



PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE 2025

SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

WEEK 6 – TERM 2



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Friday 6th June

Saturday 7th June

Thursday 12th June

Thursday 19th June

Friday 20th June

Tuesday 24th June

Full School Assembly @ 11:15am hosted by Rm 13 and 4

Fancy Dress Family Quiz @ 3:00pm

Powhiri for new families

Dawn Matariki Celebration – more info to come

Matariki Weekend – Public Holiday

Regional Cross Country pp 26th



Talofa lava



Parumoana Cross Country

Well done to all our runners who attended the inter-school cross country yesterday at Queen Elizabeth Park. Congratulations to the students who will be attending the regional cross country on Tuesday 24th June. We wish you all the very best. Thank you to Becky, Clare and Lofa who supported this group.

Rangatahi Rōpu & Wānanga Bus Trips

Last Wednesday a group of our tamariki visited Maraeroa Marae where they learnt some history and engaged in a range of cultural activities. On Friday another group toured Porirua to learn about the history of our local area and then did Ti Rakau and made a Koauau. Both of these outings were really worth while for these students. Thank you to Rachel for organising these two amazing trips and the parents that went along as helpers. See below for some great writing about their experiences.

School Reporting Changes

With the ongoing implementation of the updated NZ curriculum currently underway, we are having to make changes to our mid and end of year reporting template. The mid year reports have the new learning phases which are: *Phase 1 Year 0-3, Phase 2 Year 4-6 and Phase 3 Year 7 and 8.*

The teachers will use an overall teacher judgment (OTJ) which is a culmination of all your child's assessment and school work set against the curriculum objectives in each of the phases at their year level. There are four overall teacher judgment levels. Needing Support, Working Towards the Phase, Working Within the Phase and Working Above the Phase. Along with the OTJ, the teachers will have the usual commentary and next steps to ensure progress continues. An information sheet will be emailed home with the reports to help parents understand these changes.

Family Quiz Afternoon – This Saturday 7th June

Last chance to order tickets to our **Fancy-Dress Family Quiz** afternoon in the hall. Tickets are on sale at this link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fSMncXGOG_a1X352dZYiozeK2Cdps0fWpfSQpE7H-nw/viewform?edit_requested=true#settings If you are able to support Sarah Tremain and Katie Firth with help on the day, can you please contact Katie paremataschoolpta@gmail.com asap. Many thanks to Luke Waghorn for being our quizmaster again.



Term 2 Powhiri – Thursday 12th June

We are holding our term 2 Powhiri for our new families in Week 7. Invitations have been emailed out. Please RSVP to Marie in the office, mariea@paremata.school.nz. Many thanks.

Absentees

We have quite a few unwell children at the moment and it seems covid is going around again. If your child/ren are unwell, can you please remember to keep them home and leave a message on our phone or email absent@paremata.school.nz before 9:00am with the reason they are away. Many thanks.



Fa'atalofa atu - Matua Bryce

Wānanga Bus Trip

By Cooper Chalmers

On Friday, May 30th, I was one of the 30 tamariki who went on the Wānanga bus trip. We toured Porirua and learned about the history of haukāinga (home).

We learned about how Maui discovered Aotearoa, by fishing up the North Island with a hook made out of his Grandmother's jaw bone. We also learned that our harbour Te Awarua o Porirua got polluted from the Kenupuru Hospital and the sewerage plant when they flushed down poisons and chemicals. Now they have a great plan to clean the harbour using shellfish, as these can filter the poisons out of the harbour. Unfortunately, they must first fix all the sewer pipes before we get started. Won't it be great when we can collect kaimoana and swim in our harbour again!

The first bus stop was at the Takapūwāhia Marae in Titahi Bay and we learned that all the decisions were made in the kīhini (kitchen) and that they had a medical centre there too for all the tamariki from the marae.

One of my favourite parts of the bus trip was at Motukaraka Point. Rangihaeata and his tāngata (people) that lived there, built a 5 metre high fence that could block the cannons of the HMS Driver.

The HMS Driver was a wooden paddle boat that was ordered on the 12th of March 1840 and sailed around Aotearoa and other European countries and had a 7-year war with some of our Maori tāngata.

