

PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2017

WEEK 8



IMPORTANT DATES

Tomorrow	Snorkeling Trip to Hongoeka Beach – Room 14
Tomorrow	Christmas Carols @ 6pm – see information below
Friday 8 th December	ALL library books need to be returned
Friday 8 th - Thursday 14 th December	Library is closed for STOCKTAKE
Wednesday 13 th December	Pohutukawa Syndicate Fun Day
Thursday 14 th December	Kowhai Team – Big Day In
Thursday 14 th December	Kahikatea trip to H20Xtreme Pools
Friday 15 th December	Reports going home
Friday 15 th December	Cultural Parade @ 9.10am
Friday 15 th December	School Assembly @ 9.30am
Friday 15 th December	Parent Helpers Morning Tea @ 10.30am
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

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Thursday 1 st February 2018	Term 1 commences @ 8.50am
Friday 30 th March	Easter – Good Friday
Monday 2 nd April – Tuesday 3 rd April	Easter – School Closed

Kia ora tatou

Parumoana Speech Competitions

Well done to Samuel Lee and Ava Sao who presented their speeches at the Parumoana Speech Competitions last Friday. Both children performed superbly and should be very proud of their efforts. Big congratulations goes to Samuel who won the Year 7/8 division with his speech about Fingers and Thumbs.



Athletics

Congratulations to our students who attended the Regional Athletic Championships in Masterton yesterday as part of the Parumoana team. They competed against students from the Kapiti Coast through to the Wairapapa in very HOT trying conditions. We had great energy, attitudes and personal bests in a number of events. Thanks to Vanessa and the parents who helped transport and supervise our students and to our students.... Dylan, Alex, Harry, Bonnie, Ryan, Abigail, Carter, Aubrey, Anya and Bianca for representing Paremata with the School values.

Results can be found on the following link <http://www.sporty.co.nz/southwaisport/Regional-Athletics/tab1>

Year 8 Awards Evening – **Correction To Price**

Yesterday an invitation was sent out to the Year 8s regarding the cost of attending the Awards Evening which stated \$7.50 per ticket. Regrettably this was incorrect; the tickets are **\$10.00 each**. The Year 8 students are free. Apologies for any inconvenience this has caused.

Ruma Kakariki Fundraising

A big round of applause to the children of Ruma Kakariki who raised \$168.30 for Diabetes NZ last week and many thanks to Nicky Dennis McCarthy for supporting the children with their fundraising venture. This is a great example of being positive and proactive global citizens - well done to you all.

Year 5/6 Snorkeling Trip

The Year 5/6 team are all learning to snorkel this week and from all accounts are having a great time. Ruma Kiwi and Kakapo went on Monday and Ruma Takahe go tomorrow. Many thanks to Ursula and the team along with all the parents who have given up work time to assist on the trip.

Christmas Carols Tomorrow

It's time to clear your throat and ready yourself for the annual Christmas Carols tomorrow night starting with a picnic at 6pm. The singing starts at 6.45pm and each team are putting on a performance along with the Ukelele group and Kapa Haka. Many thanks to Sara Norling who has organised the event and we look forward to seeing you all there ready to sing along with us

Reports

Reports will be coming home on Friday 15th December. **If children require two copies of their reports please can you email their class teacher by Friday 8th December.**

Nga mihi nui - Matua Bryce



CHRISTMAS CAROLS & PICNIC EVENING

*Thursday 7th December
6.00pm - 7.30pm*

Outside the big fort if fine OR in hall if wet

The PTA will be selling BBQ sausages in bread and drinks for \$2 each from 5.30pm outside the school hall

*Singing starts at 6.45pm.
A free Raffle drawn at the end at 7.30pm.*

*Wear your best xmas outfit, Bring along your dinner and a cushion.
Sing with your kids to their favourite carols.
A family focused event, not to be missed!!*

We will be selling Sweet treats inside the hall from 6pm for \$2 and all of this money will be going to support Ronald McDonald House.



KAHIKATEA CAMP 2018

Thank you to all of those parents who have put their names forward as possible helpers for our camp next year. We have already had more volunteers than we have places for. We have emailed the parents we have received notices from and let them know whether we will be able to include them. Please do not send in any more offers as we have no more spaces available.

CULTURAL PARADE

Every year we celebrate our School Value - Global Awareness by holding an annual Cultural Parade. This is a time where we celebrate with pride **who we are**. At this parade, we encourage children and parents to dress up in their national costume.



The Parade starts at 9.10am, with each class sharing their heritage. **Donate a gold coin**, and this will be sent to our sister school, Kitoola School in Uganda. We have built three classrooms, an eco kitchen and strengthened the fences through our fundrasing. Our connection is via Heather Haswell who did volunteer teaching there.



