
PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WEEK 6 – TERM 4



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Thursday 16 th November	Ruma Tūi - Te Papa trip
Thursday 16 th November	Ruma Ruru and Hihi – Te Papa and Holey Moley Golf
Friday 17 th November	School Assembly @ 12pm if fine (outside on court)
Tuesday 28 th November	Kahikatea Team on camp until 1 December
Friday 1 st December	Parumoana Speech Competition
Friday 1 st December	Gumboot Friday – gold coin donation
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 8 Leavers Awards Evening
Friday 15 th December	School finishes for 2023 @ 12:30pm
Tuesday 30 th January	School commences for 2024



Wednesday 29 th -Thursday 30 th November	Library open for returning books only. No Issues
Friday 1 st December	ALL library books must be returned
Friday 1 st – Friday 8 th December	Library CLOSED, including lunchtimes, for stocktake
Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th December	Library open for Summer Reading Programme issues only

Kia ora tatou

2024 School Organisation

There are quite a few changes with staff choosing to move year levels in 2024 which always brings a fresh perspective and new challenge to the job. With the roll numbers at different levels throughout the school next year, the school will have a different structure. Year 3/4 will have 3 classes instead of the usual four and Year 7/8 will have 4 classes.

Staff changes

Nicky Dennis McCarthy has decided it is now time to retire from teaching and will be leaving us on December 1st - thanks so much for all you have done for us Nicky, we wish you all the very best.

Caroline Lockyer is taking a year away from education in 2024 and Angela Wall will step into the Pohutukawa Leadership role. Jacqui Reading will take on a full-time role teaching in Year 2. Mary Va'a will be job sharing with Sonia Saluni and Clare Knighton with Susan Moore. We welcome Finella Sweeney to a full-time role working in Year 3/4 after working with Clare Knighton in Year 1 this year.

Teachers 2024

Year 1-2 Pohutukawa

Angela Wall, Cherise Britz, Jacqui Reading, Clare Knighton/Susan Moore

Year 3-4 Kowhai

Emma Walters, Sally Ratchford, Finella Sweeney

Year 5-6 Kauri

Emma Tweedie, Rachel Hall, Sautia Lemana, Jacquie Bassett

Year 7-8 Kahikatea

Juliet Henkes, Mary Va'a/Sonia Saluni, Becky Spencer, with a fourth teacher (TBC)

Part time teaching staff

Jenny Goodwin, Fiona Sutton, Jannien Kamphuis

Sad News

It's with much sadness to hear that Noeline Gordon, who worked at After School Care for the last 13 years, passed away on Monday after suffering a stroke late last week. Noeline was well liked by the tamariki and will be very much missed. On behalf of the school BOT and community we send all our condolences and aroha to Noeline's extended whanau. We will be thinking of everyone, including our own ASC staff who are all devastated by this news.

Year 5-8 Athletics Day

It was a great day at Adventure Park yesterday with the Year 5-8 Parumoana Athletics. The tamariki all participated very positively and had a great time competing against the other schools. Many thanks to Becky Spencer and Sonia Saluni for the great organisation and all the parents who went along to support our tamariki. Here are some of the amazing results:

Rawiri – Year 8 boys – long Jump – 3rd
Riley – Year 7 girls discus – 1st (broke a record held since 2014)
Riley – Year 7 girls vortex – 1st
Luka – Year 6 boys high jump – 3rd
Syon – Year 5 boys quoits – 2nd
Lou – Year 5 girls 800m -1st
Marley Year 5 girls 150m – 1st
Marley – Year 5 girls 80m – 1st
Year 5 girls relay – 2nd



Added at the end of this week's newsletter is information about:

- Papakowhai Shared Path Update
- Paremata Wastewater Upgrade

Ngā mihi – Matua Bryce

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE AND END OF YEAR DETAILS

Every year, in December, I do a stocktake of all the library books. This means that I scan all the books that the library has in it. This helps to keep the catalogue information up to date, as well keeping an accurate number of books (stock) in the library. I also find out books that are missing and what needs to be reordered.

In order for this to be done, on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November the library will be open for returning books only.

ALL the library books need to be returned by **Friday 1st December**.

After this the returns bin will be outside the library for any late returns and a couple of students will be going to classrooms to collect as well.

From Friday 1st - Friday 8th December the library will be **CLOSED**

The library will be open again, for extended hours, from Monday 11th - Thursday 14th December for Summer Reading Programme issues ONLY. Thanks Emma





SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE NO. 8 – ORDER ONLINE mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

If you wish to purchase from the current book club selection, please order online no later than **Thursday 23th November**. If you would like any purchases to be held at the office, please order online under OFFICE.

GUMBOOK FRIDAY – FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER



Please remember to bring a gold coin donation as this is a fundraiser and bring/wear your gumboots! There will be fun activities for everyone on the day and there will be a Funkiest, Coolest, Gumboot competition if you want to decorate them as well.



REMINDER – Frankfurters are finished now for the year.



