
PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2024

WEEK 8 – TERM 4



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Tomorrow

Thursday 5th December
Friday 6th December

Monday 9th December
Wednesday 11th December
Thursday 12th December
Friday 13th December
Tuesday 17th December
Monday 3rd February 2025

HAMBURGER DAY

Kauri Team (13&16) Waka ama – Onepoto
Kahikatea Team (Rm 6&8) to Mana Island
(Rm5&7) to Ngati Toa Domain
Kauri Team Fun Day at Aotea Lagoon
Year 8 Leavers / Awards Evening
Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Reports and Class Lists go home
School finishes for 2024 @ 12:30pm
School commences for 2025



Monday 2nd December
Monday 2nd – Monday 9th December
Tuesday 10th – Monday 16th December

ALL library books must be returned
Library CLOSED, including lunchtimes, for stocktake
Library open for Summer Reading Programme issues only

Kia ora tatou

2024 Parumoana Speech Finals

A huge round of applause to Joel-Jakes who came first place in the Year 7/8 speech final along with Lou who came second in the Year 5/6 group. Congratulations to you both - what a fantastic achievement and well done to all out students for the effort they put into their speeches this year.

School Reports and 2025 Class lists

It's a Black Friday extravaganza with the tamariki getting both their school reports and finding out what class they are in next year on 13 December. School reports will be e-mailed home and the students will meet their 2025 teacher on Friday afternoon. The teaching staff have worked very hard on generating well balanced classes with the main priority being positive social mixes for the children. While some children may feel they are not with all of their friends it is important not to forget that new classes also mean making new friendships with other children and extending social circles. It also means that some current friendship groups may be a distraction and not very conducive to focused learning in class.

End of term Assembly

School finishes for the year on Tuesday, 16 December at 12.30pm. The Leavers assembly will start at 11.45am in the hall.

Family Contribution Donation/Technology Donation

As you may be aware, all of our extra school curriculum costs are covered by school donations and we are not able to ask parents to pay for school outings that are part of the curriculum. This means that if you haven't made any contribution this year, other families who have, are covering your child's trip costs, Year 7/8 Technology at Plimmerton School, swimming lessons and aquatic activities.

Moving forward in 2025 we will have to reduce the number of outings the classes go on as the families who contribute cannot keep sustaining the number of families who are not. Regrettably we are currently \$36000 under the threshold if all families paid their school donations. Families are able to get a 33% refund of their school donations using the receipts from school. Using MyIR you upload these receipts into the system. Parents can also pay their donations weekly or fortnightly with an automatic payment or organise a payment programme.

Hayfever

As we have a lot of children with hayfever at the moment. So, if your child needs medication, you are welcome to leave some in the office for us to administer (permission form required).

Nga mihi nui

Matua Bryce

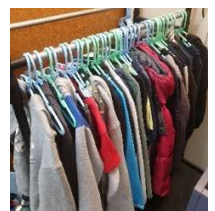
HAMBURGERS – CHANGE OF DAY THIS WEEK - TOMORROW



We will be serving hamburgers tomorrow (Thursday) this week instead of Friday. If you are pre-paying, please do so today as payments often don't show up in the morning. Also, please remember to let your child know you have pre-paid for a hamburger so they put their name on the list. Many thanks.



We have a huge amount of lost property that has been sorted and hung up in the office foyer. Please come and have a look to see if you recognise anything that may belong to someone in your family. Named clothing has been handed back to the owner.



MANA ISLAND TRIP

On Tuesday, 3rd December, Room 7 and 5 travelled on a boat (bumpy ride) over to Mana Island. We learnt many interesting facts about the beautiful island as we walked the bushy tracks. Fun was had by all.





LIBRARY STOCKTAKE AND END OF YEAR DETAILS

ALL the library books need to be returned as soon as possible!

One class has already returned all their books - great work Ruma Piwakawaka.

