



PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2024

WEEK 8 – TERM 1



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Friday 22nd March

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Tuesday 26th March

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Easter: Good Friday 29th March to Tuesday 2 April Please note: Tuesday is a school holiday

Wednesday 3rd April – Friday 12th April

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Thursday 4th April

Monday 8th – Friday 12th April

Friday 12th April

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Monday 29th April

Wheel or walk to school day

Taputeranga Mrine Reserve (Room 15 & 16)

Epilepsy Awareness Day – **Purple Day**

NZEI Meeting – **School closes at 12:30pm**

Scholastic Book Fair: *Hats off to Reading*

Parumoana Endzone Tournament Yr 5/6

Run Jump Throw - 9am-12:45pm

Remember to wear your house colours

Paremata School Book Week 2024

Hat Parade, 9:00am on netball court

End of Term 1

Term 2 commences



Kia ora tatou

Year 8 Leadership Camp

What a brilliant time the Year 8 tamariki had at Battle Hill last Thursday and Friday. The range of team building activities were excellent and it was great to see everyone enjoying themselves in the photos. A big thanks to Becky Spencer and the Kahikatea team and the parents that went along to support the group.

Summer Netball

Congratulations to the Paremata Sapphires who won their summer netball final! Well done to the team and many thanks to Kylie Anderson and all the parents involved in the summer netball series.



2024 Term 1 Read-a-thon



Well done to the children who are reading every day and collecting sponsors. More log forms are available from the office if required. This fundraiser is to promote and encourage reading for pleasure. All funds raised will go into literacy resources for the school and library. Thank you to everyone for your support, it is great to see the tamariki embracing this great fundraiser.

NZEI Teachers Paid Union Meeting – NEXT WEEK TUESDAY - SCHOOL CLOSING AT 12:30PM



There is a NZEI teachers paid union meeting on **Tuesday, 26 March** in the afternoon, so school will close for instruction at 12:30pm for NZEI teaching staff to attend. After School Care will be available for students who normally attend on a Tuesday. Please contact Raewyn on afterschoolcare@paremata.school.nz if you have any queries.

Nga mihi nui - Matua Bryce



We're celebrating!

We will be holding a special day on Friday, 22 March where we encourage all tamariki and kaiako to **Walk or Wheel**. We really encourage whānau to walk or wheel - even for just one day and join in the Movin' March excitement. If your whānau lives too far away to walk or wheel you can always park the car and walk part of the way.



Let's all join in and show our support for walk or wheel to school day.



EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY – DRESS IN PURPLE - TUESDAY 26TH MARCH

On Tuesday 26th March, we will be dressing up for Purple Day to bring awareness about Epilepsy.

Run Jump Throw



RUN JUMP THROW DAY – THURSDAY 4th APRIL (or pp date TBA) 9:00AM– 12:45PM

Run, Jump and Throw day involves children participating with their house group peers in twelve exciting events. House Group members will be split into two groups for each colour. For example: Kahurangi 1 and Kahurangi 2 and will receive points based on our Run Jump Throw criteria, which is linked to the 6Cs. Teachers will let students know which house group number they will participate in closer to the day.

- **Creativity** - How are you showing off your house colour? What creative, respectful chant could your house colour have?
- **Community and Citizenship** - Are you respecting each other and yourself? Are you respecting the equipment?
- **Collaboration** - Are you looking out for the younger members of your house group? Are you showing manaaki?
- **Character and Critical Thinking** - Do you show manahau and find ways to overcome setbacks or challenges?

SCHOOL LUNCHES



Please remember - if you wish to pay online for Wednesday sausages \$2.00 each or Friday Hamburgers \$5.00 each, could you please do so the **day before** ie Tuesday or Thursday. This will ensure that the order is not missed as the morning of the lunches is very busy. Please also remember to tell your child to collect a pre-paid card at lunch time. Thanks for your support.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE NO. 2 – ORDER ONLINE mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

If you wish to purchase from the current book club selection, please order online no later than **Wednesday 3 April**. If you would like any purchases to be held at the office, please order online under OFFICE.

PAREMATA SCHOOL BOOK WEEK 2024: Monday 8th to Friday 12th April



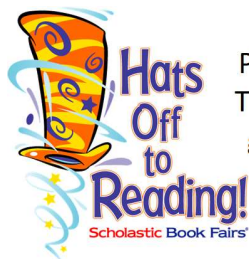
Paremata School Book Week 2024

Our very popular annual Book Week, is just around the corner. Embark on a wondrous journey through a magical world of stories and imagination. We will be celebrating the magic of books and the value of reading for pleasure and all the joys this can bring. There will be daily quizzes and activities, along with the annual “*Decorate Your Classroom Window*” competition running during this week.

On the last day of Book Week, it will be time to put your thinking caps on.... Or should I say, your extraordinary hats. Let your creativity soar as you design and showcase your own magnificent hat creations. Dress up and strut your stuff in our *Hat Parade* on **Friday 12th April**, 9:00 am on the netball courts.

