

PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2018

TERM 3 - WEEK 7



Friday 7 th September	New Families Afternoon Tea 2-3pm in staffroom
Wednesday 12 th September	School Planting Day
Tuesday 18 th September	School Skipping Sports - 9.00am- 10.40am
Wednesday 19 th September	Artsplash – Choir, WOW and Dance
Friday 28 th September	End of term 3 @ 3.30pm
Monday 15 th October	Term 4 commences
Saturday 27 th October	Paremata School Spring Gala

Kia ora tātou

Gala Helpers- we need you

Jo Gibbs and the gala committee are doing a truly awesome job organising the 2018 gala but it won't be the usual success unless people come forward and commit to helping on gala day. If you are free on Saturday 27 October, please can you let Jo and the team know. We are fundraising for IT equipment which benefits all the children and your wonderful support would be greatly appreciated.

A **parent help notice** is coming home today/tomorrow for you to fill in and return to the office if you can help.



Writer's evening

A big thank you to Bernard Beckett and all the wonderful authors who came along to speak to the community in the hall. It was immensely enjoyable evening and a very special thanks to Marilyn Hunt for putting the evening together.

A warm welcome to.....

Jenny Goodwin who is returning to take over from Angela Wall in Ruma Kotare from the beginning of term 4. Mary Va'a who is currently covering for Nicky Dennis McCarthy will be opening our roll growth class in Ruma Karearea at the beginning of term 4.

Dropping children off at school early

This is a friendly reminder that if you drop off your child before 8:15am then they need to attend Before School Care. The children are not allowed to hang around unsupervised in the playground as this creates a health and safety risk for the school. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Influenza and Stomach Bugs

Just a reminder that there are a lot of bugs going around the school at the moment. We have had a few confirmed cases of influenza so if your child is unwell and needs to go to the doctor please let them be aware of this. We have also had quite a few stomach bugs so please make sure your child/children stay home until they are completely well.

Ngā mihi nui - Matua Bryce



NEW FAMILIES AFTERNOON TEA – ALL WELCOME

This Friday 7 September - 2pm to 3pm in the Staffroom. We welcome new families or returning families into school, giving you the opportunity to meet with others. Younger siblings are very welcome to attend also. Come and enjoy some home baking and a hot drink with us.

PAREMATA SCHOOL SKIPPING SPORTS

On Tuesday 18th September (pp Thursday 20th September) we will hold our annual school wide skipping morning from 9:00 am until 10:40 am. This event is great fun and gives students the opportunity to show off their skipping skills. Parents are welcome to come along on the day to watch and/or join in the fun! Please wear your house colours.

The Heart Foundation no longer promote a 'Jump Rope for Heart' event, but we are pleased to continue this fun morning with our students. NO GOLD COIN DONATIONS are required.



ARTSPASH TICKET SALES

If you are in **CHOIR, DANCE** or **WEARABLE ART** performances on Wednesday 19th September at the Michael Fowler Centre, tickets can be bought at the office for \$5. If you are performing, you won't need a ticket. If you are doing **VISUAL ART**, no tickets are required. Your stunning artwork can be viewed free of charge during Week 9 (3 - 7 September) in the foyer of the Michael Fowler Centre, upstairs. If you are in **DRAMA**, your tickets and performance dates are yet to come. But they will! Watch this space! *The ArtSplash Team*

PAREMATA HABITAT PROJECT PLANTING DAY - WEEK 8 WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

On Wednesday 12th September in Week 8, our enviro-kids are organising a school planting day. Their mission is to plant 400 plants in four different locations around our school. Every student will be involved and will plant a native plant with a buddy from their buddy class.

Tuesday 11th of September will be "Prep Day". The enviro-kids will be grouping plants, digging holes and learning essential planting skills so that they can lead our planting day and be our experts on Wednesday. A big thanks to this group of students who are working hard to make this planting day a success: Percy Hughes, Dali Pullen, Liberty Burrows, Samuel Sutton, Eamon Gallagher, Carter Birmingham, Ryan Tinney, Georgie McCausland and Liana Hull. Our Habitat Project group who went to Te Rito Gardens for a workshop in Term 2 is also helping with this project: Charlotte Instone, Ryan Tinney, Jake Budd and Maya O'Reilly Nugent.

