On Friday 30th November, there will be a Netball Game (Yr7/8 Students vs Teachers) on the senior netball court. This is a friendly game for everyone to watch and enjoy before the year ends. Any families that would like to come along and support are also welcomed, the game will be on during lunchtime and will last for approximately 20 minutes from 12:50 pm - 1:10 pm. Many Thanks - The Senior Council

TE KOROHIVI BEACH CLEAN UP

On Sunday, 11 November 2018 me and my Mum and Dad joined Asta Gibbs, her family and Mr and Mrs Leggett at Te Korohiwi beach at the top of Titahi Bay for a beach clean-up.

As part of our class inquiry on the History of Porirua, Asta chose to do a beach clean-up of this site because it was where the first whalers like Joseph Thoms and his crew, used to drag the dead whales in for cutting up.

*We didn't find any whale bones but we did find lots of wire, broken up cars, broken beer bottles and even a tyre. We filled up lots of the bags that were given to us by Porirua City Council and we were happy once the job was completed because the beach looked awesome and clean. By **Anika Verhoeven**, Year 5*

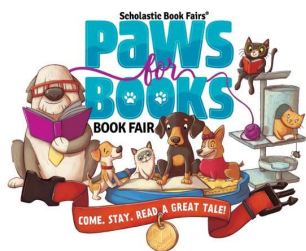
LIBRARY NEWS

Every year towards the end of the year I do a stocktake of all the library books. This means that I scan all the books the library has in it and then I get a list of the ones that are missing. This helps keep the information on the library books up to date and lets me know if there are any books I need to reorder, as well as give me an exact number of books. In order to do this, all library books need to be returned by the 30th of November. So in week 8 the library will be open for returns and computer use, but NO books will be issued. During this time, I will be putting the books in order and checking for overdue books. In week 9 the Library will be closed for issues as I start scanning all the books. **BUT**.....as a very special treat we are having another Scholastic Book Fair "**Paws for Books: Come. Sit. Stay. Read a great tale**" visit! **Plus** at the end of the year can you get take out 8 books to read over the long Summer Holiday! **Emma McGill - Librarian**

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

The school library will again be running the very successful Summer Reading. You need to get a signed permission form which can be collected from the library or [downloaded](#) from the school website. Also you have to have **all** your library books returned.

The library will be opened for issues between 8:30am – 5:30pm on Friday 14th and Monday 17th December. Your parents are most welcome to come and help you select books. This means you get to choose eight books to read over the Summer Holiday and return them when you come back to school.



This spring, follow your **furriest friends** to the Scholastic Book Fair
"PAWS FOR BOOKS: COME. STAY. READ A GREAT TALE!"

Find the **purr-fect** book and have a **dog-gone** good time as you and your kids **sniff out** books that will make their **tails wag!** **Raise your paw** if you LOVE to read! **Make no bones** about it, reading is a **real treat**, so be a **cool cat** and **make tracks** to the **Library Kennel Klub** to choose some **fur-iffic** books.

Opening Hours of the *Library Kennel Klub*

Thursday 6th to Wednesday 12th December, 8:30 – 9:00am & 3:00 – 5:00pm

& Thursday 13th December, 8:30 – 9:00am & 3:00 – 7:45pm

Get your **paws** on the coolest new titles, either to take home or give as a Christmas gift. All families that make a purchase will be entered in a raffle to win a free book. Every purchase also benefits our school library – just another way that reading is **PAW-SOME!**

Don't miss out on **digging up** a good book at the **Library Kennel Klub**, where every dog has its **Book Fair day** and books are the **cat's pyjamas!** **Bite into** a good book today. And remember **Paws to read every day!** *Emma*

PARENTLINK CAROLS AND PICNIC EVENING 2018 - THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

6pm – BYO picnic in the hall or outside if fine

6.45pm – Singing starts

7.30pm – Finish

This is our annual Christmas Carols Evening. So pop on some reindeer antlers or a Santa hat and bring the whanau, your own picnic supper, a cushion or a blanket to sit on and your singing voices too.



*This year our charity is **Ronald McDonald House** and their amazing work in the community with families. We are selling colourful Christmas Message Tags that you can write on and attach to the Christmas Trees that will be up for all to read and see on Carols Evening. These messages are a meaningful way to include all those people we wish to remember or can't be with during the holiday season.*

Christmas Message Tags cost \$1 each or 3 for \$2. They can be purchased on Carols Night or at the School Office from Monday 10 December. A Christmas Tree will be placed in the Office Foyer for messages you wish to hang up prior to Carols Evening. Trees will be displayed in the hall on Carols Night. It would be wonderful to see the trees brimming with messages.

Each year all the children learn a carol and perform it on stage in their syndicates and we're also lucky to have the Ukulele Institute and our own pupils performing a few favourite carols for us too. It's always a really fun night and all families that attend go in the draw for a **free raffle**.

Christmas Goodies Table at the Carols too!

ParentLink will be selling sweets, preserves and Christmas crafts to tempt you. **Cash only sales.**

Hohoho...see you there.

GUARDIANS OF THE KĀPITI MARINE RESERVE have launched their state-of-the-art webcam on Kāpiti Island in the hopes it will deter people from illegally fishing in the Reserve. Anybody can view time-lapse images of the Marine Reserve and also view a 360 degree webcam live feed from the area by going to www.groundtruth.co.nz/kapiti-marine-reserve-webcam. Please visit and help us protect this precious taonga. To find out more about the group go to the Guardians of the Kāpiti Marine Reserve Facebook page.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COMPUTER CLASSES

Classes for ages 5 – 15 in Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch, Python or Java, Create 3D Games, Web Design, Video Editing, Build a PC and if young, the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 499-2211 or visit www.grandtraining.co.nz.

Venue: School Holidays at Wellington Girls College, Pipitea St, Thorndon

Teachers required for school holiday computer class:

We require a teacher for our Minecraft, Roblox, web design, Java, Python and Scratch coding classes in the school holidays. *For further information, contact Ed Brown: Call 021-050-1288, or e-mail ed@grandtraining.co.nz.*

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

Porirua Basketball-Holiday Camp

Tuesday 18th December

9.30 – 2.00pm Contact 0272448141

FutureFERNs fun for Year 1&2s

www.kapimananetball.sportingpulse.net

for March 2019

Tawa Recreation Centre School Holiday Programme

We are running our school holiday programmes in both December 2018 and January 2019.

Here is the link to the webpage

<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/stuff-for-kids/school-holidays>

