

PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2017

WEEK 6



IMPORTANT DATES

Tomorrow	Show – NZ Playhouse – Pet Detective
Friday 24 th November	Full School Assembly at 11.50am hosted by staff
Friday 24 th November	New Families Afternoon Tea – 2.00pm in staffroom
Wednesday 29 th November	Mexican Multi Challenge morning 9–10.30am (pp 6 th December)
Thursday 30 th November	Parent Link meeting 7.30pm in staffroom
Monday 4 th December	Snorkelling Trip to Hongoeka Beach – Room 13 & 16
Tuesday 5 th December	Regional Athletics – Masterton (pp 7 th December)
Thursday 7 th December	Snorkelling Trip to Hongoeka Beach – Room 14
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Carols @ 6pm
Friday 8 th December	ALL library books need to be returned
Friday 8 th - Thursday 14 th December	Library is closed for STOCKTAKE
Thursday 14 th December	Kahikatea trip to H20Xtreme Pools
Friday 15 th December	Cultural Parade @ 9.10am
Friday 15 th December	Summer Reading Programme - Library 8.30am - 5.30pm
Monday 18 th December	Summer Reading Programme - Library 8.30am - 5.30pm
Monday 18 th December	Year 8 Awards Evening
Tuesday 19 th December	Final assembly 11.40am / End of Term 4 @ 12.30pm

2018

Thursday 1st February 2018 Term 1 commences @ 8.50am

Kia ora tatou

Maori and Pasifika Community Meeting

Thank you to all the whanau who came along to our hui last night. We had a great discussion about the future goals for our Tamariki at Paremata. We also discussed nominations for Maori and Pasifika representation on the Board of Trustees and more information will follow in the New Year.

Special thanks go out to Janet Collier-Taniela and Kylie Wihapi for all their hard work organising the hui.

2017 Cultural Parade

To celebrate our identity and whakapapa we are holding our annual Cultural Parade on Friday 15 December at 9:10am. The children can come to school dressed up representing their ancestral roots and we have a big parade on the courts by the office. This will be followed by a quick assembly and Senior Kapa Haka. Whanau are most welcome to join in with the parade.

Gastro Bug

Unfortunately for some of our Tamariki, there a tummy bug going around the school. Can you please ensure if your child has this bug that they stay home for 48 hours following the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.

Activity Fees

Can all families please ensure that your activity fees are paid in full. These fees cover the shows/trips, Athletics and aquatic programmes we offer. If these fees are not paid in full by **Monday 27th November** (unless you have an existing automatic payment set up) the children will not be able to participate in their end of year activities. Fees can be paid by eftpos, cheque/cash or online into our bank account ASB 12-3254-0048796-00. Please contact Michelle or Marie in the office if you have any queries. Some families were sent invoices today and for some reason our system sent them 3 times. Sorry for that.

New Entrant Enrolments for 2018 (next year)

Is your child turning 5 in 2018? If they are please make sure you have filled out an enrolment form. If you are unsure please contact Marie or Michelle in the office. Thanks

Out of zone siblings of children presently at Paremata School are all accepted for 2018. Please make sure all enrolment forms are completed and handed into the office.

Nga mihi nui - Matua Bryce

NEW FAMILIES AFTERNOON TEA – THIS FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER - 2PM TO 3PM IN THE STAFFROOM

These casual social gatherings have been set up to welcome new families into our school, giving the opportunity to meet with other families, like themselves. We also encourage existing parents/caregivers to join us. Come along and enjoy some wonderful home baking and a hot drink with us. We look forward to meeting you on Friday.

MEXICAN MULTI CHALLENGE DAY

As you all know, we have Multi-Challenge Day coming up on **Wednesday 29 November**. We are going to change it to **Mexican Multi Challenge Day**. As you have heard, there has been a big earthquake in Mexico and those poor people need some money for food, water and shelter. We are asking from the bottom of our hearts if you can PLEASE bring a gold coin donation. We are asking you if you could please wear the Mexican flag colours which are **red**, **white** and **green** (you could wear all three of these colours or just one). We will also be having a competition to guess how many marbles are in the jar for one dollar and the winner will win a prize. All of this money will go towards supporting the people of Mexico to rebuild their lives. Even though they are not in the news anymore they are still struggling to survive!

Thanks Tanika, Danielle, James and Josh from Ruma Kōtuku (Room 7)

REFUGEE VISIT

On Friday 8th December, we have invited a group of fifteen refugees to visit Paremata School and spend some time with us in Room 7. Our mission is to help these people as much as we can.

Firstly we would like to help them practice their English so that they can be more confident with their everyday conversations. Secondly we would like to give them some "Festive Food" to share with their families over the holidays. If you would like to donate any non-perishable food items, please either place them in one of the boxes outside the office, you will see that they are labeled with the name of the refugee and the country they have come from. Or you can drop your food items to **Ruma Kōtuku (Room 7)**. Please bring these in before December 6th so that we have a couple of days to organise these into lovely wrapped presents.

These refugees have been through some really hard times and we would like to be able to let them know that we care and want to help them. If you can help us to help these people, we would really appreciate it.

