

PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2024

WEEK 4 – TERM 1



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Thursday 22nd February

Monday 26th February

Tuesday 27th February

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Tuesday 27th February – 28th March

Thursday 29th February

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Thursday 14th – 15th March

Kauri Team Trip - Pool Sessions

Experiencing Marine Reserves

Pohutukawa team to Dolly Varden/Pauatahanui Inlet

Taputeranga Marine Reserve (Room 13 & 14)

Ruma Kotuku (7) to Dolly Varden/Pauatahanui Inlet

Bee Healthy Dental Van on site

Taputeranga Marine Reserve (Room 15 & 16)

ParentLink Meeting 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Year 8 Leadership Overnighter

**TERM 1
2024**

TERM 1 DATES

Term 1 - Tuesday 30th January – Friday 12th April

Easter: Good Friday 29th March to Tuesday 2 April

Please note: Tuesday is a school holiday

Kia ora tatou

Mountain to Sea

Yesterday the Kauri Team had a visit from Joe and Roni from Mountain to Sea. This was a start to their Experiencing Marine Reserves Programme happening over the next couple of weeks. See some amazing writing from Ruma Takahe (14) in this newsletter.



We have a number of places available for new entrants (5 year olds) starting school in the second half of the year – July to December. Please contact Marie in the office for an enrolment form on mariea@paremata.school.nz.

School Lunches

The sausage sizzle Wednesday and hamburger Friday are proving to be very popular with is great.

If you wish to pay online, could you please do so the day before ie Tuesday or Thursday and then your child can pick up a card from the office to say they have pre-paid. Thanks for your support.

Sunhats

Sunhats are to be worn for all outside activities during Term 1. Please name your child's hat. School hats are available to buy from the school office for \$15.00.

Nga mihi nui - Matua Bryce



EXPERIENCING MARINE RESERVES PROGRAMME WITH MOUNTAINS TO SEA

RumaTakahe (14)

EMR by Lou

The big, open, blue ocean, only five percent of it is explored! Imagine how much biodiversity we don't know about but now I know so much about the sea already this year.

Yesterday Joe from Mountains to Sea came in and taught us about the ocean. First, he talked about biodiversity. Biodiversity means life and variety. We must protect our biodiversity! We also learnt about the types of animals in the sea. 80 % of all the animals live in the ocean WOW! That's a lot.

Joe taught us about a food chain. A food chain is a cycle of what animals eat for example the kina eats seaweed and then snapper eats the kina then humans eat the snapper, we played a game to help us remember it. I'm super excited to go snorkeling in the Kauri team. I love the ocean. We must protect our biodiversity so that we can all enjoy it and so can we. Step by step let's save the ocean.

EMR by Oliver

Yesterday, Joe, from mountains to sea, came to talk to takahe. He started talking to us about Biodiversity. Biodiversity stands for bio-living diversity-variety. Joe talked about how to protect our ocean. Did you know 80% of the living things are in the sea isn't that incredible? Joe also talked about that there are only 0.5% protected areas in the sea wow that's not a match at all! Scientists estimate that we have only explored 5% of the sea geez we have a lot more to explore. Joe lets us touch some things he found washed up on the beach like a porcupine fish, seaweed, crayfish legs, shells and pauas the porcupine fish smelt so bad.

EMR by Marley

Yesterday, Joe from Mountains to Sea came to teach us about our sea and Marine Reserves. He was on a slideshow teaching us about the ocean. First Joe talked about biodiversity. Biodiversity is basically about how the world is changing and we need to keep not only our land but our sea safe. In a shorter version Living Variety. He also was talking about how only 5 percent of the world's ocean has been explored! There are also many types of water\oceans like the Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, The North Sea and on and on. He also said if you look at a normal beach or sea there is loads more rubbish and way less fish and sea creatures and if you look at a Marine Reserve more fish and sea creatures are around there's no rubbish. I'm super excited because we are going to Taputeranga Marine Reserve to learn more about the ocean. Please keep our ocean safe!

EMR by Campbell

Yesterday Joe from the mountains to sea came to talk to Takaha about biodiversity. Hmm you might be wondering what biodiversity means. Well, it means life, living and he showed us some things from the ocean like seaweed, puaa, fish bones and alot more cool stuff. Joe also talked to us about different types of fish we might see like blue cod, eagle ray, butter fish and so much more cool fish. I'm so excited about tomorrow because we're going to go to the pools and next week, we're going to Taputeranga Marine Reserve.

