

## PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2022 WEEK 6







Term 1 - Tuesday 1st February - Thursday 14th April

Easter: Good Friday 15th April - Easter Monday 18th April

(School Holidays)

Anzac Day Monday 25th April

Term 2 - Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July

Term 3 - Monday 25th July - Friday 30th September

Term 4 - Monday 17th October - Thursday 15th December

Kia ora tatou

#### Covid-19

Many thanks to all our families for the great communication with any covid infections and self-isolation. We hope everyone is coping well and family members are on the mend. While we don't have a large number of covid infections amongst our students it is widespread through the school now with only Rooms 1A, 2, 8 and 16 unaffected, but this can change overnight. We really appreciate the support and cooperation coming from our wider community and we are holding up well at the moment.



Please remember that cold symptoms and sore stomachs are symptoms of Covid-19, so please get your children tested if you are unsure.



## **Online Learning**

Online learning is being provided for our families who are self-isolating or unwell with Covid. The online portal is supplementary to the classroom programme, as teachers are still responsible for their class. If you have any queries, please email your child's teacher. If your child is well and there is no Covid in the household, they can come to school.

Nga mihi nui -Matua Bryce



## **LUNCHES – IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Subway have decided to suspend the School Lunch Programme due to the current spike in Covid 19 cases in NZ. Their Porirua store at this stage is clear of any positive cases. We will advise when the lunches begin again.

## **Wednesday Sausage Sizzles**

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

#### NZ SEAWEEK – CONNECTING WITH OUR SEAS



NZAEE Seaweek – Kaupapa Moana - is New Zealand's annual national week celebrating the sea. NZAEE Seaweek takes place from Saturday, 5 March to Sunday, 13 March 2022.

The New Zealand Association for Environmental Education (NZAEE) is a national, non-profit organisation

that promotes and supports lifelong learning and encourages behaviour that leads to sustainability for New Zealand/Aotearoa.



Started by the Marine Education Society of Australasia (now part of NZAEE), Seaweek was first held in New Zealand in 1992. Since then, Seaweek has been directed by NZAEE members and volunteers with support from a wide range of individuals, groups, and organisations. From activities and presentations within schools, marine ecosystem field trips and engagements with citizen science - to community beach cleans, kayaking and snorkelling – our hope is to inspire and enable kiwis to take time to connect with the sea.



#### **MOVIN'MARCH**

We are proud to be a Movin'March school and this month we are looking forward to seeing whānau and students walking or wheeling to/from school. Walking, biking and scooting is a great way to kick start learning for the day, connect with your neighbourhood and improve wellbeing. It is also great for the planet! Don't forget your WOW Passport so we can stamp your trip and keep an eye out for your spot prizes!

## **Scooter Ready**



Scooters are cool. More and more tamariki are riding scooters to school. As well as having fun on a scooter, it's important to stay safe. Watch the Scooter Ready Training videos on our school website – here is the link.

<u>https://www.paremata.school.nz/3566/easy\_pages/27-enviroschool</u> Do you have these useful skills to ride your scooter safely?

#### **Whānau Photo Competition**

Whānau can enter a photo of their journey to school for a chance to WIN a family pass to <u>Staglands Wildlife Reserve</u>, <u>Zealandia</u> or a <u>Micro Scooter</u>! WOW – there's 15 prizes to be won! Go to the Movin'March <u>Facebook</u> page and share your photo in the comments under the weekly theme post. Winners announced by 8th April.

### NETBALL 2022 - TRAINING SESSION NEXT WEEK



All permission slips should now be at the office. I will be in touch with the volunteers for coaching/managing teams soon. There will be a training session for all registered students on **Thursday 17**<sup>th</sup> **March @ 3:15pm – 4:00 pm.** Any queries please contact me on <a href="mailto:theresar@paremata.school.nz">theresar@paremata.school.nz</a>



#### LOST PROPERTY

We have a huge amount of lost property at the moment. It is in the school office foyer during the day and we will endeavour to put it outside the office after school each day. Please can you name your child's clothing as it can then be returned to them. Thanks.

#### **PAREMATA SCHOOL MERCHANDISE**

- Hoodie no name on back \$45
- **Hoodie** with name on back \$55
- Caps \$15 (hats are compulsory in term1 and 4)
- Bucket Hats \$15
- Tea Towels \$12 / Tote Bags \$15
- Honey \$6 each 250g or 2 for \$10
- These are displayed in the cabinet in the school foyer.









## WHITBY DANCE!

Come and join our dance community in Whitby at WHITBY DANCE! With classes starting from as young as 2 years, we offer classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical and our very own Preschool Programme. For more info check out our website: <a href="https://whitbydance.co.nz">https://whitbydance.co.nz</a>
Or you can find us on Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/WhitbyDanceNZ">https://www.facebook.com/WhitbyDanceNZ</a>
Whitby Contact us to enrol today.



# Family Holiday Special Deal....

Book a motel unit on certain weekends in March &
April and you'll
pay just the base rate, with no additional charge for your
kids.

# And if that wasn't enough to entice you....

We'll also have some of our exciting onsite activities available for you to enjoy for FREE!



Queen's Birthday Weekend Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 June

Performing Arts Centre Pātaka Art + Museum, Porirua

Open to school students in the greater Wellington region - all instruments and voice at all levels

Enter online from 13 April 2022 Closing date: 15 May

Full details at www.kapimanamusic.org.nz





TAWA JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB runs a local Porirua/Tawa hockey competition every year for primary age



children. This is a school based competition (schools can combine if not enough players) and is played at Linden Park (year 3/4) and Tawa College Turf

(Year 5/6). The aim is to provide an affordable way for kids to start playing in a fun environment.

HOCKEY

All games are 6 a side, so the ideal team size is 9 or 10 players. Costs are \$135/team for year 3/4 and \$290 for year 5/6

At this point while we are in the Red setting, we can't book the college turf. Contingency plan if we are not at Orange prior to the start of the season would be to start the season on grass at Linden for year 5/6 and fees adjusted accordingly. Hopefully it won't come to that and we can have a full season.

The season is scheduled to start on Saturday, May 7 and finish on Saturday August 27(grass) and Saturday, Sept 10(turf). No games on Queen's Birthday weekend or the 2 and 3 Saturdays of the school holidays. Grass games are 9am and turf usually between 8am and 1pm depending on the number of teams.

Registrations are open now and the form is available here <a href="https://forms.gle/Jjit17CyRn42q6vW9">https://forms.gle/Jjit17CyRn42q6vW9</a>



<u>Porirua Libraries are open</u>, and operating under the COVID-19 Protection framework – level RED. We have developed several innovative digital and small-group programmes to continue outreach. Please see the attached newsletter with more information.