

# PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

### TERM 1 – WEEK 4



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#### IMPORTANT DATES

Tomorrow

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

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Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 23<sup>th</sup> March – 27<sup>th</sup> March

Parentlink AGM Meeting – 7.30pm in staffroom

Seaweed – Kaupapa Moana

Kauri Team snorkeling at Titahi Bay

Room 14 leaving school at 8:30 (please be at school by 8:15)

Room 16 leaving school at 11:30

Room 13 leaving school at 8:30 (please be at school by 8:15)

Run, Jump & Throw, 9-12.30pm (more info soon)

Movin' March WOW Family Day

Kahikatea Syndicate Camp

Kia ora tatou

#### Road Patrol Training

Yesterday we had Constable Sue Bush in to train our budding Road Patrollers. This is a very responsible job and we congratulate all the children who have stepped into these roles. Many thanks to Whaea Tia for organising the training session.

#### Before and After School Care fees

Unfortunately due to the implementation of the new collective agreements for all school support staff and the imminent increase of the minimum wage to the living wage in all schools, we are going to have to raise the fees of attending Before and After School Care. This will be effective from the beginning of Term 2, Tuesday 28 April and a letter outlining the fee increase will be sent home soon.

Email address for ASC/BSC is [afterschoolcare@paremata.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@paremata.school.nz)

#### New Parking Restrictions

You may have noticed new parking signs outside school and along Paremata Crescent which the PCC will be enforcing in the coming weeks. If you need to meet with your child's teacher before or after school please make appointments outside those times to avoid getting a ticket. Thank you.



#### Kahikatea Syndicate (Seniors) - **Reminder**

Camp this year for Kahikatea is in week 10 from Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**To confirm each student's place on camp we are asking for a \$50 deposit to be paid as soon as possible.**

Our bank account number is 12 3254 0048796 00. Term 1 – School Fees also due now.

Nga mihi nui - Matua Bryce

#### ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIPS – EARLY BIRD OFFERS END SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY



Get your new Entertainment Membership today to support Paremata School and receive early bird bonus offers. **Up to 4 months EXTRA MEMBERSHIP + \$20 BONUS Countdown Gift Card when you purchase our NEW Multi City or Multi Plus Membership.**

Entertainment Memberships can start anytime and are packed with thousands of substantial savings on dining, travel and fun family activities. The digital membership is easy to download to start using instantly.

New offers are added weekly for ongoing value all year round.

**To order a digital membership go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104u135>**

### **PARENTLINK & AGM MEETING – TOMORROW 7.30PM IN STAFFROOM**

We welcome all new parents, we are a group of 6 parents, along with 2 teachers who meet to discuss upcoming fundraisers. If you have ever thought about helping towards the school in some way, come along for a cuppa & nibbles to find out more about what Parentlink does. You can join anytime; we really would love to see more people. We meet only twice a term (maximum). Come and help decide this year's fundraisers for the school.

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### **MARCH IS COMING – LET'S GET MOVIN'!**

Paremata School is a Movin' March school and we can't wait to make the most of this beautiful weather and encourage your child/ren to Walk or Wheel to and from school.

Our school will hold a [WOW Family Day](#) on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The aim is to invite all our Paremata School families to walk or wheel to and from school on this special day. We'd love you to be part of it!

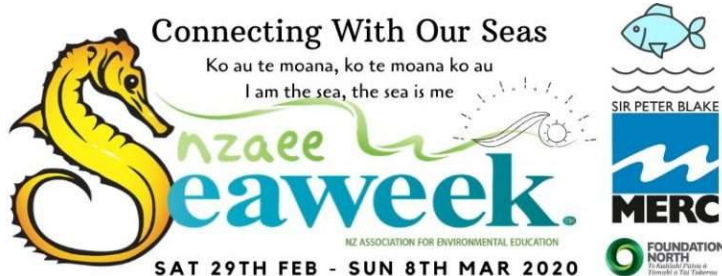


#### **Why Movin' March?**

Not only does walking or wheeling to school reduce congestion and chaos at the school gate, we also get to slow down and get some quality time with our tamariki. Walking or wheeling to school solo or with friends can be a real [confidence boost](#) and families get to do their bit for the environment!