World Kindness Day is a day to respect kindness and be kind to yourself and others. That means helping others, being mindful about what you do and say, including people in your games and being respectful of other people's opinions. Rūma Kea (10) made a display to show that if you're not kind, there is no kind! Always remember to "Be the 'T' in kind". By Yaniah and Holly



Kindness, a thing that gives someone a positive emotion. Kindness to some is helping someone when they are down, or helping with work and sometimes it's just being plain nice. Either way it all helps. No good deed goes unnoticed. Be kind. (Louie Hazelhurst - Rm 13)

Kindness is an outstanding thing to me. Don't be mean, be kind. If you are kind to people there is a bigger chance, they'll be kind to you. Kindness can make not only you a better person but others, for you all to learn life skills and can make people's days. It's contagious. Having kindness can cheer people up. Kindness can make the world a better place! (Taras Ognyev - Rm 13)

Kindness is an act of doing something positive for another person. Not only does this help the other person but also you. Kindness to me is when I don't understand something or I need help. When I can't find someone to play with straight away, someone will play with me. This is kindness to me! (Oliver McClure - Rm 13)

Kindness, something I find super-duper important and something that makes humans stay happy when they are hurt or sad. Kindness is supporting people, for example: you are playing a sport and you lose, you would be happy and supportive even if you feel sad. Some people aren't that kind but don't be like them. Be empathetic. (Maximiliano Molina Rm 13)





YOU'RE INVITED TO A
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LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI
3 PAEKAKARIKI HILL ROAD
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 5.45PM
ARRIVE FROM 5PM | TICKETS \$22
(INCLUDES A FOXTON FIZZ & WHITTAKERS SANTE BAR)

Fundraising for Aotea College
trip of a lifetime to Japan
To RSVP please email
WonkaAotea@gmail.com



ORIENTATION + PARENT EVENING FOR MANA COLLEGE (new dates)

Parent evening - Monday 20th November at 6pm

Orientation Day - Tuesday 21st November at 9.15am-1pm.

Christmas Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 19 - 21 Dec 2023

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW! Ice cream Science & Ice Skating, a day out at Kapiti Coast, The Grinch meets Will Wonka and movies at the Lighthouse Cinema.

You can view and book online: www.asfc.co.nz

Summer Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 15 Jan - 31 Jan 2023

Coming soon early December!

For more information e-mail holprog@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975

Our opening times are 7.30am - 5.00 / 5.30pm. Children from all schools are welcome ☺

AFTER SCHOOL
FUN CLUB Holiday Programme @ Adventure School

DECEMBER/JANUARY HOLIDAY COMPUTER CLASSES

Grand Training runs educational and fun computer classes over the holidays at our Wellington City location for ages 5 to 16.

- Minecraft from Introduction to Mods and Servers
- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python or Java.
- Code and Create 3D Games.
- Web Design, HTML and CSS
- Build a PC
- Film and Video Editing
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children
- Online Safety and Privacy

For information & bookings 499-2211 or grandtraining.co.nz

ŌTAKI CHRISTMAS MARKET, 10 DECEMBER, 10AM-2PM

Over 55 stalls: art and craft, health & beauty products, plants & flowers, Christmas craft, Christmas Trees
Delicious Kai, hangi, seafood chowder, burgers, spring rolls, ice cream and much more...
Free crafting table and facepainting for a Koha.

Meet Santa Claus + FREE Photograph: Guess who's coming to town? Santa Claus himself!
FREE photograph with Santa between 11am-1.30pm – a cherished memory in the making.

ŌTAKI KIDS MARKET, 14 JANUARY, 10AM-2PM

The next Kids Market will be Sunday 14 January. Join all the fun of the Kids Market, and tamariki and rangatahi run their own stalls, make craft, baking or sell their products.

Registrations / Event details: <https://www.otakiwomensclub.org/kidsmarket>

BNZ BREAKERS - Are you a Basketball Fan – in Auckland for the holidays??

Keep the kids entertained by taking them to an action-packed game of basketball.

The BNZ Breakers have 8 Auckland games remaining this season and every single game promises plenty of fun, giveaways, and entertainment for the whole family. Choose the dates that suit you and get behind the BNZ Breakers. Tickets are on sale at www.ticketmaster.co.nz

A promotional poster for the BNZ Breakers basketball team, featuring a central image of a player in a pink jersey with the number 6. The poster is divided into eight colored rectangular sections, each advertising a different event with its date and location. The events are: Public Signing Session (Sun 19 Nov, Spark Arena), Mascot Party (Sat 20 Jan, Spark Arena), DC Multiverse Round (Sat 9 Dec, Spark Arena), Back to the Future (Fri 26 Jan, Eventfinda Stadium), Christmas Game (Fri 22 Dec, Spark Arena), Chinese New Year (Fri 9 Feb, Spark Arena), Carnival Day (Sun 7 Jan, Spark Arena), and Fan Appreciation Day (Fri 16 Feb, Spark Arena). At the bottom, the BNZ Breakers logo is on the left, and a large number '8' with the text 'REMAINING AUCKLAND GAMES' is on the right. Below these, the text 'Tickets at ticketmaster.co.nz' is displayed.