When you bring your books back, please either put them in the return bin outside the library or give them to the students who will be coming to classrooms to collect books.



Any outstanding books at the end of the year will have to be paid for and an account will go home

The library is now **CLOSED**, including lunchtimes, until Tuesday 10th December, so that I can concentrate on doing the stocktake. During the stocktake I scan all the books that the library has in it. This helps to keep the catalogue information up to date, as well keeping an accurate number of books (stock) in the library. I also find out books that are missing and books that are damaged and then what needs to be reordered.



Once I have finished the stocktake the library will open again to run the Summer Reading Programme. The programme helps to stop 'the summer reading slide' and continues to utilise the library books while the school is closed over the long summer break.

What is the Summer Reading Slide?

The long summer break without reading books and listening to stories can make a big difference to children's reading. This is known as the **summer reading slide**. So you need to read regularly during the break, so that you don't fall behind in your reading. The good news is that children who read at least four books over the summer maintain or even increase their skills.

How do I join the Summer Reading Programme?

- You (child and parent/caregiver) sign a contract to promise to look after the books and return by the end of the **first week of Term One 2025**.
Copies of the contract will be available in class, the library, attached to the newsletter or can be downloaded from the [library page](#) on the school webpage.
- Your child/children must not have any outstanding books.
- You may borrow up to **eight** books.
- You need to find a safe place in your house to keep them. You will be given a bag to help keep them together. You will also have a printed list of the books.
- The library will be open extended hours before and after school so you can accompany your child/ren to share in book selection, contracts will be available to sign. Children can also go in class time in arrangement with their teacher (they need a form signed by a parent/caregiver).
- The library will be open:-

Tuesday 10th December **8:30am - 5:00pm**

Wednesday 11th December **8:30am - 4:30pm**

Thursday 12th December **8:30am - 5:00pm**

Friday 13th December **8:30am - 4:30pm**

Monday 16th December **8:30am - 4:30pm**

Any queries please contact Emma Crossley email library@paremata.school.nz

TOTAL TOUCH



The total touch season has now finished for 2024. They are starting up again in 2025. All teams did really well, with some play offs for first place. The year 7&8 boys took out the trophy this season. A special mention to Luka who became injured yet supported his team by attending all games, and Rex who jumped in for him. What an awesome game and great season to everyone!

All shirts must be washed returned by next Wednesday. This gives me time to get them all away by the end of the year. If there is anyone interested in touch 2025, email Becky directly including the year level of your child in 2025 – beckys@paremata.school.nz. Payment of \$25pp. will be due prior to the season starting.

2025 TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

Term 1

Monday 3 February – Friday 11 April

Public Holidays

Waitangi Day – Thursday 6 February

School holidays include

Good Friday – 18 April

Easter Monday – 21 April

Easter Tuesday – 22 April (a school holiday)

Anzac Day – Friday 25 April

Term 2

Monday 28 April – Friday 27 June

Public Holidays

King's Birthday – Monday 2 June

Matariki – Friday 20 June

Term 3

Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September

Term 4

Monday 6 October – Tuesday 16th December



Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

**SCHOOL
HOLIDAY
PROGRAMS**



PORIRUA CITY LIBRARIES SUMMER FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

The centrepiece of the programme will be *Imagine a Multicultural Playdate!* on January 22, with multilingual story and song sessions for little ones of all sizes, multisensory craft zones, Scottish harp with a view of the harbour, community-building services and cultural experiences, all in the welcoming environs of our newest and friendliest neighbours, Kai Tahu (just across the road from the library).

Recurring experiences include: *Imagine Authors Club!* for writers 8-12 years (limited numbers, so book fast by return email to make this a summer your young writer will never forget); and *Imagine Digital Discovery!* sessions (also limited numbers, so book with noha.ibrahim@porirua.govt.nz).