After all the storytelling on the bus, we went to the workshop and did Ti Rakau and made a Koauau, Koauau is a traditional Maori instrument made from clay that makes a deep noise when you blow in the holes carved into the ball-shaped instrument.



Overall, I want to thank Calisa, Uncle Jay, Uncle Daz and all the parent helpers who made this great day possible. Kia ora rawa atu



Rangatahi Rōpu - By Lewis

On Wednesday, the 28th of May, 10 of us from Paremata as well as rangatahi from ten other kura, went to Maraeroa Marae in Porirua. When we got there, we were welcomed in with a mihi whakatau. This is less formal than a Pōwhiri. We were then split into 4 groups and each group went to a different place to do activities. I started with a small lesson on the history and journey of Te reo Māori in NZ. I learned that before the Europeans came, all the merchants who were in the Pacific who visited NZ spoke Māori because no one spoke English. But when the European settlers started to come in the 1800s, more people started to speak English. In 1840, when the treaty was signed, the Māori language was listed as a taonga (treasure) that was to be protected. But then, 27 years later in 1867, the Native Schools Act was officially implemented. This act banned the use of Te reo Māori in schools, not following the protection of Te reo Māori.



After we finished learning about the journey of Te reo Māori we moved on to the next activity. At the next activity we played games. For one of the games we played, we were split into teams and each team stood in a line holding hands, the person at the end squeezed the person next to them's hand, who did the same, and then the next person did the same and so on. When the squeeze got to the end of the line, the person at the end sent it back and when the first person in the line felt the squeeze, they ran to grab a poi on the other side of the room. The team that grabbed the poi first won.



The next activity we did was with the rākau. We play a game called Maui Matou. In the game, we stood in a circle and there was someone in the middle. When the person in the middle called Maui you let go of your rākau and grabbed the one to the left of you. When the person in the middle called Matou you did the same thing but moved to the right. Then last we learned a new haka which was hard but fun at the same time.

Rangitahi Rōpu - By Willow

On Wednesday, the 28th of May, me and nine other people from the Kahikatea syndicate made our way to Maraeroa Marae. It was an experience I will never forget.

When we first got there, we were welcomed in with a mihi whakatau and sat down inside the marae. After learning about Te Haerenga o Te Reo Maori/ The Journey of Te Reo Māori, we began getting into four groups. Each group was put into a different activity. My group started with learning a new haka. It was quite hard but fun at the same time.



After we had learned the haka, we went into the marae and did a quiz. The quiz was quite hard and VERY confusing. After the quiz, we went on and did skits in our groups. We received a single Māori word from our tuakana and that's what we had to do in our skit. It was really fun.

After we watched everyone's skits we walked into the Wharekai to play some games. The games we played were great, but my favourite one was a game that's kind of like Chinese whispers, except instead of a sentence, you have a set of dance moves. After we played some games, Matua John came in and told us about his history and the history of the marae. That was probably one of my favourite parts because it was so interesting to hear about what he had gone through and the history of the marae. He told us about why Maraeroa Marae was the only Marae that faced away from the rising sun. This was because the marae was facing the direction of where their people had travelled to. He also explained who the people on the walls are and who the statues resemble. My favourite thing he talked to us about was when he walked around and told us about everything in the marae, starting from the front and making his way all around the marae, explaining everything and what it means.

The last activity we did in our groups was play Maui /Matau with rakau and then finally we did the new haka all together.

The Kahui Ako Rangitahi Ropu trip was such an amazing experience, and I would love to continue doing it for the rest of my years to come.

PARUMOANA AND REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

The following list of children will be representing Paremata School at the Wellington Regional Primary & Intermediate Schools Cross Country on Tuesday 24th June at Harcourt Park in Upper Hutt.