Event	Date	Location
PUBLIC SIGNING SESSION	SUN 19 NOV	SPARK ARENA
MASCOT PARTY	SAT 20 JAN	SPARK ARENA
DC MULTIVERSE ROUND	SAT 9 DEC	SPARK ARENA
BACK TO THE FUTURE	FRI 26 JAN	EVENTFINDA STADIUM
CHRISTMAS GAME	FRI 22 DEC	SPARK ARENA
CHINESE NEW YEAR	FRI 9 FEB	SPARK ARENA
CARNIVAL DAY	SUN 7 JAN	SPARK ARENA
FAN APPRECIATION DAY	FRI 16 FEB	SPARK ARENA

bnz breakers

8 REMAINING AUCKLAND GAMES

Tickets at ticketmaster.co.nz



Wellington Water is about to get underway with investigations for a project to upgrade a 4km section of wastewater pipeline in the Paremata area on behalf of Porirua City Council.

The project will increase the capacity and resilience of the local network to cater for residential growth as part of a wider works programme to improve the city's wastewater network. This will also help protect public health that of Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and local waterways.

Investigations for the project start on 27 November 2023 and will take around two months to complete. The work will consist of a series of ground investigations involving drilling bores and test pits along Papakowhai Road, Paremata Crescent and the centre median of SH59 to locate existing services.

While it won't be overly disruptive, traffic management will be in place around the worksites for the safety of crews, pedestrians and road users. This will also result in some short-term loss of parking.

Wellington Water has been working with Paremata School to ensure these works do not disrupt the day-to-day operations of the school or present any health and safety risk.

Where the worksite is in the vicinity of Paremata School, work will be done outside school drop-off/pick-up hours to ensure the safety of children, families and staff as follows:

- 9.30am to 2.30pm

Investigations in the vicinities of Paremata School are planned to start on the week of 4 December for 2 weeks. Activities with a direct impact on the school entrance are planned for the days of 8 and 11 November. Hours of work have also been planned to ensure minimal disruption to the local community, businesses and road users as follows:

- 9am to 4pm for investigations along Papakowhai Road and Paremata Crescent
- 7am to 6pm for SH59 centre median investigations

If you have any questions about this project or for regular updates on the works, please visit

www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/projects/paremata-wastewater-upgrades/

or please contact:

Pico Leung, Project Manager, Beca 027 742 7643
Kane Wright, Pro-Drill Southern operation manager, 027 697 6209

After hours, please call the Porirua City Council Call Centre at 04 237 5089.

Kia ora

13 November 2023

Work starting on Papakōwhai Rd shared path

We're connecting schools, parks and public transport with a new shared path along Papakōwhai Rd to make it easier for people to get around the city.

Work starts the week of 20 November 2023 through to winter 2024

All going well, construction is planned to start next week and be completed in winter 2024. Work will be done in sections between Aotea Lagoon and the southern pedestrian railway overbridge, mostly on the eastern side of the road where the existing footpath is being widened. See the map overleaf.

We know Aotea Lagoon is a family favourite and are working hard to minimise disruption.

Work will generally take place Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm.

- Before 9am and after 3pm work will be confined to the shoulder and shouldn't impact road users.
- Between 9am and 3pm traffic management like stop/go will impact traffic and roadside parking.

Roadside parking will be reinstated, where possible, after 3pm. Both the north and south lagoon carparks will remain open at all times.

It is possible that detours may be in place during some of the work and that there may be occasional weekend work if needed. Road users can expect delays so should consider using alternative routes where possible. Pedestrian and cycle access will remain open.

Features of the work

Work includes a new 3.5m-wide shared path (where possible), raised tables and safer crossing points to reduce speed, better lighting, and the installation of a pump track at Aotea Lagoon.

Parking on Papakōwhai Rd by the southern pedestrian rail overbridge will be moved back approx. 80 metres allowing for road narrowing and widening the shared path.

Why are we doing it?

The shared pathway will improve the connection between key locations including Aotea College, Aotea Lagoon, Paremata School and Paremata Railway Station. It will also form part of the Te Araroa Trail and tie in with an upgrade at Whitford Brown Avenue intersection planned for 2024.

Funding

This pathway is 100% funded by the Government's Transport Choices Programme, for projects encouraging people to bike, walk, and use public transport. The programme is led by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. Under the Government's emissions reduction plan, funding of the Transport Choices package was made available from the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF).

Whitford Brown Ave / Papakōwhai Rd intersection upgrade

An additional upgrade at the Whitford Brown Ave intersection with Papakōwhai Rd is in the design phase, with more work to be done on how to manage underground services during construction.

It is likely to start in the new year and will include signalised pedestrian crossings, traffic signals, an additional left turning lane out of Papakōwhai Rd, better lighting and a new raised pedestrian crossing at the southern entrance to Aotea Lagoon.

Got any questions?

- Visit porirua.govt.nz/papakowhai-projects
- Email us at papakowhai.projects@porirua.govt.nz
- Call us on 04 237 5089
- Contractor: John Fillmore Contracting Ltd (JFC), phone 021 920 268

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