HATS OFF TO READING: SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Calling everyone **MAD ABOUT READING**, get ready for an extraordinary adventure at our book fair.



HATS OFF TO READING BOOK FAIR – 3rd to 12th APRIL

Prepare to be immersed in a world of imagination, excitement and endless possibilities. This fun reading event brings the books children want to read right into our school. This gives them the chance to choose their own books to add to their home reading collection. Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information, fuels imagination and helps kids discover who they are, so that they develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading!

On Thursday 27th & Friday 28th March the kids will **HOP INTO A WONDERLAND FULL OF BOOKS** to explore the selection of captivating titles to fill in their Wish Lists.

FOLLOW THE WHITE RABBIT to come and look together and help find their next favourite book and be involved in shaping your child’s reading habits.

Monday 3rd, Friday 5th, Monday 8th & Friday 12th April
8:30am – 9:00am & 3:00 pm– 4:30pm

Thursday 4th, Tuesday 9th & Thursday 11th April
8:45am – 9:00am & 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Not only are you purchasing engaging and affordable books, you are also supporting our school. A percentage of the Book Fair sales goes towards reward points that we use to expand our library collection, ensuring more exciting books for everyone to enjoy!



DON'T BE LATE FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT DATE !





TERM 1 PASTA FUNDRAISER!

This term the Parentlink will be fundraising

Vera. Pasta Vera, based in Christchurch, sources the best fresh ingredients to deliver a range of quality fresh pasta, pesto, and lasagne as well as a Vegan and Gluten Free range. Pasta Vera products are NZ Made and Vegan Certified. ***Flyer coming home today.***

Place your order through this link: fundraise.pasta.co.nz/f/paremata-school

through Pasta

NETBALL

Training with Pulse

Year 5-8, Thursday 21st March (tomorrow) after school

Trials

Trials for winter Paremata Senior netball and all players trialling for the Aims games netball team.

Year 6 (all year 6 players) - Grading tournament - 3.15- 4.15pm

Year 7/8 + Aims games netball - 4.30- 6pm ish

Please come ready to play! Nails cut, earrings out, suitable footwear and drink bottle.

Parents are welcome to watch.



Postponement date for senior trials. Tuesday 26th March - (school closes early)

Year 6 (all year 6 players) - Grading tournament - 12.45-2.00pm

Year 7/8 + Aims Games Netball - 2.15pm - 4.00pm ish

Any questions please contact netball@paremata.school.nz

Leadership Camp

On the 14th of March all of the seniors from Kahikatea were getting ready to stay at Battle Hill overnight. There were heaps of bags packed to the brim even though we were only staying for one night. The tents were extremely difficult to put up, well for us, and every tent had at least 3-4 people.



After setting up the tents we had a little bit of free time which included swinging on a rope swing, playing rugby, volleyball and hanging out with friends. Then while we were having so much fun, we got informed we had to do a 3.5k walk. Everyone started moaning and trying to persuade Becky to not walk it. Obviously, that didn't work AT ALL and drove her to do it even more. By the time it was 30 minutes in, everyone was tired and wanted dinner. Especially me and Tori. I was so hungry that I ate my morning tea before everyone else.

When we eventually got to the top which took like an hour, we saw the most beautiful view ever. Becky told us the background story of why the campground is called "Battle Hill" and we were all shocked and grateful that we don't have to fight as they did back then.

We were so hot that we went swimming (with the eels) in the swimming hole!

Another activity we did was when we got to feed the eels and see the rams. We'll tell you about the Rams first, the rams were very interesting. But what caught my attention the most was how the wool wasn't worth anything!

After this we did leadership activities- these included the spider web, spud, nature scavenger hunt and an activity needing teamwork and communication. It was all really fun!

We were all hungry for dinner! We had pizza and hot chips- it was delicious. We then played spotlight, capture the dots and did a nightline. We got some big scares!

Eventually everyone was quiet ... although some people were STILL talking at 3am! We got up at 7.30am (some of us earlier). We packed up, this took ages!



Blake (formally known as the Sir Peter Blake Trust) and New Zealand Geographic, have joined forces to make New Zealand's natural environments more accessible by using virtual reality. Through virtual reality, they can take the ocean into the classroom.



What a fantastic follow up this experience was for our tamariki from the Kauri Team who went snorkelling earlier this term at Taputeranga Marine Reserve. The rest of the Kauri Team (Rooms 15&16) are scheduled to go snorkelling this Friday, 22nd March. They have room for another couple of volunteers, so if you are free to join them and support their adventure, please let Rachel know – rachelh@paremata.school.nz.

Blake virtual reality sets - 19.3.24

I put on the headset then Splash! As I dived into the ocean it looked like a whole new universe. Fish all around me dashing through the salty ocean. This was the first thing I saw as I sank into the ocean. At one point where we were in a vertical wall with yellow sea sponges clinging to the wall's triple fins hiding in it and stingrays with funny faces floated above me.

