IMPORTANT DATES

Tomorrow	**Irish Dancing Show for whole school @ 2.15pm**
Tomorrow	Community Meeting re Zoning 7-8pm – School Hall
Friday 17th March	Assembly hosted by Ruma Kokako (12) and Ruma Kotare (1B) @ 11.45am
Tuesday 21st March	Capital E Arts Festival Trip – Kahikatea Team
Wednesday 22nd March	Run Jump Throw 9.00-12.30pm – whole school sports morning
Thursday 23rd March	Capital E Arts Festival Trip – Kauri Team
Thursday 23rd March	Crazy Hair Day – Epilepsy Awareness Day
Friday 24th March	Softball Team – Onepoto Park
Monday 27th March	Parumoana Athletics Day @ Adventure Park
Monday 3th April – Friday 7th April	Kahikatea - Senior School Camp
Monday 10th April – Thursday 13th April	Book Week
Tuesday 11th April	Author Visit - Gillian Chandler
Thursday 13th April	Book Parade
Thursday 13th April	End of Term 1 @ 3.00pm

Kia ora tatou

Eli Our Caretaker Is Retiring.....

Eli Asomua our much loved caretaker is retiring from his full time role on April 7th to return part time supporting the cleaning crew. We are having a special assembly to acknowledge Eli's hard work at Paremata on Friday March 31st. Please come along if you can make it.

X Race

Well done to all our school families who took part in the X Race on the weekend with many of our children being placed in the top twenty. Congratulations to Lucia Gilbert Tonks and her team who won the event out of 1376 other competitors. What a fabulous effort!

Northern Porirua Zoning Review Community Meeting – Paremata School Hall

The BOT are holding a community meeting tomorrow **Thursday March 16th at 7-8pm** in our school hall to discuss the Ministry of Education Zoning Review of Northern Porirua. Here is the link to the MOE website http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/consultations-and-reviews/aotea-north-porirua-future-schooling-provision/. Please come along as your feedback in our submission is very important to the future of Paremata School.
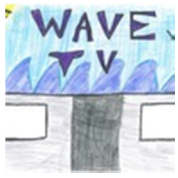
School Drive Thru

A big thank you to all our community who are using the school drive-thru correctly. This has reduced the congestion on Paremata Crescent considerably and made the driveway a lot safer. We all really appreciate your support with this.

Capital E Trips This Week

The Year 3/4 team had a great time at Capital E this week participating in many digital activities. They even got a special trip on a double decker bus! Many thanks to the Year 3/4 team and the parents who went along to support the children.
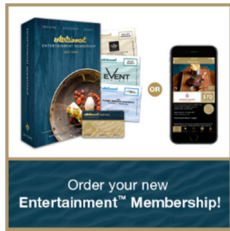
Nga mihi nui - Bryce

WAVE TV EPISODE 1, 2017

We at Paremata School hope you enjoyed viewing Wave TV during 2016. Thanks to the teachers, classes and students who bravely created and shared their stories. We are looking forward to collecting many more school stories during 2017.

Episode 1 is available to view now, just click on the link below. We hope you enjoy the show.
http://www.paremata.school.nz/1667/image_galleries/91-welcome-to-wave-tv-for-2017

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – ADVANCE ORDERING FOR 2017/18 BOOK!!

PRE-ORDER NOW TO RECEIVE 6 PRINTED EARLY BIRD OFFERS. Choose between the Book or the Digital membership and securely purchase online with a just a few clicks. Our payment address is http://www.entbook.co.nz/104U135. Or you can order through the school office. **Flyers with more information have been sent home**.
Emails will also be sent out during this fundraiser.

On **Thursday 23rd of March**, we have organised a **crazy hair day** to raise awareness for epilepsy. To take part in this event all you have to do is dress up your hair in a crazy creative way. You can use hair chalk, hair spray, gel and/or hairspray. You do not have to bring any money - we just want to raise your awareness!
Thanks from the new Senior Council for 2017

RUN JUMP THROW DAY – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND 9.00 – 12.30pm

Run, Jump and Throw day involves children participating with their house group peers in twelve exciting events. House Group members will be split into two groups for each colour. For example: Kahurangi 1 and Kahurangi 2. Teachers will let students know which house group they will participate in closer to the day.