MADDIE PROSSER

HAVANA SOOIALO

HENRY GRIFFITHS

EMMETT CURTIS

HOLLY JANSEN

LUNAR CURTIS

CHARLOTTE PROSSER

PAIGE MCLEOD

ISOBEL MARGRETT

ADDISON LONG

YASMIN CURRAN

REUBEN PRICE



Parumoana
Cross
Country

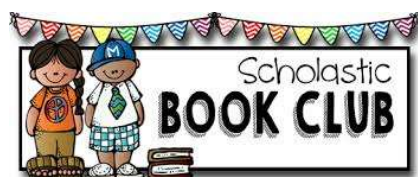


The 2025 theme for Samoa Language Week is

‘la malu lou sã. Folau i lagimã –

A well-grounded self, is a successful self’.

"A well-crafted ocean sailing vessel, built with care and precision, ensures a safe and steady journey. When all its parts are thoughtfully constructed, the vessel remains balanced, strong and ready to face the open seas. Similarly, people who prepare thoroughly and with intention become grounded and resilient and well-equipped to navigate life's challenges and succeed in their endeavours. No matter the challenges and hardships of life, a well-grounded person will not be easily shaken or defeated because they are firmly rooted and well-prepared".



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

ISSUE NO. 4 – ORDER ONLINE mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

If you wish to purchase from the current book club selection, please order online no later than **Thursday 12 June**. If you would like any purchases to be held at the office, please order online under OFFICE.

FANCY DRESS FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

PURCHASE TICKETS NOW USING LINK BELOW



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fSMncXGOG_a1X352dZYiozeK2Cdps0fWpfsQpE7H-nw/viewform?edit_requested=true#settings

SCHOOL LUNCHES – lunches@paremata.school.nz



Please pre-pay online the night before into our account **12 3254 0048796 00.**

MEAT PIE MONDAY – mince/steak and cheese (this will depend on what is in stock)
Meat pies will be available each Monday \$5.00.

Prepaid must be done by Sunday night



WEDNESDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE – sausage/bread/sauce

Sausage sizzles are available for lunch for \$2.00 each Wednesday
Prepaid must be done by Tuesday night



FRIDAY HAMBURGER – bun/meat pattie/lettuce/cheese

Hamburgers are available for lunch for \$5.00 each

Prepaid must be done by Thursday night



NETBALL

Ngati Toa website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/ngatitoanetball/home>

Netball Draw for this Saturday 7th June

OUR TEAM	PLAYING	TIME	COURT
Paremata Panthers	Discovery All Stars	9:00am	Court 3
Paremata Pistons	Papakowhai Storm	9:55am	Court 1
Paremata Piranhas	Plimmerton Panthers	9:55am	Court 2
Paremata Pulse	Adventure Tactix	11:45am	Court 4
Paremata Pumas	Papakowhai Dazzlers	1:35pm	Court 4
Paremata Pipis	TB Kereru	1:35pm	Court 3





Paremata School AIMS Team - Quiz Fundraiser

Sunday 15th June 7pm-9pm
1841 Bar & Restaurant, Johnsonville

to help our Year 7 and 8 students make it to Aims Games in Mount Maunganui
\$120 for a table of six Book in advance if you are wanting dinner beforehand.
If you would like to donate a gift or prize for auction, please contact David Jackson 027 5733300

Be quick to book your table by paying \$120 into the **School Aims Games Account** – (please note the suffix **is different from the school main account**) 12 3254 0048796 **52**.
Please add your 'Team Name' and 'Aims Quiz' into the reference.



AOTEA COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

We warmly welcome parents and students to our Open Evening for enrolling Year 8 students for 2026.

Come along to view the school and see what learning and extracurricular activities we can offer your child.



Kōtuku



Korimako



Pūkeko



Kererū

Enrol now for
2026

Open Evening
sessions

Thursday 12th June

3:30 to 5:00 pm
5:30 to 7:00 pm



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Kapiti College Open Day/Evening Tuesday 17 June

Open Day sessions are 9.30-11.30 and 12.30-2.30.

If you are bringing a student to one of these, please call the office to let us know which one you will be attending.

Open Evening

5.30-6pm Information Session regarding our Year 9 Dyslexic Class
6-8.30 Open Evening starting in the Gym. There will be a presentation from the Principal, Guided Tours and a chance to meet with the staff from different departments.