We also went under a wharf where the water was green and a tyre was littered with pipes and algae. We also flew over White Island in a drone which had a volcano that was spitting out white smoke. There were gannets everywhere, all on the cliffs. In non-protected areas there were kina barrens and no seaweed. Poor Knight's was beautiful, it was a paradise with beautiful sea creatures. By Oliver McClure - Room 14, Rūma Takahē

Blake Virtual Reality 19/3/24

Holy! I feel like I'm in Heaven. As I looked around in the infinite blue ocean staring deep down at the dark bit of the ocean suddenly a school of fish came. "AH!" Oh, I forgot I'm using a VR set.

Soon we moved on to the next one "WOW" I said to myself. We were in Goat Island Marine Reserve! We also looked at Poor Knight's Marine reserve and White Island where gannets live. I'm just wondering why they're called this. It is really amazing that there was a volcano that erupted at White Island.

The people who were telling us about this stuff were Alice and Rewa from Blake NZ VR to tell the whole year 5 & 6 syndicates (room 13 & 14 also 15 & 16). We did it on Tuesday 19th March 2024

I want there to be more biodiversity. One thing is some places are healthy and some are polluted.

Please don't litter and don't over fish! By Aaron Zhou - Room 14, Rūma Takahē

Blake-virtual Reality sets

Wow I exclaimed excitedly to myself as I pulled on my headset and was transported to a vibrant and amazing underwater paradise! On Tuesday 19th March, Takahē and Kākāpō were so lucky to have Alice and Rewa from Blake NZ VR come visit us to teach us about "Threats to the moana".

We were up high in the sky flying above the white smoked volcano. It was so scary but cool at the same time. Like flying over a volcano in a drone it was AMAZING!!! When we dove underwater it was like an underworld heaven. There were so many cool fish to see that my eyeballs nearly popped out of my eye sockets. By Paige McLeod, Room 14, Takahē.

19.3.24 Blake VR headsets

SPLASH!!! Suddenly there was a big school of blue maumau fish swimming around me!!! In room 13 I put on my headset and there was life all around me. Some places were really clear and had lots of biodiversity and some places where really dirty and had too much algae and there was rubbish everywhere. To help you can plant more trees and not litter and pick up rubbish. - By Yaniah Room 13, Rūma Kakapo

**MOST YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED
WHAT'S UNDER THE SURFACE OF OUR OCEAN**





KELLY SPORTS APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.

The programme is packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. We have some exciting days planned: *Running Rampage Day, Adventures*

on Wheels Day, Pirate Sports Day, Dodgeball Blitz Day, Football World Cup Day and trips to Zealandia, Police Museum, Aotea Lagoon plus Zappo the Magician and the Kelly Sports Bouncy Castle are coming to Kelly Sports!

To enrol www.kellysports.co.nz email admin@kellysports.co.nz or call 021 972 728

AKOTECH CodeCamps April School Holidays - EARLY DISCOUNTS



Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action-packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code robots & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have **Literati Lab** just for girls

Venue: Queen Margaret College, Thorndon - Dates: 15th - 18th & 22nd - 26th April

Book Now at www.akotech.nz EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 22nd March, Siblings Save 6%

Autumn Holiday Programme @ Adventure School, 15 - 26 April 2024

BOOKINGS OPEN Now! 2 weeks of popular and exciting activities await your child (e.g. Trip to Laserforce, Trampoline Park, Roller Skating Rink, Magic & Illusion, Rimutaka Gym, Minigolf @ Pirates Cove, Movies @ Lighthouse Cinema and many more).

BOOK ONLINE: www.asfc.co.nz or for more information e-mail holprog@asfc.co.nz or call 027-454-6975. Our opening times are 7.30 am - 5.00 / 5.30pm. Children from all schools are welcome ☺



Holiday Programme @ Adventure School



JUNIOR SQUASH NIGHT AT MANA SQUASH CLUB

Every Friday night during the school term from 6pm until 7.30pm.

For information contact - Ben Jansen (Junior Convenor) email: juniors@manasquash.co.nz

See poster on our noticeboard

APRIL HOLIDAY COMPUTER CLASSES

Grand Training runs educational and fun computer classes over the holidays at our Wellington City location for ages 5 to 16. For information & bookings 499-2211 or grandtraining.co.nz

- Minecraft from Introduction to Mods and Servers
- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python or Java.
- Code and Create 3D Games.
- Web Design, HTML and CSS
- Build a PC
- Film and Video Editing
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children
- Online Safety and Privacy

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Everyone coming into New Zealand needs to complete an NZTD. You'll answer questions about your trip and what's in your bags. You can complete it at a time that suits you, on the [NZTD website](https://nztd.govt.nz) or by downloading the [NZTD app](https://nztd.govt.nz), and submit it 24 hours before your trip back to New Zealand.

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