Parents needed for Planting Project

If you are keen to be part of this exciting project and available to help, we would love to hear from you! We will need parent helpers at the following times: Tuesday morning 9:30am - 12:30pm, Wednesday morning 9:30am -12:30pm and Wednesday afternoon 1:30 - 3 pm. Please email Rachel Hall

rachelh@paremata.school.nz if you are keen, and please identify which time slot suits you best.

GALA DONATIONS



Gala donation requests for Week 7 - Eco Bags. Any unused fabric bags, nylon bags, eco bags that people no longer want. Our aim to be more plastic bag free for the gala. These can be taken straight to your child's classroom. Look out for their Gala Donation box.

The class with the most donations (per capita) will win a free BBQ lunch. We welcome any more mystery bottles, lucky dip or preserves too. **Next week - Sugar/Lollies**



PAREMATA SCHOOL SPRING GALA RAFFLE



As part of this year's gala, we are running a raffle to raise funds to improve the technology for all the students. Thanks to all the families who are out selling these tickets. There are still spares tickets available in the office if you wish to sell more.

Please return ticket butts and money to the office as soon as possible.

- 1st prize is \$1,000 New World voucher! Redeemable at all New World stores.

CANCER SOCIETY FUNDRAISERS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cancer Society – we raised approximately \$280 on **Daffodil Day** and \$230 earlier in the year with a **Café Sale** fundraiser. An awesome effort!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE NO. 6 – ORDER ONLINE mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

If you wish to purchase from the current book club selection, please order online or send your order and correct money to the office no later than **Friday 14th September**



HISTORY OF PORIRUA TOUR – BY ASTA AND MAKAYLA – RUMA KAKAPO

Ruma Kakapo (13) has had a trip to some of the historical places of Porirua. Let's tell you what happened. First we got on the bus and everyone was very excited. Woosh! The engine started up and the mix of laughter made the bus very noisy.

Mrs Leggett started telling us about our destination and she said look there is the statue of Te Rauparaha and his waka then told us how he used to write poetry when his land was taken. We saw old houses that the Austrians built. Finally, we got to Te Korohiwa whaling station then we saw Mana island and Komanga-Rautawhiri where Kupe first landed. We stood where the whalers had watched for the whales and if they saw one they would shout 'thar she blows'.

Te korohiwa was a small shore whaling whaling station used between 1837-1845 at Titahi Bay. With two whaling boats and fifteen whalers. Whales were cut up and the blubber boiled in tri-pots for oil on the northern side of the bluff and the whalers lived in a hut on the southern side of the bluff away from the smell of leftover whale meat. Lots of Pakeha whalers married Ngati Toa woman too.

It started raining and our faces became wet with sea spray. We went up a steep and rocky path up to the bus which was coated in a thick layer of rain. Everyone ran back onto the bus to get out of the rain.

We hopped out and the rain had stopped so we had morning tea at Ngati Toa Domain boatshed. We crossed a muddy field to the old barracks. They were crumbling and small stones were falling off. The barracks were built out of stones and the mortar was made from crushed shells from the beach which was what the soldiers used as concrete and this was why the barracks fell down in the 1848 earthquake. When the soldiers were fighting against Ngati Toa it was used as a house for protection and the ammunition was stored behind the fireplace because that was the only place that could keep it dry but if a spark from the fireplace set off in the wrong direction then the whole place could have blown up in seconds! We crossed the field imagining what it would be like to be here firing guns in the wind and rain with mouldy tents and wet uniforms and blankets in the middle of winter.

We started walk to where Joseph Tom's whaling station was. Mrs Leggett told us about Joseph Toms and he was a very mean guy and no one wanted to mess around with him. Joseph Toms established his whaling station at Paremata point next to the Ngati te ra. He married Nohorua's daughter. Nohorua was a Ngati Toa chief. Then we went on to the bus again and off to Plimmerton where we went to the fire station where Te Rangihaeata's pa was and where Te Rauparaha sometimes visited him.