Instead of a competitive focus, we will be looking for teams that show and promote our new school values. Points out of ten will be awarded for:

- Community (Hapori)
  Such as: Are you wearing your house group colour?
- Respect (Whakaute)
- Empathy (Aroha)
  Are you looking out/after all of your team members?
- Resilience (Manahau)
  Can you keep trying if something goes wrong?

ENVIRONEWS – RUMA KIWI

THE CUTE LITTLE NEW ZEALAND GECKO

- Green geckos are quite loud for their size and produce a sound more like a 'bark' Woof Woof!!
- Geckos have 'sticky' feet: their toes are covered with microscopic hairs that allow them to climb walls and even walk upside down across the ceiling. Super Gecko!!
- Unlike skinks, geckos cannot blink and must lick their eyes to keep them moist. Can you do that??
- Geckos are able to 'drop' their tails. This is a predator defense mechanism—the tail continues to thrash around while the gecko makes its escape; the tail then regrows over the next few years. Clever ah!!
- Predators include mice, rats, hedgehogs, weasels, stoats, ferrets, cats, possums and pigs. Sad!!

What can we do to protect the Gecko?

GIRL GUIDES BISCUITS ARE NOW ON SALE!
Available from Whitby Mall and Aotea Countdown on Saturday 18th March /Sunday 19th
March between 10am to 2pm. Plain, Choc backed and Minis choc backed only $3.50 per
packet. Annual fundraiser for Girl Guides, Brownies and Pippins. If you can't wait that long - Order from
Jo Gibbs (Asta & Nelle's Mum) on parematagibbs@orcon.net.nz and she can deliver to you at school.
First in first served, available until end of March.

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.

TEACHER REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY COMPUTER CLASS
We require a teacher for our Minecraft, web design, Java, Python and Scratch coding classes in the school holidays.
 Ed Brown, Director   04-499-2211   021-050-1288

AT BIGAIR GYM IN TAWA we are continuing to do new and exciting things, come and see our new gym pit and look online for our new classes. Our popular classes include **Gymnastics** (Preschool & School age), **Trampolining**, **Tumbling, Parkour & Cheerleading**. GYMNASTICS teaches the fundamentals of strength and coordination which supports all sports, and children gain increased self-confidence as they progress through Bigairs gym programme. PARKOUR is fun as kids learn safe and new ways to move around obstacles. Children that love cartwheels, handstands and walkovers will enjoy GYM and TUMBLING classes. Anyone that has a trampoline at home will love learning new skills in Bigairs TRAMPOLINE classes. For all those dancers and gymnasts, we have our famous Bigair **Cheerleading** Teams, including a new junior team for 5-9 years. Plus we offer **Birthday Parties** which are fun and easy for parents! Bigair Gyms Classes for Term 2, and fun & active **School Holiday Programme** are open for bookings NOW! For all queries and bookings; 04 2323508 office@bigairgym.co.nz.

OUR AUTUMN HORSE CAMP IS ON 18 & 19 APRIL
9am – 4pm each day. $160 gets you both days. Come and experience the magic of El Rancho and learn all there is to know about Horse Riding and Care. This is a day camp, so no overnight stay, just turn up each morning ready for action! Apply online at: http://elrancho.co.nz/Camps+and+Events/Horse+Camp.html

OUR AUTUMN KIDS CAMP IS SELLING OUT FAST!

For 8 - 12 year olds, kids stay over from 4pm, Mon 24th - 11am, Fri 28th April. Join us for an awesome week as we unravel a whole world of MYSTERIES! Activity Streams to choose from include:

* PUZZLES, TRICKS & ILLUSIONS
* HORSE RIDING & CARE
* PERFORMING ARTS
* OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES & GAMES

OSCAR/WINZ subsidies available. To book head to: http://elrancho.co.nz/Camps+and+Events/Kids+Camps.html