Thank you - Alex C, Sebastian F, Brandon K, Ryan P and James C - Ruma Kōtuku (Room 7)

CHRISTMAS SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE NO. 8 – ORDER ONLINE mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

If you wish to purchase from the current book club selection going home today, please place your order by **Thursday 30th November**. **Christmas orders**-if you would like your order to be held at the office and not given to your child please order under **office** not the room number online. 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.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME 2017



The school library will again be running the very successful Summer Reading Programme. An extra page giving background information on the 'summer reading slide' 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 Friday 15th and Monday 19th December. Parents are most welcome to help their children select books. Any queries please contact Emma McGill on phone 233-1339 or email library@paremata.school.nz

PTA CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND PICNIC EVENING - THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2017

6pm – BYO picnic in the hall or outside by the senior fort if it is fine

6.45pm – Singing starts in the hall

7.30pm – Raffle is drawn then finish

Thursday 7th December is our annual Christmas Carols Evening. Dress up in your best Christmas outfit and bring the family, your own picnic supper, a cushion to sit on, your singing voices and get into the Christmas spirit. We will be supporting a charity this year with more information to follow. If you can help with set up on the day from 2pm and/or pack down afterwards please email Sara Norling at nornells@gmail.com



PARENTLINK MEETING ON THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER IN THE STAFFROOM @ 7.30PM

All new members welcome to attend, we are only a group of 7 parents along with two teachers who meet together. For any Mums, Dads or Grandparents who have thought about helping towards our school in some way, come along for a cuppa and nibbles and find out more about what ParentLink does. You can join in anytime. We will be discussing the Carols Evening (non-fundraiser event).

Any questions please email ParentLink secretary Marilyn at paremataschoolpta@gmail.com.

Full details on <http://www.paremata.school.nz/1059/forms/3-friends-of-the-pta/>

PAREMATA SCHOOL SPRING GALA

The Hollywoods, AVS and Palmers Garden Centre, Plimmerton are three more of our generous Spring Gala **Gold sponsors** – we really appreciate your terrific support.

Palmers Garden Centre, Plimmerton: summer's nearly here! Talk to the local experts, who are passionate about gardening. www.palmers.co.nz/palmers-plimmerton/.

The Hollywoods: They always put on a high energy show with lots of glitz and glam - guaranteed to get you on the dance floor and to give your event that added sparkle. Book them now <http://www.thehollywoods.co.nz/>

AVS: A V Services has been serving the Wellington market for over 25 years. They have also been supporting the School gala for many years too. With technical producers on hand to take your calls, and a huge team of technicians on the road seven days a week that are skilled with the ability to supply and operate all the sound, lighting and video you will ever need. <http://www.avservices.co.nz/>

ENVIRONNEWS – KOWHAI SYNDICATE

Christmas is nearly here! It is time to decorate the christmas tree with lovely and sparkly tinsels... **WAIT TINSELS?!** They're not good for the **environment!**

Here are facts we found on Wikipedia

Tinsel, is a type of decorative material that mimics the effect of ice, consisting of thin strips of sparkling material attached to thread. The modern production of tinsel typically involves plastic, and is used particularly to decorate Christmas trees.

[Click here to learn more.](#) [Here are some more](#)



The students of **Rūma Kōkako** think it's **bad for the environment** because it can blow into the sea. It is not just about stopping the use of plastic bags, but it's also about stopping the use of tinsels and other plastic related products. We need to put an end to all these plastic products.

Alternative plan

You can make paper chains instead, or use the leftover paper chains from the production. What do you think we should do as an enviroschool? **By: Dylan, Ian, and Jason from Rūma Kōkako.**



SUBWAY LUNCHES – EVERY FRIDAY

Just fill out details on the subway envelope, put in the money and give it to your teacher on Thursday morning for a yummy subway lunch on Friday.

WEDNESDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLES

Sausage sizzles are available for lunch for \$2.00 each Wednesday.



MID WEEK TREATS TO TOP UP YOUR LUNCH

Ice cold **Juicies**, crunchy chocolate chip **Cookies** and melt in your mouth **Muffins** are on sale

Wednesday lunch times - **Juicies = \$1.00** **Cookies = \$1.50** **Muffins = \$1.50**

COMMUNITY NEWS

We can help make your Christmas Shopping much easier this year! Send the kids to BIGAIR GYM for our Drop & Shop! Get your Christmas shopping done while your children have some active fun at BIGAIR! From Monday the 18th to Thursday the 21st of December, Bigair Gym will be running their popular **pre-CHRISTMAS DROP & SHOP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!** Our **JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME** runs from Monday the 8th to Friday the 26th Jan 2018. Children will enjoy fun and active sessions full of **gymnastics circuits, gym challenges, competitions, free play, structured games, and talent quests.** Children that love gym and parkour will love practicing and extending their skills during these sessions. BIGAIR GYM offers classes in **trampoline, parkour, cheerleading, and tumbling.** We have **gymnastics** classes for toddlers, pre-schoolers, and school aged children. We also host kids Birthday Parties! Term 1 2018 bookings open from Monday 27th Nov 2017, classes fill up fast so call BIGAIR today!

Book into the Holiday Programme or for Term 1 2018 classes online www.bigairgym.co.nz or contact BIGAIR TAWA on 232 3508, email office@bigairgym.co.nz or contact BIGAIR OWHIRO BAY on 383 8779, email wgt@bigairgym.co.nz we would love to hear from you!

ATTENTION ALL NEW 2018 AOTEA COLLEGE STUDENTS AND SUPPORTERS!

Aotea College Association has a very LIMITED OFFER to all our brand new Year 9 students starting college in 2018. We have a very limited amount of Aotea College scarves to sell at \$25 each. This is the only place you can purchase them, and its first in first served so get in quick and once payment is made we can arrange drop off to your current school, you can pick up your scarf now or we can hold it until the New Year for you. Remember, it's a very limited number available and once sold out, that's that!

Grab one for a student or as a supporter for winter sports, just get in quick so you don't miss out! Contact Sarah at sarahsemp@outlook.com for details to arrange payment and reserve your scarf!

