

PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 4th MAY 2016

WEEK 1 – TERM 2



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 11th May
Tuesday 17th May
Thursday 19th May
Thursday 30th June

ParentLink (PTA) Meeting @ 7.30pm in school staffroom
School Photos – Flyer coming home today
Pink Ribbon Pancake Breakfast
NZ Authors Evening @ 7.30pm

Kia ora tatou

Welcome to term 2. It is wonderful to see everyone back from holiday in very good form and the school has settled quickly as a result.

Playground improvements

We have had some wonderful additions to our school playground with new painted games and line markings. The children are enjoying playing the hopscotch and snakes and ladders games and we are waiting for the arrival of a large outdoor dice this week. The bench seat for Kirsty Gunston has been installed in the junior playground and makes a marvellous addition to the area.

Board Of Trustees Nominations and Elections

There is additional information coming home with this newsletter from our BOT about the upcoming BOT elections. Current BOT parent reps Bryan Middleton, Paulette O'Reilly and Nicky Aldridge Masters won't be seeking re-election this year as their children move onto Secondary School during the next three year term. I would like to thank Bryan, Paulette, Nicky and Megan Boyd for their hard work and professional expertise supporting me with the school's direction and governance over the past three years. It has been a pleasure working with you all. Current BOT Chair Russell Cooke and BOT member Stephanie Maclean will be standing again in the upcoming elections. If you are interested in the BOT and would like to know more please feel free to pop in and ask any questions. There is also a booklet available with more information.



Dogs at school

We have noticed an increasing amount of doggie do around the school and on the field after the weekend. If you see any dogs in the school grounds over the weekend unsupervised please let me know. I am confident that our school community are responsible dog owners and suspect it is other people using our school.

Nga mihi nui – Bryce

POHUTUKAWA BLOG

The children of Korimako (Rm 4) have been working hard to present stories they have written and some have illustrated. They would like to share their work with the school community using the home page of our team blog. Please leave our young writers a comment to let them know you have read their story. The comments will not appear immediately as I will read and release them first. We look forward to your encouragement! Feel free to explore the rest of our blog as well. Thanks, Caroline. link to blog: <http://parematayear1and2.blogspot.co.nz/>.

WAVE TV

The first two episodes of Wave TV have been posted to the school website. Classes involved in these episodes include Korimako, Piwakawaka, Kakapo, Kiwi, and the Kahikatea team. We expect there will be many more to come! Thank you for viewing our work, Caroline. Link to Wave TV 2016: <http://goo.gl/Wl8S3K>

Ruma Miromiro (1A) and Tui (2) will be photographed in November.



2016 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS
☒ **Make a difference**
Ki te whakapiki

- Voting roll is open for inspection at the office
- Main Electoral Roll Closes 4th May
- Supplementary Roll Closes 18th May
- Nominations open 6th May
- Nomination forms will be posted to all eligible voters on 2nd May 2016. Please advise if you have changed address.
- You may nominate yourself. Completed nomination forms are to be given to the returning officer, Michelle Griffin, C/- office, Paremata School, Paremata Crescent.
- Nominations close at noon 20th May
- Election papers sent to all eligible voters by 25th May
- Voting Closes at noon / Election Day 3rd June

NETBALL GAMES THIS WEEK 7TH MAY

TEAM	TIME	COURT
Paremata Pumas v Discovery Infinity	9.55am	Court 2
Paremata Magic v Plimmerton Gold	10.55am	Court 2
Paremata Panthers v Papakowhai Divas	11.45am	Court 2
Paremata Pulse v St Theresa's Angels	1.00pm	Court 4



Good luck to all the school hockey teams playing this Saturday.

If you wish to purchase from the current book club selection, please send your order and money to the office no later than **Tuesday 17th May**. If paying by cheque, please write them out to Scholastic NZ Ltd and remember to include your name and room number on the order form.

PAREMATA SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

CUPCAKES NEEDED FOR THE PINK RIBBON PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual **Pink Ribbon** Pancake Breakfast will be held on Thursday 19th May. If you are able to make a batch of cupcakes (with **pink** icing) that we can sell at the breakfast, please contact Megan Kirk at megan@mojo.coffee. Please let Megan know if you are able to volunteer to set up (6pm Wednesday 18th May) or able to help first thing from 6.45 am on Thursday morning and or stay to tidy up after 8.30 am. Thanks PTA



PARENTLINK (PTA) MEETING

The next ParentLink (PTA) meeting night is Wednesday 11th May starting at 7.30pm, and aiming to finish by 9pm. Held in the School Staffroom. A meeting for any Mums, Dads or Grandparents who have thought about helping towards our School in some way. Come along for a cuppa and find out more about the wonderful things our Parent/Teacher Association do.



SCHOOL GALA FUNDRAISER

We are having a GALA planning evening on Monday 23rd May at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend the planning or be a part of the day please come along - we need a number of people to make up this year's Gala committee. If you have a suggestion, but can't attend please email Jo at thegala@mail.com

DONATION ITEMS

We are looking for a couple of items to be donated to the box sitting at the office anytime from now. *Ice cream containers* (with lids) and *Jam Jars* (with metal or twist lids in either glass or plastic approx. 300mls or bigger).



