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# **PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

## **WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

### **WEEK 8 – TERM 4**

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Scholastic Offer No. 8 Orders due (Early cut-off for Xmas)

Multi-Challenge Day 9.00am – 10.30am pp (7<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Christmas Carols evening – see below for more information

Year 7/8 Trip to H2O Xtreme Pools

Helpers Morning Tea @ 10.30am in school library

Summer Reading Issues 8.30am – 5.30pm – see below for more

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Year 8 Awards Evening

**End of Term 4 @ 12.30pm**

Kia ora tatou

#### **Year 4 and 7 Self Defense programme**

We had our annual self-defense classes for our Year 4 and 7 girls last week which went very well. The children all participated positively developing their self-confidence and self-esteem. A big thank you to Theresa for organising this very successful programme again in 2017.

#### **Year 5-8 Speech Competitions**

Well done to Kiana Clark Year 7/8 and Cameron Delaney Year 5/6 who represented Paremata at the Parumoana Speech Competitions on Friday. Congratulations Kiana and Cameron it is not easy reciting speeches to a large group and you both performed superbly.

#### **Regional Athletics Competition**

Our school team of athletes went to the Regional competition at Newtown Park yesterday and participated with positive vigour and vitality throughout. The event is against all schools across the Wellington region so competition is tough. Well done to our all wonderful athletes for taking part. A special congratulations to Carys E who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in high jump and Ryder S and Dylan B who achieved a top 10 in long jump. A big thank you to Vanessa Burn, Theresa Ready and the parents for going along and supporting the children on the day.

#### **Peace Garden Upgrade**

A big thank you to the Kowhai team for their work redesigning the peace garden area. We have new plants to put in and further work around the back of Kokako (Room 12) is being planned. This work is ongoing into 2017 and we look forward to seeing the area develop as new enhancements are added.

#### **New School Report Format**

This year we have redesigned our end of year school report so that it can be formulated electronically on our student management system. Along with the usual teacher feedback and pupil self-reflection there are new enhancements including attendance percentages, a pupil portrait, a new Reading, Writing and Maths National Standards expected level table and school participation table. This has allowed us to give you a very holistic summary on your children and we hope you find the extra information useful. Reports come home on Monday 12 December.

#### **Carols Evening**

Start doing your singing exercises because next week on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December is our Carols evening. The evening starts with a picnic at 6pm. Singing starts at 6.45pm. (more details below)

Nga mihi nui - Bryce



## SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

The school library will again be running the very successful Summer Reading Programme. An extra page PDF - giving background information on the summer reading slump accompanies this newsletter. Children are required to have a signed permission form, which can be collected from the library or downloaded from the school website. This means the children get to choose eight books to read over the

Summer Holiday. The library will be opened for issues between **8:30am – 5:30pm Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Parents are most welcome to help their children select books.

Any queries please contact Emma McGill on phone 233-1339 x 825 or email [library@paremata.school.nz](mailto:library@paremata.school.nz)

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



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### **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.

***Knock your socks off*** with these wonderful Ronald socks! Just in time for you to wear with pride at the Carols evening! Better than a boring old Christmas Stocking, it's a pair of Ronald socks! Look stylish, and feel good knowing that you are supporting a worthy cause.

*Children and Adults sizes available at the office for \$5 a pair, with all proceeds going to Ronald McDonald House Charities.*



## ENVIRONEWS - Tips for an Eco Christmas (Part 1)

**Buy** \* Locally made \* Recycled and second hand \* World vision, Oxfam Unwrapped or Givealittle vouchers. \* Rechargeable batteries for those Christmas toys and gadgets.

**Get creative** \* Recycled Secret Santa: re-gift perfectly good 'stuff' that doesn't get used and may be of interest to someone else. \* Cut down on multiple present purchases by assembling gift baskets for entire families. \* Make your own vouchers and give your time and/or experiences as gifts, i.e. gardening, a picnic etc. \*



**Use Freecycle:** [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) \* Make your gifts such as chutneys, jams, ginger bread, body scrubs, infused olive oil, scrubs, cleaning products. \* Give living plants. \* Help others be plastic free by giving cloth shopping bags, lunch wraps and stainless steel drink bottles.

sources <https://www.zerowaste.co.nz>

<http://sustainable.org.nz/sustainability-news/sustainable-christmas-gift-ideas>

<http://www.nzherald.co.nz/lifestyle/news>

## COMMUNITY NEWS/NOTICES

**CAROLS BY THE BEACH** This annual family fun event is on again on Saturday 10 December from 3.00 to 7.00pm on the Plimmerton school field (in hall if wet). Free entry to field and entertainment items. Bring along a picnic blanket and your own food – or buy some from onsite food trucks. Phone St. Barnabas Church for more information - 233 8572.

**KELLY SPORTS** - We are pleased to announce that our Holiday Programme will be open during the week heading in to Christmas... Running from the 19<sup>th</sup> of December through the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we have a week filled with sports, games and festive cheer. This sports based holiday programme will give your children the opportunity to try different sports, learn new skills, build their self-confidence, and most importantly have a huge amount of fun!!! These holidays we have built our programme on what our kids have enjoyed in previous Holiday Programmes, and included a fun trip to the movies to see Trolls!



Visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) and search for "Ngatitoe Domain" to find out all the details about our programme. If you have any further questions, please contact us through our [porirua@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:porirua@kellysports.co.nz) email address.

**ARTRAGEOUS KIDS IS RUNNING HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES** in 3 Venues around Wellington. Artrageous kids focus on drawing out creativity and providing a space for children to play explore and expand.

Artrageous Kids @ the Poneke Dojo in Mt Cook, Olderageous Kids (kids 10-14 years) in Newtown and Artrageous Kids@ Pataka Gallery in Porirua For more information and to make a booking go to our website [www.artrageouskids.co.nz](http://www.artrageouskids.co.nz)

### **ONLINE HOLIDAY PROGRAM | FOUR WEEKS OF FUN!**

Become your own music producer with **Activate Music Academy's Online Holiday Program**! We'll workshop your songs, make new friends in the community forum, and get creative to win awesome prizes. Complete beginner? Been making beats for a while? We're going to have a great time making music together! Register and find out more at: <https://activatemusic.academy/online-holiday-program/>

**EVERYONE'S ADVENTURE** wants to make outdoor adventures free for as many Wellington families as possible this summer. You can help them reach the target by booking a fun kayak or bike experience for your family (child size available!), or buying vouchers for family and friends for Christmas.

Here's how it works:

1. Make a booking at [The Boatshed - Days Bay](#), [The Bike Shed - Pencarrow](#), or [Cycle Rimutaka](#), or [buy a voucher](#) for someone else to enjoy an adventure. Every dollar spent there counts - including drinks, ice creams and snacks.
2. The owners have calculated how much it'll cost to safely operate those businesses over summer, and pay staff - its \$300k.
3. Once the business' \$300k summer costs are reached through your purchases, gear hire is FREE for everyone, for the rest of summer - til Easter weekend 2017.

If Wellington families get behind Everyone's Adventure now, adventures will be free by the end of the summer holidays!





## A-Long Hot Summer Story Festival

Kia ora, Talofa, Taloha ni, Hola and Hello friends!

**Porirua Public Library proudly presents the return of A-Long Hot Summer Story Festival**, our major annual children's event. Now in its sixth amazing year, the festival opens December 20. The launch party, at 4PM that day, features live storytelling, brought to you by In the Belly of the Whale, at Porirua Library. Come along and pick up a programme to begin collecting stamps. Four event attendance stamps earn you entry to the fabulous disco finale, which will close the festival five weeks later on Friday, January 20. The launch party shows are traditionally great celebrations, and the first disco last year was a huge hit, so you're not going to want to miss either. There are plenty of slots for Sally's Story Fun, happening at Porirua Library, plus scavenger hunts and visiting guests touring to the Whitby and Cannons Creek branches. Additional performers and events include authors Mark Sommerset (*Baa, Baa, Smart Sheep, I Love Lemonade*), Juliette Jacka (the *Frankie Potts* mysteries), Linda Hansen (*An Unexpected Hero*) and Gay Hay (*Go, Green Gecko!*), illustrator Kieran Rynhart (*If I Was a Banana*), storytellers Moira Wairama and Gordon Hall, and a song writing workshop and jam with super inspiring musician Kylie Welch. We have more competitions than ever before, and a tonne of spot prizes to give-away. For more early word information, visit Bee's Bookish Blog from November 23 at <http://www.porirualibrary.org.nz/Services/Children-s-Library/Bee-s-Bookish-Blog>. Full timetable will go live early December at <http://www.porirualibrary.org.nz/What-s-On>.



Competitions will go live from the launch date of December 20 at <http://www.porirualibrary.org.nz/Services/Children-s-Library/Junior-Journal>.

As ever, all Porirua Library children's events are free of charge.

So, there's no need to leave town this summer, because the action is all at Porirua Library. We look forward to seeing you! Please contact [btrudgeon@pcc.govt.nz](mailto:btrudgeon@pcc.govt.nz) for enquiries, or to request a batch of promotional bookmarks to send home with your students or group members.

Looking for a Christmas gift that could lead to a lifetime of fun for your family? **Kids learn to sail with Paremata Boating Club!** Our popular learn to sail courses are designed to introduce children aged 9-14 years and their parents to the sport of sailing. Our next course is on and around Wellington Anniversary weekend in January 2017. It starts with a pool session and runs over the three days of Anniversary Weekend plus the following two weekends (5 days plus the initial pool session). Optimist boats and buoyancy vests are provided.

Check [www.paremataboatingclub.org.nz](http://www.paremataboatingclub.org.nz) for more information and to enrol. Be in quick! These popular courses fill up rapidly.





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Any questions?  
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# Christmas Roller Disco

Saturday 17th December  
6.30pm to 8.30pm  
Spot prizes throughout the night

Entry \$7.00  
Blade Hire \$3.00  
Skate Hire \$3.00



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