#### **How to make it work for your whānau**

- Instead of driving right up to the school gate, why not [Park and Stride](#)? Walk the last 500m or so to school and get your passport stamped at the school gate!
  - Think about how you might get to and from school over March (and the rest of Term 1!) Check out Micro scooter's [safety tips](#) or [NZTA's Hike it Bike it](#) safety suggestions.
  - [Walking School Buses](#) build community and teach children important road safety skills ready for walking independently as they get older.
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**SEAWEEK – KAUPAPA MOANA** is New Zealand's annual national week celebrating the sea, which takes place from Saturday 29 February to Sunday 8 March 2020. Hosted by the NZ Association for Environmental Education (NZAEE), Seaweeek focuses on learning about the ocean because it is so important to all our lives, no matter how far you are from it! Our mission is about exciting and inspiring all

New Zealanders to renew their connections with the sea! This is not just for children or those involved with formal education – it's a time for all of us to get to know our ocean, its habitats, characteristics and inhabitants better.

We are using the following theme **Connecting With Our Seas** and whakatauki:

***Ko au te moana, ko te moana ko au – I am the sea, the sea is me***

We would like to highlight the diverse connections and interactions we have with the sea which makes our lives so intertwined with the health of our ocean environment.

#### **Find out more about Seaweeek**

- Check out the Seaweeek display in the library
- For events visit Seaweeek's [What's On pages](#)

### **NGĀ MANU NATURE RESERVE - Te Rā O Ngā Tamariki (Children's Day) on 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Children (0 - 17 years) will enjoy free entry. There will be Story Telling Sessions in our forest circle setting throughout the day (11am, 1pm and 3pm) along with Kākāriki Nature Play activities (whittling and flax rope making) in between storytelling sessions until 4pm. Bring a picnic and come and enjoy a family day out. Meet our birds in the walk-through aviaries and nocturnal house and see the eels being fed at 2pm.

We will be celebrating the start of Whio (Blue Duck) Awareness Month on Children's Day as Ngā Manu is part of our national Whio 'breed for release' programme. Learn about our incredible endemic duck: the Whio, in our Visitor Centre and at our Whio talk at 12:30pm. Enter our Whio colouring competition for your chance to win some fantastic prizes kindly donated by Whio Forever. The colouring competition will continue throughout Whio Awareness Month - winners will be selected on 6<sup>th</sup> April. Entries will be judged in 4 age categories: 2-4 years, 5-6 years, 7-9 years and Age 10 years +. Here is the link to our Children's Day Event on Eventfinda:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/ng-manu-on-childrens-day/waikanae>

You can also find our event on our Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/496481361058968/>

### **STAGLANDS - KIDS GO FREE ON CHILDREN'S DAY!**

We are celebrating Children's Day on Sunday, 1st March, by offering **Free Entry into the Reserve for All Children!** In addition to our usual attractions, visitors can enjoy free off-road tractor-trailer rides, weather permitting. So if you are looking for a fun Children's Day outing for the whole family, meet at Staglands and connect with nature on Sunday, 1st March.



### **TAWA JUNIOR FLOORBALL TRAININGS**

Come and try out a fun and fast new sport at Tawa Rec Centre.

Gear is provided and new players are always welcome - no experience necessary.

#### **Junior:**

Born 2011 and young (minimum 5 years old).

Wednesdays 3:45pm-4:35pm. \$20 per term.

#### **Senior:**

Born 2010-2005.

Wednesdays 4:40pm-5:30pm. \$20 per term.

Both sessions are at Tawa Rec Centre from February 12th till April 8th.

Email Sophie: [admin@wellingtonfloorball.org.nz](mailto:admin@wellingtonfloorball.org.nz) to register or to come for a free trial session

Special Parent Event: **RAISING BODY-CONFIDENT KIDS** with Emma Wright

Thursday 26th March 7 - 8:30pm at Papakowhai School Hall

Cost: \$25 or Early Bird Special: \$20 until 13th March

Tea, coffee and cake will be provided for a gold coin donation. Get your tickets at [mykindo.co.nz](http://mykindo.co.nz)

Learn from eating disorder recoverer, Emma Wright key principles and social media strategies for growing body confidence in kids. Practical steps for eating disorder prevention, talking about weight without awkwardness and making a body-positive home environment. More details at the Facebook [Event](#)

### **AOTEA COLLEGE – TOURS**

We would like to invite you to view our **amazing new school buildings at Aotea College on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Guided tours will leave every half hour from reception at 5pm, 5:30pm, 6pm and 6:30pm.

The cost of entry will be a gold coin donation.

All funds raised will be used to support our World Scholar's Cup teams who will be competing in an international competition, demonstrating their skills at debating, essay writing and subject knowledge against teams from 60 countries. Funds raised will be used to assist our teams to compete at the global round in Melbourne in August.

There will be a raffle so bring some cash to purchase your tickets, and join us in the staff room for a cup of tea and a biscuit before you head home.