
PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2016

WEEK 6 – TERM 4



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 18th November

Friday 25th November

Tuesday 29th November

Wednesday 30th November

Tuesday 6th December

Thursday 8th December

Friday 16th December

Teacher Only Day – School will be closed

New Families Afternoon Tea 2-3pm in staffroom

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

Kia ora tatou

Earthquakes and Weather Bombs

Well that was a surreal start to the week - thank you to the whole school community for your support on both Monday and Tuesday. We closed on Monday following Ministry of Education advice as we are in a tsunami zone. The school didn't sustain any damage and we hope you all have recovered from the earthquake which was quite an experience. Just as a reminder our evacuation procedures are on the school's website and we will run through these with the children again. Our thoughts are with all the people cut off on the upper regions on the east coast of the South Island.

With any serious heavy rainfall we are at the mercy of the Porirua Substation across the road from school. Once that reaches capacity it overflows into our sewerage system rendering our toilet infrastructure inoperable. Thankfully this was apparent early yesterday morning and we made a very sensible call to close not knowing the roads would be so badly affected. We hope that all your properties and businesses are unaffected and we can all get back to some sort of normality this week.

School Organisation for 2017

We have a high number of five year olds starting school at the beginning of the year so we will start the year with three Year 1 classes opening in Ruma Miro Miro, Kotare, and Tui. A fourth class will open in July 2017. Our wonderful Sarah Pupuke is going on 12 months maternity leave from January 28. Angela Wall is taking over this position. Rebecca Arrowsmith is moving from Year 2 to take a Year 1 class therefore creating a fixed term opportunity in Year 2. We are currently advertising for a teacher for this position.

Teaching Staff for 2017

Pohutukawa - Year 0-2 - Rebecca Arrowsmith, Angela Wall, Vanessa Burn, Year 2 position to be filled, Caroline Lockyer (Team Leader)

Kowhai - Year 3&4 - Jannien Kamphuis, Nicky Dennis McCarthy, Jo Milne (Team leader)

Kauri - Year 5&6 - Sautia Lemana, Heather Haswell, Ursula Leggett (Assistant Principal/ Team Leader)

Kahikatea - Year 6/7- 7/8 Jacque Bassett, Rachel Hall, Emma Walters, Sally Ratchford (Team Leader)

Trish Tennant - SENCO

Christine Lock - Deputy Principal

Christmas Carols Fundraiser Thursday 8 December

Our annual Christmas Carol Concert is on Thursday 8 December. This year we are also fundraising for Ronald McDonald House who have supported our lovely pupil Lily Cooke and her family while she has been in and out of hospital. There is information below from the PTA, many thanks to Sara Norling and the committee who have put together a great programme for the evening.

Year 7/8 Bring Your Own Device 2017

Information will be coming home for all parents who have children moving into year 6/7/8 in 2017 about our BYOD programme. Noel Leeming are running their special deals and their flyer will be coming out shortly. It is not compulsory for your child to bring a device in Year 6/7/8 as the school has chrome books available in each class.

2017 Kahikatea (senior) Syndicate Camp

There will be a camp for the above syndicate at YMCA Camp Kaitoke on the 3rd April – Friday 7th April 2017. The approximate cost (without any fundraising) will be \$350. Therefore now could be a good time to set up an automatic payment which we can allocate to your child's camp. Camp fees will need to be paid in full before they can attend. Our bank account details are ASB 12 3254 0048796 00 ref Name and Camp.

Teacher Only Day Friday – SCHOOL CLOSED

It's our annual November Teacher Only Day at school this Friday where we moderate Overall Teacher Judgments and report writing so school is closed for instruction. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Porirua North Zoning Review

The MOE have decided in their infinite wisdom to do a zoning review of all of Northern Porirua due to the Aotea Block subdivisions, overcrowding at Papakowhai and Rangikura Schools and the growing Grays Road subdivision. They are asking for community feedback and the BOT are discussing the review at our next two meetings. Information about this can review be found at this link

<http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/consultations-and-reviews/aotea-north-porirua-future-schooling-provision/> We value your feedback about this review so please e-mail your views to me brycec@paremata.school.nz and we will submit a community summary to the MOE in early 2017.

Nga mihi nui - Bryce

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.

NEW CHARITY THIS YEAR...Bring a gold coin in exchange for yummy Christmas

desserts. All money raised 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.



GALA GOLD SPONSORS - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Extreme Dance and Kapi Mana News are two more of our generous **Spring Gala Gold sponsors** – we really appreciate your terrific support.

Extreme Dance: not like any other dance studio – the difference is Extreme! Check out for their timetable at <http://www.extremedance.co.nz/>. Handily located to school at 5 Paremata Crescent.

Kapi Mana News: did you know we have the best community newspaper, "Canon Media Awards 2016" right here in Porirua? Keep up to date with what's local with <http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/local-papers/kapi-mana-news>.

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

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - Tawa Recreation 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.

KIDS ON F.O.O.T HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - WAINUI/TAITA/PETONE/PORIRUA
7AM-6PM / \$40-\$50 PER DAY / INFO@KIDSONFOOT.ORG OR 021292 2894 / WINZ AND CYFS APPROVED
WE ARE OPEN FOR FULL DAYS FROM WEDNESDAY 15/12/16
ENROL ONLINE NOW!!!! [HTTPS://KIDSONFOOT.AIMYPLUS.COM](https://kidsonfoot.aimyplus.com)

Please note that some activities may change at short notice due to circumstances beyond our control

| Day | Activity | Day | Activity | Day | Activity | Day | Activity | Day | Activity |
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| Mon 19 Dec | Fun | Mon 26 Dec | CLOSED TODAY | Mon 3 Jan | CLOSED TODAY | Mon 9 Jan | Fair Factor | Mon 16 Jan | Back |
| Tues 20 Dec | Write In | Tues 27 Dec | CLOSED TODAY | Tues 3 Jan | CLOSED TODAY | Tues 10 Jan | Upcycle | Tues 17 Jan | Mystery |
| Wed 21 Dec | Christmas | Wed 28 Dec | Park | Wed 4 Jan | Fun Day | Wed 11 Jan | Cooking | Wed 18 Jan | Day Beside the Seaside |
| Thur 22 Dec | Christmas | Thur 29 Dec | Innovation | Thur 5 Jan | Art Attack | Thur 12 Jan | Mad Scientist | Thur 19 Jan | Splash |
| Fri 23 Dec | Christmas | Fri 30 Dec | Party | Fri 6 Jan | Art | Fri 13 Jan | Movie | Fri 20 Jan | Party |

BRING A BIG LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE, SPORTS SHOES & BIG SMILE N GREAT ATTITUDE! (WE PROVIDE A VO TEA)

Pukerua Bay Kindergarten

Craft Fair



Cash Only

Saturday 26 November
10am - 2pm

at Pukerua Bay Kindergarten
Wairaka Road, Pukerua Bay

Fine Crafts • Xmas Gifts • Cakes • Raffles
Silent Auctions • Café • BBQ