PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2016 WEEK 5 – TERM 4



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 18th November

Tuesday 29th November Wednesday 30th November Tuesday 6th December Thursday 8th December Friday 16th December

Kia ora tatou

Teacher Only Day – School will be closed

Wellington Regional Athletics
Jump Jam 4 Star Jam
Multi-Challenge Day 9.00am – 10.30am pp (7th Dec)
Christmas Carols evening – see below for more information
End of Term 4 @ 12.30pm

EPro8

Congratulations to our outstanding Y7 and Y8 students (Laiton, Samuel L, Phoebe L, Davey, Izzy, Meilyn, Macey and Chris H) who attended Epro8 at Papakowhai school last Wednesday evening. Two teams represented our school with Paremata 1 going through to the finals to be held at Tawa Intermediate on the 16th November at 6pm.

And also congratulations to.....

Dylan Ball who recently competed in the North Island Moto Trail champs in Palmerston North. On the first day Dylan came second in the adult Intermediate class and first in Junior. On the second day he dominated both grades and came first in both. This meant overall for the year Dylan was first in Junior and second in Intermediate gaining a trophy and a medal. Well done Dylan you have done it again! Congratulations from us all at Paremata.



Parking on the drive-through - Part 2

Many thanks to those parents who have stopped parking on the drive-through behind the teachers cars. Unfortunately we still have some parents who have not adhered to the request. Some parents are actually parking in the drive-through and leaving their preschool children unaccompanied in the cars which is not appropriate for health and safety reasons. If you are wanting to collect your child from their class please can you please park either on Station Road or Paremata Crescent. The drive-through area is not suitable for parking anywhere at any time and operates best as a quick drop off and pick up area. We would appreciate your cooperation regarding this ongoing problem.

Pupil Placements 2017

With the end of the school year approaching rapidly we are now planning for 2017. In the coming weeks we'll start to plan next year's classes. One of the things that we do is provide the opportunity for feedback from parents into helping us shape classes for the following year. It is a complex task in terms of trying to balance classes as we need to take into account gender balance, specific needs and learning needs. So if you wish to provide us with information about your child to help us place them in a class for next year now is the time to do so. This information needs to be provided to the school by this Friday November 11th. Please email your request to office@paremata.school.nz. Any request you make needs to be about your child and relationships they may have with other students. As we see your children most days we are aware of most friends and relationships. It's important for us to know about things you may think we are not aware of. We'll take your requests into consideration with all of the above information to help us organise classes.

YUMMY STICKERS: OUR FREE SPORTS GEAR HAS ARRIVED!!

A huge thanks to all of the people who have been collecting Yummy Stickers. We have just received \$1200 worth of sports gear which will be enjoyed by the various classrooms during morning tea/lunchtime and sport. Keep on sending in those Yummy Stickers as we are now collecting for 2017.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER FROM 6PM -7.30PM



Come and join us at Paremata School. It will be outside by the big fort if it's fine, inside the hall if it's wet. Every year the children and teachers put a lot of effort into learning

their carols and it's a great opportunity for families to support them by attending and singing along too. Other performances will include the school kapa haka group, the Ukulele Institute and new this year are the Hollywoods to finish the night.

will go to Ronald McDonald House to raise awareness about the amazing work they do in the community. Last year, Lily Cooke in Ruma Kea was diagnosed with a life threatening illness that required two months treatment at Christchurch Hospital and three months at Starship Hospital in Auckland. Both times Lily's family was able to stay at Ronald McDonald House and be nearby to support her. Lily's family is very thankful for all the care and support shown by the Charity.

AMBULANCE DAY – FUNDRAISER

Well done everyone, we raised \$346.90 which is awesome!

GALA GOLD SPONSORS - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are delighted to acknowledge two more of our generous **Spring Gala Gold sponsors**, Hair by the Sea, and Tahi Design – thanks so much for your wonderful support.

Hair by the Sea: Tracy and her team of skilled hairdressers are available to help you get yourself ready for the festive season – you can find their lovely salon just down the road from the school -

http://www.hairbytheseaparemata.co.nz

Tahi Design: Check out <u>www.tahidesign.co.nz</u> for more details about school dad Zeus Te Ahuru's work – thanks for your help with publicity!

ENVIRONEWS from Ruma Kiwi

DID YOU KNOW IT IS RECYCLING WEEK - NOVEMBER 7th to 13th?

Approximately 2.5 million tonnes of waste is still going to landfill in New Zealand each year. That's a staggering 560 kg per person. Sadly, about three-quarters of this waste could have potentially been recovered, reused or recycled. Not only is this wasting precious resources, but it also causes environmental harm such as leachates and emissions to atmosphere. Leachate is the liquid formed when waste breaks down in a landfill and water filters through the waste. This liquid is highly toxic and can pollute the land, ground water and water ways.



When organic material such as food scraps and green waste goes into to landfill, it is generally compacted down and covered. This removes the oxygen and causes it to break down in an anaerobic process. Eventually this releases methane and other harmful gases. Methane is a greenhouse gas that is 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide.



COMMUNITY NEWS/NOTICES

FOOD FOR A HEALTHY HEART

Wednesday 30th November, 5.15-7.00pm, Johnsonville Community Centre. The Heart Foundation is running a friendly and informal FREE session to about nutrition and healthy food choices, for people living with heart disease and their whanau. To register call 04 472 2780 or cathl@heartfoundation.org.nz

POSTGATE SCHOOL TWILIGHT GALA

Friday 11th November – 4pm-8pm - Come and get your dinner at Postgate School - see school notice board for more information.

<u>HOLIDAY PROGRAMME</u> - Tawa Recretation Centre and Scouts Adventure Plus – Tawa. Ph 2322260 or wellington.govt.nz/holidayprogrammes – Info on notice board.

CHRISTMAS BY THE BEACH - SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2016

This is our 9th year of running this, but it is probably one our area's best kept secrets. This year we won the Porirua Region Wellington Airport Community Award in the Arts and Recreation section.

Bring a picnic and a rug to sit on, enjoy the entertainment and let your children have fun Plimmerton School Field (in hall if wet)

We start at 3pm (opened by mayor Mike Tana) and finish at 7pm
Live musical entertainment - This year we have Avi Diva and Cherry Bomb augmented by BJ Bear
Christmas Carols (of course)

We also have Zumba for the exercise enthusiasts of all ages, mainly music section for the little ones and a few acts from Aotea College and Plimmerton School (our hosts).

Bouncy Castles Merry-Go-Round Horizontal Bungy Face Painting

SUMMER CAMPS AT EL RANCHO!

Horse Camp, 8yrs +, 19&20 December.....Beach Party Kids Camp, 8-13 yrs, 9-13 January.....Summer Carnival Kids Camp, 8-13 yrs, 17-21 January. Ph 902 6287 or visit www.elrancho.co.nz.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COMPUTER CLASSES

For ages 5 – 15 in Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch or Python, Create 3D Games, Web Design, Animation, Video Editing or Build a PC and if young the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 499-2211 or visit www.grandtraining.co.nz.