SUMMER READING PROGRAMME 2017

The school library will again be running the very successful Summer Reading Programme. 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

ENVIRONNEWS - CHRISTMAS GIFT TIPS

• Look for locally made gifts

Many gifts in today's marketplace come from halfway around the world, and the impact of transportation contributes significantly to greenhouse emissions and global warming. Local craft fairs and artisan shops are a good source for gifts that come without the added costs of transportation. And gifts made locally often have a story which goes with the gift, since the artisan and the origin of the gift are known.



• Choose gifts made from recycled sources

Many individuals and small businesses have developed great products using recycled materials. Supporting these businesses helps reduce the waste stream while promoting the concept of making best use of available materials. Here are some examples for you to consider: [Gifts from recycled materials](#).



• Give 'battery-free' gifts

According to the EPA, about 40% of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. Discarded batteries are an environmental hazard. Even rechargeable batteries find their way into the waste stream eventually. Here are a few examples of gifts that have less of an impact on the environment: [Naturally-powered toys](#).



The Treasure of Hongoeka Beach

Have you ever seen a naked lung slug? Probably not, Kauri team found an amazing underwater world at Hongoeka Beach. Zoe Studd took Ruma Kakapo, Takahe, and Ruma Kiwi out on an adventure through the ocean. Group 1, went snorkeling first, while group 2 went scavenging through the rock pools. We found, Starfish, seaweed, shells, and some sea sponges. Zoe let us wander around and find some amazing marine life. Then it was time for morning tea. When we were walking back to shore, the sand squished between wet toes and flicked back to the person behinds face. Once we had packed up our morning tea, group 1 came racing out of the water and dried themselves off. Group 2 bolted up to the wetsuits and tried to stand still without getting prickles in their feet. We squeezed into wetsuits and waited for the next instructions. There was a big blue bucket with the masks and snorkels in. The blacks were adults, blues were medium and reds were small. We found our sized fins and tucked them under our arms.



*Now it's time to get into the water, we had to moon walk through the water otherwise we might have tripped on our own fins. Our adults got given yellow boogie boards for us to hold onto, and then we were off. It was pretty hard to balance because of all the rocks in our fins, but we still managed. At the start, everyone was moving frantically, but when we got the hang of it we would just put our heads down in the water and we could see things much easier. We watched the small creatures swim by and see them jumping around in the cracks of the rocks. We spent ages in the water, having a really great time, until we had to get out of the water. There weren't any changing rooms, but we still got the job done. All of the syndicate had an amazing time with each other and we'd love to go snorkeling at Hongoeka Beach again. *By Lauren Trowbridge from Ruma Kakapo.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

WELLINGTON PHOENIX - JUNIOR CAPO

This year we have started the junior capo campaign at the Wellington Phoenix, to help youth get along to more games. We are reaching out to schools in Wellington to find a representative that would become a junior capo. Does your school have a keen footballer that can encourage friends to get along to games? Please get them in touch with us so we can get them on board, and they can receive the many offers that are available! You can find out more information about our programme below, but please pass this around to as many students as you can, so that anyone wanting to take part can! <https://www.wellingtonphoenix.com/news/wellington-phoenix-announce-junior-capo-campaign-201718>

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS RETURN FOR 2018 JANUARY 24 - 26

In the new year, Weta Workshop is opening its doors once again to give kids a chance to make movie magic! We warmly invite the children of Paremata School to come along. From rocket building to sculpting, our workshops for ages 6 – 12 years old will excite and delight! For 2018, we're hosting separate workshops for children aged 6-9 years and 10-12 years. Spaces are limited! Book online at www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays



ARTRAGEOUS KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME bookings for 5-14 year olds are open, with pre-Christmas craft and gift-giving sessions from Dec 18-22, all at Poneke Dojo in Mt Cook. Our action-packed January classes are also taking bookings and run from Jan 9 to Feb 2, with the younger kids' (5-12 year olds) sessions being at Poneke Dojo and the older children's (10-14 year olds) held at Wellington High School.

We focus on extending children's creativity through many different media. Our aim is to draw out your child's creative expression to develop confidence and self esteem and also to have heaps of fun. We provide new activities every day, however if your child is focused on exploring one medium they can work in that medium every day. **BE QUICK AND BOOK TODAY: DON'T MISS OUT!**

See <http://www.artrageouskids.co.nz/holidayprog.html> for more information, or email admin@artrageouskids.co.nz.

SUSTAINABILITY TRUST HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Pre-Xmas Kids' Workshops: Dec 18, 19, 20, 8.45am to 12noon

Sustainability-themed workshops for kids aged 5 to 12 while you get Xmas errands done. Build a garden out of wooden pallets, upcycle found materials for Xmas decorations and cards, and take a walking tour of green Wellington. \$28 per session, bookings essential: sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events

Wilderkids: Jan 15 to 26, 8.30am to 3.30pm

A school holiday programme which gets kids exploring nature in Wellington Town Belt. Build a hut, make weed pesto, forage for food and bugs – and plenty more fun! \$56 per day, bookings essential. \$10 places available for Community Services Card holders, please see sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events for more.