EMR by Ziara

Yesterday, Joe from Mountains to Sea, came in to talk about the marine life at Taputeranga marine reserve and how we can protect its biodiversity.

Biodiversity means living variety. (bio-living diversity-variety)

He also brought in a whole lot of marine life from the beach that he had found.

There was sea creatures and seaweed (plants/fungi) like Kina, (Urchins) Sponge,

Dried seaweed, Paua, Shells and (drum roll starts now) A Porcupine fish!

(Related to the pufferfish but has spikes all the time not just when its inflated)

The fish stunk because obviously it was dead. Anyway, back to the topic he taught us heaps of interesting facts like...

- #1. Approximately 80% of the earth's animals are marine life! the fraction of that is $\frac{80}{100}$ or $\frac{8}{10}$.
- #2. we might see cool marine animals like Triple Fins, Octopus, Blue Cod, Blue Moki, Eagle Rays, Nudibrach, Kina (Urchins), Crayfish, Butterfish and obviously seaweed.
- #3 There might be giant kelp which grows up to 70 cm a day! They keep on growing until they reach a certain height. The largest kelp ever was 40 m long!

We learnt so much about marine life and there's still so much to explore!

Only 5% of the world's oceans have been explored, we know more about the moon's surface than the ocean! Imagine all the marine life out there just waiting to be discovered! Now imagine that they all go extinct before we can discover them. There are some ways that you can help: You can go to the beach and pick up rubbish and when you're out fishing if you catch the little fish, you can throw them back so they can continue to thrive and increase the population.

EMR by Aaron

Yesterday, Joe from Mountains to Sea came to tell Takahe about the Ocean and Marine Reserves.

Joe also talked about Biodiversity bio means living, 80% of our living creatures live in the water WOW!

Diversity means variety. All the fish are different shapes, different sizes and different colours just like us. The Marines Reserves are filled with eels, blue cod and lots more cool fish.

One of the fish is called Triple fin. It has 3 dorsal fins. Cool!

Joe also talked about the dark bit of the ocean where there is no light. I think it has creepy fishes like the Angel fish. It has a light on its head. The sea has a food cycle kina eats seaweed crayfish eats kina fisherman eats crayfish sun hurts fisherman. The year 5 & 6 syndicate are going to Taputeranga Marine Reserve on Tuesday 28th of February. I can't wait!

EMR by Paige

Yesterday, Joe came to our class room to talk about marine reserves and was telling us about biodiversity and when animals live in only one place. He talked to us about our snorkeling trip. He loves the ocean and is telling us how many cool fish there are in marine reserves. It was so cool there were blue cod and king fish and lots of other cool fish that I had never seen. When you go to the beach you might want to pick up some rubbish when you leave or you might want to look around the beach for rubbish because it's good to help the environment so make sure you pick up some rubbish when you go to the beach.

Yesterday we played a game where you play paper scissors rock and if you win then you become a kina and then you go find another kina and you do paper scissors rock again and if you win again then you become a different sea animal. The food chain goes like this: the sun then seaweed, kina and fish and then the fisherman. This year I'm so excited about going snorkeling at Taputeranga marine reserve and looking at so many cool fish on Tuesday 28 February.

PARENTLINK 2024

ParentLink needs new members! With some longstanding committee members having now left the school, we are in need of new members and volunteers.



The focus of the ParentLink Committee is to organise both community and fundraising events for the school. This usually includes one event per term, such as a quiz evening for parents, a disco evening for the kids and the Garage Sale in term 4. Last year the money raised was used for things like the shade sales on the Junior classrooms, repainting on the concrete around the school and upgraded IT equipment.

This year we are aiming to raise enough money to revamp the area between the library and the classrooms currently under construction.

There is generally one meeting per term, on a Thursday evening at school. If you're interested in either joining the committee, or are available to help with particular events throughout the year please get in touch paremataschoolpta@gmail.com



Alternatively, just come along to our first meeting of the year on Thursday, 29th February at 7:00pm in the school staffroom.



WEDNESDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE – sausage/bread/sauce

Sausage sizzles are available for lunch for \$2.00 each Wednesday



FRIDAY HAMBURGER – bun/meat pattie/lettuce/cheese

Hamburgers are available for lunch for \$5.00 each

NETBALL



A letter with all the information regarding netball will be sent out on Friday to all the children who registered interest. If you have any queries, please email netball@paremata.school.nz



AIMS GAMES – 8-13 SEPTEMBER 2024

Please remember if you are interested in either Rippa or Netball to hand your forms in to the office.

The preference would be for the Rippa players to join their local rugby club to play in the competition on Friday nights, and the netball players to play for Paremata School on Saturday mornings.

There will be a cost (and fundraising) required for this event- expecting \$100-\$150 per student.

Please email Becky on beckys@paremata.school.nz. After expressions of interest, we will hold trials if required.

MANA MUSIC CENTRE – LESSON SPOTS AVAILABLE

Mana Music Centre operates after school Weds and Thurs at Discovery School, Whitby and on Saturday mornings at Maraeroa School, Cannons Creek. We offer low-cost music lessons designed to give primary age students (up to Year 8) an affordable opportunity to try out music - \$20 per term. We have beginner lesson spots available for Sat **keyboard and guitar**. Please contact Larcy at themanamusiccentre@gmail.com (Maraeroa enrolments). You can also check out www.manamusiccentre.org.nz for more details.



If your child loves doing cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dancing, or parkour, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym! Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills.

Book online for Term 1 now at www.bigairgym.co.nz or please contact us for any inquiries:

Bigair Gym Tawa: ph. 232 3508, e. office@bigairgym.co.nz at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.

ROAR AND SNORE - Friday 15 – Saturday 16 March 2024, 7.00pm–9.00am

Dinos probably didn't roar, but the kids will at this one-of-a-kind, whānau-friendly sleepover at Te Papa! Continental breakfast included.

Roar & Snore is an extraordinary opportunity to sleep among the dinos of *Ngā Taniwha o Rūpapa - Dinosaurs of Patagonia*. Bed down next to tiny Manidens, ferocious Tyrannotitan, or the colossal 30-metre-long Patagotitan.

Whānau Day, 2023. Photograph by Jo Moore. Te Papa.

Explore the exhibition after hours, hear kōrero from Te Papa's scientists and researchers, and enjoy a hot drink and treat. Roar & Snore offers a unique way to engage with prehistory. Tickets are limited, so book your spot now for the sleepover of a lifetime! <https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/visit/whats-on/events/roar-snore>


TOTS TO TEENS

Summer is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents issue2402.tottosteens.co.nz

What's in this issue for parents?

- » The terrible twos
- » Getting the most out of Open Days
- » Gut health for young athletes
- » Tempting chocolate treats
- » Healthy eyes for a better future
- » What is your child's learning style?
- » 7 Tips for parents who have ADHD
- » How to talk about periods.
- » The ultimate party-planning guide
- » PLUS awesome giveaways



PAREMATA PLIMMERTON RFC

JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATIONS 2024

We'd like to invite all new and returning players to register for the 2024 junior rugby season!

Club rugby grades are based on your school year.

Grades range from Nursery (aged 3yrs +) to Year 8.

Year 3 is the first year of tackle rugby.

We continue to have Ripa Rugby available for all ages which provides a great way for all to stay in the game.

Please register now online and remember to upload a current photo.
<https://www.paremataplimmertonrugby.club/juniors/junior-registrations>

Once you have registered and paid online, come to one of our rego days to collect your playing top, purchase any merch and to ask any questions.

Registration fees need to be paid before you can receive your playing top.

REGO DAYS at Pare-Plim RFC, Ngati Toa Domain
 Tues 12th March 5.00 - 7.00pm
 Saturday 16th March 11am - 1pm

If you have any questions, please email: juniors@pareplimrugby.co.nz

Want to play football?



Registration for PUKERUA BAY SOCCER CLUB for players aged 4 to 14 is now open:

- Registration closes 20 March 2024. Register today!
- Super low fees: \$55 for 4 - 6 year olds, \$90 for 7 - 12 year olds, \$100 for 13 & 14 year olds!
- Family discounts available!
- Practices potentially in Pukerua Bay and/or Plimmerton (or wherever most suits the team).

To register visit www.pkbsoccer.nz or email pkb@pkbsoccer.nz - let's get you playing football in 2024!