Special guests include: Rainbow Circus, launching the festival with a Taylor Swift-inspired pop star party; Across the Great Divide, with their *Unity Through Diversity* interactive concert programme; Brick Antics, who'll bring a fabulous LEGO experience for all; award-winning, local Young Adult author Erin Donohue (for writers aged 12+ -- limited numbers, so book by return email); storyteller and crankie maker Peter Stevenson, all the way from Wales; and the return of fabulous We the Collateral, to close the festival with *Imagine a Mini Book-Builders Studio!* We'll be turning the outside of the children's library office into a rock star scene, with a collaborative collage effort that will last all holidays. All events are free of charge. Everything – except *Imagine a Multicultural Playdate!* – happens at Porirua Libraries' City Centre branch.

See the school noticeboard for the programme or check out the *What's Happening* section of the Porirua Libraries <https://porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on/>

Summer Holiday Computer Classes

Grand Training runs educational and fun computer classes over the holidays at our Wellington City location for ages 5 to 16.

- Minecraft from Introduction to Mods.
- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python or Java.
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children
- Build Your own Computer

Up to 15% off during the December/January School Holidays

For information & bookings 499-2211 or grandtraining.co.nz

SCIENCE & TECH CLASSES

COMING TO WELLINGTON IN 2025

CODING, ROBOTICS, 3D PRINTING, SCIENCE, MINECRAFT

AFTER-SCHOOL + HOLIDAYS

- SUBMIT YOUR SCHOOL + SUBURB

1:1 SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERSE & DISABLED STUDENTS

- CARER SUPPORT & INDIVIDUALISED FUNDING

FREE TRIALS OPEN NOW

- EMAIL REFERRALS@BRAINPLAY.CO.NZ TO BOOK A 1:1 TRIAL

BRAINPLAY.CO.NZ

The poster features a purple background with white text. It includes three circular images: a person coding, a Minecraft scene, and a 3D printer. A QR code is also present.

<https://www.youtube.com/@KiwiKidsintheKitchen/videos>

Kiwi Kids in the Kitchen
by ANNA MARIE EATS

BAKE MY DRAWING

STUFFED CRUST PIZZA

WE MAKE FUN AND DELICIOUS FOODIE VIDEOS JUST FOR KIWIS!

HOW TO MAKE A RAINBOW PULL-APART CAKE

WE LOVE TO COOK!

SCAN ME

YouTube

The poster is colorful with images of various cakes and a woman holding a cake. It includes a QR code and a YouTube logo.

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Keeping of Animals Bylaw Review

Porirua City Council is reviewing its Keeping of Animals Bylaw (2018) to address complaints, simplify enforcement and to prepare for community growth. The goal is to balance the rights of pet owners and the need for their neighbours to enjoy a peaceful living environment.

Key changes:

- Owners are responsible for nuisances, property damage, and wandering animals.
- New bylaw includes cats, requiring desexing, microchipping, and registration within one year of the regulations coming into effect.
- Beehives are restricted in suburban, city and industrial areas, and banned on small properties (less than 500m²).
- Hive owners must provide water and manage bee flight paths.
- Maximum of six chickens allowed per suburban property.
- Stock animals prohibited in city center and suburban areas, with some minor regulatory updates.
- Clarifications on stock and poultry definitions introduced.
- Council Officers will have greater power to issue violation notices.

Have your say!

Share your thoughts by scanning the QR code or by visiting our website.
www.haveyoursay.porirua.govt.nz

The poster features a photo of sheep in a field and a QR code for public feedback.

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Friends & Family Christmas Deals

From 6 Dec - 20 Dec 2024

cost +5%
TVs, Computers, Whiteware & Cellular*

cost +7.5%
storewide, exclusions apply*

15% off all tech solutions service offers*

Scan this barcode in-store OR Use this code online: FFKURAWHANAU

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Ask us about interest-free finance options

Over 65 stores nationwide

The poster has a red and green color scheme with a nutcracker character. It includes a barcode and a coupon code.