We got off the bus once more and walked up a steep hill and the stones from the gravel fell down behind us. We saw St Albans church in Pauatahanui which used to be a pa built by Te Rangihaeata in May 1846. The pa was built on a ridge running into the eastern arm of Pauatahanui inlet. The stream protected the pa on three sides, palisades surrounded the whole pa and covered gun pits were added making it a true gunfire pa. Matai-taua had two rows of palisades and the inner timber was about five metres high.

A second defence was a ditch two metres deep. Behind this there was a bank of earth with gaps to allow the defenders to fire their muskets through the gaps. Matai-taua was the most heavily defended pa in Porirua. It was also the last fighting pa to be built. On the 1 August 1846 a force of friendlies (maori that are friendly to British) were sent to fight Te Rangihaeata. He fled to the Horokiri Valley (now called Paekakariki Hill Road) They fought the battle of Horokiri which lasted over 10 days on a hill now called Battle Hill. No one won that battle.

Finally, we hopped on the bus and went back to school. That was the best, we all said. *By Asta and Makayla*

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Pink Star Walk 2018 is back on, here in the heart of Wellington! Join the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ down at Frank Kitts Park on the 3rd of November. Walk for the ones we love as we raise funds for breast cancer awareness, research and education. Register online at www.pinkstarwalk.co.nz Early bird tickets closing 7th September.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY, AFTER SCHOOL AND SATURDAY COMPUTER CLASSES:

Classes for ages 5 – 15 in Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch, Python or Java, Create 3D Games, Web Design, Video Editing, Build a PC and if young, the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 499 2211 or visit www.grandtraining.co.nz.

We require teachers for our classes please forward to relevant teachers.

We require a teacher for our Minecraft, Roblox, web design, Java, Python and Scratch coding classes in the school holidays. **For further information, contact Ed Brown: Call 021-050-1288, or e-mail ed@grandtraining.co.nz**

ARTRAGEOUS KIDS PROGRAMME: Mon 1 – Fri 12 October [BOOK ARTRAGEOUS OCTOBER](#)

Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm–5.15pm \$15

Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! **Bookings essential.** » [View the programme.](#) [BOOK NOW!](#)

BIG KIDS (Olderageous) Programme: Mon 1 – Fri 12 October [BOOK OLDERAGEOUS OCTOBER](#)

Venue: Pavillion at Wellington High School, Taranaki St, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm–5.15pm \$15

Our BIG KIDS programme is aimed at children aged 10-14 years. Providing them with a space, focused adult attention and loads of resources. This programme is tailored to draw out older children's interest in creating and using their imagination and creativity in a hilariously fun atmosphere. **Bookings essential.**

» [View the programme.](#) [BOOK NOW!](#)

WETA WORKSHOP is opening its doors to a new cohort of creative kids! From drama to sculpting and even chainmaille making, our workshops for ages 6 – 12 years old will excite and delight! Don't miss out. Book online at www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays



Registration is open for the adult and junior grade softball season of 2018/2019.

You can register online via our website:
www.pareplimsoftball.nz

If you would like further information, or have any other queries, please contact us:
theclub@pareplimsoftball.nz

See you on the Diamond!

[Olé Football Academy Boys and Girls Summer Programme](#)

Who: Boys and Girls Born 2002 - 2010

Location: Porirua - Wellington

Start Date: September 17th, 2018

End Date: February 17th, 2019

[Olé Football Academy @ Eastern Suburbs](#)

Who: Boys and Girls Born 2002 - 2010

Location: Auckland

Start Date: September 17th, 2018

End Date: February 15th, 2019

[Olé Football Academy 3 - Day Select Term 3 Holiday Camp](#)

Who: Boys and Girls Born 2004 - 2006

Location: Porirua - Wellington

Start Date: October 1st, 2018

End Date: October 3rd, 2018

[Click on each link to find out more.](#)