



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

Wednesday 11th December 2019

This is the last newsletter for the 2019 year. What a busy year it has been! We have included below some key pieces of information you will need between now and the start of the new school year in February 2020. We hope that you have an enjoyable holiday season and we look forward to catching up with you again in the New Year.

STAFF

A big thank you to all the Paremata School Staff for their hard work and dedication in 2019. It has been a very enjoyable year. A huge thank you to Christine Lock who officially retires after 26.5 years. Christine has been an amazing teacher, mentor and leader in her time here and we will miss her greatly next year. It's also goodbye to Vanessa Burn who has won a well-deserved promotion to Team Leader at Adventure School in 2020. Thank you both for all your hard work and dedication across all areas of the school over many years. We wish you all the very best with your new ventures. All the very best to Jenny Goodwin and Jenna Clark-Hannah who are also moving on. Thank you both for all you have brought to our school over the past two years.

We have three teacher aides finishing with us this year. Thank you to Tommy Joass, Michael Smith and Tangiwai Moki-Hopfler for supporting our tamariki and teachers in class. All the best for 2020.

FEES

Due to an increase in transport costs and visiting performers, we have to increase our activity fees in 2020 to cover buses for trips out of school and school shows. See the last page of this newsletter for more information.



CLASS LISTS

Class lists will be given out Tuesday morning and children will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher briefly after morning tea at 11.00am. A lot of time, thought and effort has gone into these placements focusing on children's leadership, social and academic opportunities for 2020. Due to the logistical difficulty of placing over 360 children these lists are now final.

ASSEMBLY

Our usual full school assembly will be on this **Friday 13th December** at 11.45m.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

Our final assembly will be held in the hall on **Tuesday 17th December** starting at **11.30am**. Parents are very welcome to attend. This is an assembly to finish off the year and farewell our Year 8s and other students/staff leaving Paremata School. Children will return to their classrooms after assembly and will be dismissed for the year at 12.30pm.

LOST PROPERTY - is displayed in the office foyer until the end of this week and then it will be packed up and sent to a charity/families in need.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE - TUESDAY

After school care will be available from 12.30pm on Tuesday. If you wish your child to attend and you **are not** a regular user, please contact Raewyn Caldwell on 2399463, 2331339 x 826 or email afterschoolcare@paremata.school.nz. This needs to be done **before Monday** to book and organise payment.

STATIONERY - ONLINE STATIONERY PACKS

This year we have partnered up again with Office Max to provide "Online Back to School Stationery Packs" for our school for 2020. This is an online ordering system supplying your stationery requirements directly to your door.

More information is included with school report that comes home with children on Friday 13th.

These lists will be available online www.myschool.co.nz.



The Staff and Board hope you have a safe and relaxed holiday break and we look forward to seeing you back with us on Monday 3rd February 2020. Good luck and best wishes to all those families leaving Paremata School.

Merry Christmas - Bryce Coleman - Principal

**Have you seen the new SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS AT PAREMATA CRESCENT yet?
Do you wonder how they got there? Well, we will tell you.**

When Ms Kamphuis in 2018 went to the Netherlands she saw children walking and biking to school. So, Ruma Kōkako decided we wanted to do the same. But, we found the roads around our school very unsafe. Too much traffic, lots of parked cars and no school signs. That's when we decided to make an iMovie about this problem and we sent this to Porirua City Council. Matua Bryce and other adults had tried to do something about this before, but they didn't get anywhere. It took us over a year, and Rūma Kōkako 2018 and 2019 worked together to get this amazing result.



Friday 13th December the School Zone signs will officially be switched on by Rūma Kōkako students. We are lucky because we are the first school in the Porirua Region to have this kind of sign that lights up. How cool! These signs will make walking to school safer for us.

By Emily, Peyton, Fynn - Rūma Kōkako students 2018

Nina, Maddie, Cody, Johanna and Petra - Rūma Kōkako students 2019

PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL

Johanna, Petra, Stella and Nina from Ruma Kōkako went to the Porirua City Council meeting last week.

We presented our road safety concerns about the parked cars around our school.

We felt passionate and nervous at the same time because the room was full of councillors, adults and even the Mayor Anita Baker.

