

PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 11th MAY 2016

WEEK 2 – TERM 2



IMPORTANT DATES

Tonight

Tuesday 17th May
Thursday 19th May pp Thursday 26th May
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Friday 20th May
Monday 23rd May
Thursday 30th June

ParentLink (PTA) Meeting @ 7.30pm in school staffroom
School Photos
School Cross Country
Pink Ribbon Pancake Breakfast
BOT Nominations Close at noon
Gala Planning Evening @ 7.30pm in school staffroom
NZ Authors Evening @ 7.30pm

Kia ora tatou

School Flood

A big thank you to everyone for supporting us so positively with our unexpected closure last Thursday. We appreciate that some parents are unable to collect their children straight away so be relaxed in the knowledge that we will always take good care of your children until you can get to school. We have had major damage to our school driveway and the caretakers shed was flooded but apart from that we are in good shape. I am aiming to get the driveway repaired and open as soon as possible but until then it will remain closed.

Before School Care Drop Offs

Please can all parents physically walk their children to the Before School Care Room (Ruma Ngahere) and sign them in each morning. This is **non negotiable** for all children attending Before School Care. Children are not allowed to sign themselves in and parents need to be sighted by the Before School Care staff each morning. I would greatly appreciate your cooperation with this. Thank you.

Rippa Rugby Workshop

The children have been taking part in a Rippa Rugby skills workshop this week and have been learning to pass, run and side step opponents. Many thanks to Theresa for organising this event for the children.

Pink Ribbon Pancake Breakfast

The wonderfully delicious PTA pancake breakfast is upon us again next week on Thursday 19th May. Tickets can be purchased from the office and we look forward to seeing you there. Proceeds raised go to the breast cancer society.

BOT Elections

Nominations for the 2016 BOT elections close on Friday May 20th at noon. If you are interested in standing for the BOT and want to know more about what this entails at Paremata School please come and see me.

School Photos – Tuesday 17th May

Portraits of all students will be photographed on photo day as well as class photos. You do not order your child's portrait or class photo until **AFTER PHOTODAY**. You will receive an order envelope featuring a photo of your child after photoday.

Pre-schoolers can have their photos taken with their Paremata School siblings from 8.30am on Tuesday.

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

Nga mihi nui – Bryce

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE NO. 3 – ORDER ONLINE mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

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.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY Thursday 19th May pp 26th May (approx. times below)

9:10am - Year 8 boys	11:10am - Year 4 boys
9.20 - Year 8 girls	11:20 - Year 4 girls
9.30 - Year 7 boys	11:30 - Year 3 boys
9.40 - Year 7 girls	11.40 - Year 3 girls
9.50 - Year 6 boys	11.50 - Year 2 boys
10.00 - Year 6 girls	11:55 - Year 2 girls
10:10 - Year 5 boys	12:00 - Year 1 boys
10.20 - Year 5 girls	12:05 - Year 1 girls
Morning Tea	



We need parent help for the Year 5 to 8 so if you are available can you please contact Ursula Leggett on ursula@paremata.school.nz Come and cheer your children on!!

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/WI8S3K>

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Nomination forms have been posted. If you did not receive one or have changed your address recently, please contact Michelle on 233 1339. Spare nomination forms are available from the school office. 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**
- Election papers sent to all eligible voters by
- Voting Closes at noon / Election Day

20th May

25th May

3rd June



The results of the election will be made known to the community on 10th June. More information can be found at www.trustee-election.co.nz or see the display outside the office.

NETBALL GAMES THIS WEEK 14TH MAY

TEAM	TIME	COURT
Paremata Pumas v Adventure Black	9.55am	Court 2
Paremata Magic v Discovery Dragons	10.50am	Court 3
Paremata Panthers v TIS Swifts	11.45am	Court 2
Paremata Pulse v Titahi Bay Warriors	3.40pm	Court 1



ENVIRONEWS - From Ruma Kiwi

A challenge for all classes

Let's see if we can reduce the amount of plastic used to wrap our lunches.

Discuss as a class/family ways that you could solve this.