SPRING BULB OFFER AND FUNDRAISER

There is a separate order form notice coming home with this newsletter regarding our Spring Bulb fundraiser. Order forms also available from the office.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – GREAT GIFTS FOR MOTHERS DAY (May 8th)

- The entertainment books **WERE DISTRUBUTED LAST TERM!** \$12 from every book sold goes to the school. These books are great value and make great **gifts for Mother's Day**.
- If you wish to purchase your book please remember payment can be made straight into our bank account 12-3254-0048796-00 ref. Ent Book or by eftpos at the office. Cheques to be made out to Paremata School. Remember you can also pay online for books or go digital <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104u135>
- Extra books are also available from the office.
- Thank you to the families who have returned the book and have given the school a donation instead. We really appreciate it.
- If you have a book at home and you do not wish to purchase it, can you please return it to the office as soon as possible.



****Thank You for your support towards our fundraisers****

COMMUNITY NEWS

VISITING AUTHOR - Liz Pichon, the author of the best-selling "**Tom Gates**" series of books for children will be at The Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie Plaza on Wednesday 11th of May between 3.15pm and 4pm to meet her readers and sign books. Children may of course bring their own copies to be signed and the Tom Gates books will be available for sale also. All welcome, no charge.



Come and join us at **UKE CLUB** every Tuesday after school. We have room for complete beginners and intermediate strummers. Lots of singing, plenty of laughs. For more details contact Shane.
theukuleleinstitute@gmail.com 027 27 37 47 5

MANA MUSIC CENTRE

Instrument Tuition for Primary/Intermediate Children held at Maraeroa and Discovery Schools.
Instruments include: Recorder, Piano/Keyboard, Flute, Violin, Guitar and. Music Appreciation (5/6 year olds).
(Age restrictions do apply to some instruments.) Lessons are \$15 per Term. Further enquiries to 022 646 6503.

RACE TO EXPLORE WELLINGTON ZOO, THEN GREATER WELLINGTON, WITH THE METLINK CITY SAFARI, MAY 15

This awesome family adventure sees teams start by racing to explore Wellington Zoo, before heading out to explore greater Wellington. This year's event has a wild animal theme. 'Wild Animals' will be located all over Greater Wellington. A map book will show you exactly where they are - your challenge is to find the quickest and smartest way to visit the most of these - both by foot and by all forms of public transport.

You may be racing to catch the ferry to Seatoun, the Cable Car to Kelburn, a train to Tawa, or a bus to Queensgate. 3 and 6 hour events are available. Details and registration is at www.citysafari.org.nz. Numbers are limited.



PIPPINS is the beginning of an exciting adventure as part of the Guiding journey for girls aged 5-7.

We help girls to make new friends, tackle challenges, enjoy activities, earn badges and learn to appreciate and respect the environment and the community. Cooks Pippins meet on Thursdays 4pm at "Western Suburbs Soccer Club Rooms" Albatross Close, Whitby. Please contact whitbypippins@gmail.com for more information or to join.

VOLUNTEER ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUTORS FOR REFUGEES



Due to increased demand (by both refugees and migrants) for volunteer home tutors of English language, to supplement the ESOL classes we provide, we are holding an extra course in the Certificate of ESOL Home Tutoring (NZQA), with our next beginning in mid-May and the final being in July. The May training will occur between 6.30pm and 9.00pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings over four weeks, and then the volunteer home tutors will be matched with a refugee learner and will teach them for 1 – 2 hours a week for a minimum of 6 months. Any interested parties contact us on 04 238 9400 to discuss registration and the requirements.

BLENDED FAMILY SUCCESS WORKSHOP

Discover how to help children adjust to step family life and create a united, supportive home life. **Overcome common obstacles and learn practical strategies that really work from New Zealand's leading stepfamily presenter.** Only one Wellington workshop this year. Numbers limited. You must register to secure your place.

When: Saturday 28th May, 9am to 4pm **Venue:** Sapphire Consultants, Petone. **For more information go to:** www.blendedfamilyfocus.com/workshop **email:** adele@BlendedFamilyFocus.com **Or phone/txt:** 021 404 742

KIDS CROSS COUNTRY SERIES - COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN

Athletics Wellington is again running the **Kids Cross Country Series** over the winter months at various venues around the Wellington region. Venues are Upper Hutt, Karori, Petone, Tawa and Mt Victoria. Races for pre schoolers though to year 8s. Take part in all five events and receive a competitors medal and Shoe Clinic drawstring bag at the end of the series. This event has grown in the past few years with up to 600 kids taking part, so come along and have some fun. For more information or to enter go to <https://www.athleticshub.co.nz/our-programmes#kidsxcountry> or email jo@athleticswellington.org.nz or phone 021 976116

SPRINGHILL ACADEMY OF DANCE has put together the musical theatre production of **Alice in Wonderland**. Go back in time and enjoy the music of old but with a twist of new. This production takes the magical world Wonderland, with talking animals and wonderful lands that will bring delight to young and old. Southwards Car Museum Theatre, May 20th, 7.30pm, 21st 2pm, and 7.30pm book through www.springhilldance.co.nz. Cash sales for beverages and snacks. Or phone Bronwen- 021744928.