We did it! The Porirua council passed the recommendation for the new traffic bylaw and will make changes for parking and traffic control around our school. A big win! Everybody in our class and our community worked so hard to get to this result. It was a team effort. We all believed we could make a change. Students' voice can be powerful. By Johanna, Petra, Stella and Nina - Rūma Kōkako 2019



PARK AND STRIDE SURVEY

The winners of our Park and Stride survey are *Nic Etheridge and Krissy Swenson*. ***Congratulations!*** Nic and Krissy each receive a \$50 grocery voucher (courtesy of Porirua City and Greater Wellington Regional Council). Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey.



*Congratulations to Tausani the winner of the signed All Black Rugby jersey.
A very happy 8 year old winner.*

AMBULANCE DAY

It was awesome to see the children and staff dressed up in their medical / onesie outfits. We made approximate \$390, which was an awesome effort. Unfortunately, the weather was not kind so we were unable to make an ambulance out of coins – maybe next year. Thank you for all your donations.



Every year towards the end of the year, I do a stocktake of all the library books. I have started to scan all the books in the library and after which I get a list of the ones that are missing. This helps keep the information on the library catalogue up to date and lets me know the books that are missing so that I can reorder if I need to, as well as gives me an exact number of books there are. Please return by any books still on issue as soon as possible. I will be sending out accounts soon for any books still outstanding.

Week 9 (until 12th December) the library will be **CLOSED**, including lunchtimes, for stocktake.

Week 9/10 (12th – 16th December) the library will be open for Summer Reading Programme (SRP) issues only.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME 2019



The school library will again be running the very successful Summer Reading Programme. Children are required to have a signed permission form promising to look after the books and return them by the end of the first week of Term One, 2020. A copy of this can be collected from the library, their classroom or downloaded from the [library page](#) on the school website. *This form is also attached to the newsletter email today.*

This means the children get to choose eight books to read over the Summer Holiday.
The library will be open extended hours before and after school for issues:-

Thursday 12th December between 8:30am - 9:00am and 2:30 - 7:45pm (during Christmas Carols)

Friday 13th December 8:30am - 5:30pm

Monday 16th December 8:30am – 5:30pm

Parents are most welcome to help their children select books. Any queries please contact Emma McGill on phone 233-1339 or email library@paremata.school.nz

TERM DATES FOR 2020

Term 1 2020	Monday 3 rd February - Wednesday 8 th April (Thursday 9 th Teacher Only Day)
Term 2	Monday 28 th April - Friday 3 rd July
Term 3	Monday 27 th July - Friday 25 th September
Term 4	Monday 12 th October - Wednesday 16 th December

INCREASE IN SCHOOL FEES FOR 2020

Unfortunately, due to the rising costs of Education Outside the Classroom and swimming activities the 2020 activity fee is rising to \$150 per year. We find that weekly or fortnightly automatic payments is the easiest way to keep on top of these fees so please contact Michelle in the office if you would like to set this up. For children to be able to attend activities, the activity fee needs to be paid in advance. Please see below for the payment options.

PAREMATA SCHOOL DONATIONS/FEES – 2020

SCHOOL DONATIONS

1 CHILD	\$100
2 CHILDREN	\$180
3 OR MORE CHILDREN	\$220



ACTIVITY FEE – COMPULSORY FEE - \$150 FOR THE YEAR

The compulsory activity fee covers shows and trips (including the transport) that children attend each year. It also covers the matific, reading eggs and other IT programmes, classroom consumables and the swimming/aquatics programmes run throughout the year. We have set budgets for these for 2020, so that parents can pay the money in one lump sum, on a term-by-term basis, or as a regular direct credit.

TOTAL \$150 per child, per year.

COMPULSORY FEES NOT INCLUDED IN THE ACTIVITY FEE

Technology for Year 7&8s – \$80 for the year

Senior School Camp – Rooms 5,6,7,8 - \$350 approx. To be paid in full before March 2020

OPTIONS FOR PAYMENTS

There is a range of options for payment of these fees to make it as easy as possible to balance your finances. We know that the start of the school year can be a very expensive time so we are happy to provide an option that suits you, which include:

- One off payment at the start of the year
- Payment once a term (invoices are sent out)
- Online into our bank account – ASB 12-3254-0048796-00
- Regular direct credits into our bank account
- Eftpos at the office

This table does not include technology or camp fees

	Donation	Activity Fees	Total	One Payment	Term Payment
One Child	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$62.50
2 Children	\$180.00	\$300.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$120.00
3 Children	\$220.00	\$450.00	\$670.00	\$670.00	\$167.50
4 Children	\$220.00	\$600.00	\$820.00	\$820.00	\$205.00