PAREMATA SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

PINK RIBBON PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual **Pink Ribbon** Pancake Breakfast will be held on Thursday 19th May. Tickets are now available so drop your order form into the office in a named envelope. Eftpos is available or online payments can be made into our account - 12 3254 0048796 00 using name and pancake as reference. (if paying online please remember to drop your order form into the office).

CUPCAKES NEEDED

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



REMINDER - PARENTLINK (PTA) MEETING - TONIGHT

The next ParentLink (PTA) meeting night is TONIGHT starting at 7.30pm, and aiming to finish by 9pm. Held in the School Staffroom.

SCHOOL GALA FUNDRAISER – GALA PLANNING EVENING

We are having a GALA planning evening on Monday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. 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



NZ AUTHORS EVENING

Come along at 7:30pm on the evening of June 30th to hear NZ authors Kate Di Goldi, Harry Ricketts and our own school parent Bernard Beckett discuss the place of books in the 21st century. Tickets on sale shortly; contact paremataschoolpta@gmail.com for more information.

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). Thank you to families who have already dropped some items off.

SPRING BULB OFFER AND FUNDRAISER

Order forms are available on-line under last week's newsletter on our school website www.paremata.school.nz or from the school office.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – PLEASE RETURN ALL UNSOLD BOOKS TO THE OFFICE

This fundraiser is going really well. If you have a book at home and you do not wish to purchase it, can you please return it to the office **by next Monday 16th May** so we can start reconciling this fundraiser.

- 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 still available from the office.

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

Flood

The water washed around my knees, muttering and snarling as the rain poured down in an angry torrent. The cold whitened my knuckles and ate into me, as I trembled in the stinging air. What was once a dry school had now become home to what felt like half of Lake Taupo, and there was nothing I could do about it. Everything was a blurry haze through my glasses, splattered with raindrops and impossible to see through. But I could see water. Brown, murky, fast, and disgustingly smelly.

"James! Are you alright?" I called to my brother making his way past Room 6 behind me.

"Yup, just a little wet!" he shouted back. "Wow, this water's quite strong isn't it!"

"You're telling me." I muttered under my breath.

My shoes were heavy, and though I couldn't see them beneath the haze and the water, they were absolutely soaking. My thin sweatshirt did not protect me from either rain or cold, and I had left my rain jacket in my classroom, which now seemed like a whole ocean away.

A river washed past me, and I fought my way through it, clutching the classroom wall beside me and plodding on, one saturated foot after another. My hair was plastered to my forehead, and my clothes felt like I had just been swimming. I turned back to check on James, seeing him some way behind me. His once light grey bag had turned the colour of steel, and he too looked like a drowned rat.

My mind was awash like the school beneath me, but I was really quite bemused, not stressed. Water wouldn't hurt me... but on the other hand, a full day at school sounded like a bad idea.



I was now in the lake that was the year 7&8 court. There was no clue that anyone could have ever played netball here except two hoops sticking comically out of the water. And then I was up the steps and in the classroom, my shoes sloshing with the water that had taken up residence inside them.

"Right, let's go!" came a bright voice, and I groaned, picked up my bag, and stumbled back outside into the flood.

By Eva Cochrane, Ruma Kotuku (Room 7)

COMMUNITY NEWS

ALPHA PARENTING COURSE - Wednesdays from 1st - 29th June at 84 Moana Road, Plimmerton

For parents of children from 0 -10 years who want the very best for their families.

Course content includes: building a strong family, meeting your children's needs, setting effective boundaries, teaching healthy relationships, passing on your important values

Cost \$20 per person, includes workbook. Register interest by Friday May 27th, 2016 Ph: Anne or Hadley 233 2241; 021 1027 125 or Email: anne.hadley@hotmail

TAWA COLLEGE DRAME PRESENTS "BUBBLES"

A Pop-up theatre piece about a little boy on the verge of a big discovery. May 20th and 21st at 7pm. May 22nd at 2pm. Mana Little Theatre Plimmerton. Tickets from Tawa College 2328184 \$10 adults/\$5 students Door sales available.

TAWA POOLS – WACKY OLYMPICS

Saturday 2nd July at 6.30-8.30pm – Age 8-12 year olds \$5.00. Sausages/chips/drinks \$1.00



**A child's watch was found last week in the junior sandpit.
Please see the office for more information.**

