

PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 22nd MARCH 2017

WEEK 8



IMPORTANT DATES

Today
Thursday 23rd March
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Friday 24th March
Monday 27th March
Monday 3th April – Friday 7th April
Monday 10th April – Thursday 13th April
Tuesday 11th April
Thursday 13th April
Thursday 13th April
Tuesday 16th May

Run Jump Throw 9.00-12.30pm – postponed, see below
Capital E Arts Festival Trip – Kauri Team
Crazy Hair Day – Epilepsy Awareness Day
Softball Team – Onepoto Park
Parumoana Athletics Day @ Adventure Park
Kahikatea - Senior School Camp
Book Week
Author Visit - Gillian Chandler
Book Parade
End of Term 1 @ 3.00pm
School Photos



Kia ora tatou

Paremata School Community feedback

Many thanks to those parents who attended our community meeting last Thursday evening and to those who have e-mailed in their feedback regarding the Northern Porirua School zoning review.

The outcome of this review could seriously damage the future of Paremata School as a full primary as one of the options of the review is that the MOE are looking into making all Year 7/8 children go to Aotea College.

There is a feedback form on survey monkey which should only take 5 - 10 minutes to complete. Here is the link. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2TSKVF>

Please can you leave your feedback on the three MOE zoning options by next Monday 27 March. Thank you.

Run Jump Throw

Unfortunately due to the inclement weather today and with bad weather forecast for tomorrow we have postponed the event until early next term. Details on the new date will follow in the coming weeks.

Eli's special assembly

We are having a special assembly on Friday 31 March at 12pm for our caretaker Eli who is retiring in April. Eli will be returning to the school cleaning crew part time for a few hours per week just to keep himself out of trouble. Please join us at the assembly if you can.

Our new caretaker is.....

A very warm welcome to Ian Vaughan who will be our new caretaker from Monday 10th April. Ian has had a long background in building and caretaking and will be joining the staff following our lovely Eli's retirement.

School bugs

As we have a number of viruses (sore throats and stomach bugs) working their way through the school please can you keep your child at home until they have recovered. Thank you for your cooperation.

Nga mihi nui - Bryce



Tomorrow, 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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE NO.2 – 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 scholastic no later than **Friday 31st March**. 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.

We are looking for some more members to join the 2017 School Parentlink team

Currently we are a group of 8 parents who plan a few social events and fundraisers for the year. We need new people to come on board, otherwise the number of events we can support will be reduced.

Meetings are in the staffroom and held only twice a term.

This year we are arranging three fundraisers, and one of those being the gala in October.

Come along for a chat and see where you can help out, you can email us with any questions at paremataschoolpta@gmail.com, or just show up on the night. Mums, Dads and grandparents welcome.

Next meeting - Thursday 30 March @ 7.30pm.

Your Parentlink Team: Julie Morris, Kate Harris, Kate Benson-Cooper, Marilyn Hunt, Angela Collins, Jo Gibbs, Tina Budd and Tina Paish.

Become a Friend of the PTA

<http://www.paremata.school.nz/1059/forms/3-friends-of-the-pta/submissions/new>

TERM 1 SCHOOL FEES

We have a number of classes attending trips within the next couple of weeks, the cost of these trips are covered by the Activity Fee. Can you please ensure that your children's Activity Fee for Term 1 has been paid. If you do have any questions then please contact Michelle on 2331339.

Netball Trials – Year 7 and 8 only

Netball trials for year 7 and 8 teams will be on Tuesday March 28th from 3.30-4.30.

Be ready to play, no jewellery, short nails and correct clothing.

Any inquiries contact Theresa theresar@paremata.school.nz

We will notify the Year 5 and 6 students of their teams shortly.



Congratulations!!

Big congratulations to all the students who competed in the Weetbix Tryathlon last weekend.

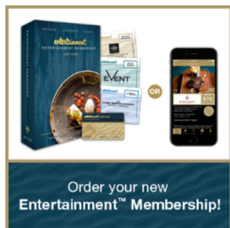
Great to see so many Weetbix Tryathlon shirts worn with pride around the school.

Hockey Coordinator Needed - URGENT

Help! We are in need of a parent or parents to be our Hockey coordinator in 2017 by Tuesday 28th March. Otherwise our school teams are in jeopardy of not being able to compete in the winter competition.

If you are available to help please contact Theresa Ready theresar@paremata.school.nz or the school office on 2331339. **ASAP**

URGENT



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.

ENVIRONEWS – RUMA KIWI

THE CLEVER FACTS ABOUT THE OUR NATIVE WETA

I am one of the biggest insects on Earth and can outweigh a mouse. The name comes from the Maori word *wetapunga*, or “god of ugly things” But I really am beautiful.

My cousin the Alpine Weta can freeze solid during the winter, thawing out and going on their way once Spring comes. I can't jump as it is too heavy to fly. Too much kai. I can breathe through my exoskeleton which are holes in my shell and my ears are on my knees. I really am special. I am close to extinction due to rats and cats. But I was here first!



How can you help me?



ENJOY YOGA BY THE SEA

- Mondays 7:00pm - 8:00pm Vinyasa Flow with Gabrielle
- Saturdays 8:30am - 9:30am Hatha Yoga with Alex
- Sundays 4:30pm - 5:30pm Yin Yoga with Lauren

COMMUNITY NEWS



St Theresa's School carnival is this coming weekend! Lots of fun and bargains to check out!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/404341096584448/>

WILDERKIDS is being run for the first time in April and will now be a regular offering during school holidays.

What: Wilderkids school holiday programme (see poster on school notice board)

When: April 18 to 28 (see website for specific days and times)

Who: Kids aged 5 to 12 Cost: \$50 a day per child, full week bookings \$45 per day Bookings:

<http://www.sustaintrust.org.nz/wilderkids>

Photos: We'll have photos from a Wilderkids dry run available from Monday, April 10. Please email

tessa@sustaintrust.org.nz for copies. More information: Tessa Johnstone,

Communications & Media, 04 385 0500 x 708 Nada Piatek, EcoEnterprise Manager, 04 385 0500 x 704



The Parent Place seminar on kids and technology: Technology Today with John Cowan

<http://www.theparentingplace.com/event/technology-today-with-john-cowan/>

March 27 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. For further information please contact Natalie Alabaster at natalie.alabaster@parentingplace.nz

YMCA KAITOKE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Your kids will love the Y-Camp programmes at Kaitoke Outdoor Education Centre these school holidays. Kids between the ages of 7-9 will experience outdoor education in a safe and caring environment with activities like kayaking, shelter building and orienteering. 10-12 year olds will really enjoy the super fox, abseiling, kayaking and the giant swing. We guarantee that your kids will come away from our Y-Camps with an experience like no other. We also offer a voluntary tiered pricing system so you can choose a price to suit your family. Spaces are limited so register online today

at www.ymcawellington.org.nz