


# Pārāwai School



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## Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,  
Kia Orana,

A very warm welcome to our new students and their families to Pārāwai School, Danny Topia - Room 15 and Taitan Topia – Room 4. We hope that you have made a successful start this week and enjoy the many wonderful opportunities that are on offer here at school.

We have had an eventful week here at school and the remainder of the term looks to be much the same. Our students have continued to be involved in some fantastic learning programmes. I am fortunate to be able to visit classes and see our students involved in many interesting activities. It is great to see! I do encourage all parents / caregivers to take a couple of minutes and ask your child/ren what they have been learning at school this week. I am sure that your child/ren would enjoy sharing their learning experiences with you. This week, we have had students involved in the EPRO 8 –technology challenge and also our Senior School students have had a visit from a New Zealand author - more details are included later in the newsletter.

### MATARIKI 2017

A big thank you to Matt & Te Ana Elliot Hogg for donating a generous amount of firewood for our whole school 'Kumara Bake'. We have now got enough for the bonfire! Of course if anyone has spare manuka firewood it would add a lovely flavour to our kumara!

Pārāwai students will be learning about Matariki (Māori New Year) over the next few weeks, and to celebrate as a school, we are holding two events to mark this important time in our calendar. Matariki is a time when we remember our loved ones who have passed away, celebrate the end of the harvesting season and prepare for the upcoming planting season. It is a time when families come together to share a meal and spend time together. It is a great way to celebrate the appearance of Matariki (Pleiades). Visit this website for more information about how you as a family can celebrate Matariki.

<https://www.kiwifamilies.co.nz/articles/matariki-maori-new-year/>

The two events will be a **Kumara Bake on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June** and a **Soup and Roll Day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. A notice with the details for these events & what they will need to bring will be going home with the children today.

### Support the Steele Family – Sausage Sizzle and Pyjama Day

Adam, whom many of us know, used to be our Project Energizer facilitator. He worked closely with our school until he decided to have a change of career and become a teacher. We have recently found out that he has cancer and is undergoing chemo therapy. Many of us in Thames and further afield have asked how we can help. The Steele's have not wanted to openly ask for financial support, however this is their greatest concern. We want to show them that they are important to us and so we are asking people to join us in supporting the family to get through this trying time.

To support Adam and his family Pārāwai School are having a Sausage Sizzle and a Pyjama Day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June to raise funds. Any extra donations can also be given into the school office or donated through the Give-A-Little page <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/adamsteele>

## Epro8 Challenge

**Congratulations** to our Pārāwai Masterminds - Jacob Rush, Jordan Wheater, Jahziyeth Oka Gage and Austin Court who came second in the Year 5 & 6 category of the Epro8 Challenge, held here at Pārāwai School, last Friday. These boys have now qualified for the Semi Finals which will be held in Morrinsville on June 30th. Well done team!

## Visit from Author Susan Brocker

The Pārāwai school senior syndicate students heartily enjoyed a visit from the Kiwi born author, Susan Brocker. Room Ten and Eleven have been engrossed in Susan's books the whole year with Room Ten reading "Saving Sam" in term one, and Room Eleven reading "Saving Sam" in term two. Room ten is currently in the midst of another one of her books called "The Drover's Quest".

Susan was born in Taupo, where she grew up, and one of her stories was inspired by the wild horses sign on the Desert Road out of Taupo. Susan graduated out of The University of Waikato with a BA in history. She now lives in Tauranga where she has a small farm. Her first book was written when she was twelve years old and her teachers put it in the library where it was a smash success. Susan gave Room Ten and Eleven a lot of great tips about writing and, even though it is a bit too early for any of our writings to be widely published, Susan told us how she publishes her books. Susan has written over sixty books, most of which are published in America. You can borrow her books from the school library or buy them yourself. Her website is "susanbrocker.com"

**Written by Yuri  
Room Ten**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Pyjama and Sausage Sizzle Day	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Matariki Celebration with bonfire and kumara bake	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Tapuwae Competition @ South School	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June <b>***New Date***</b>
Gymfest – Thames High College Gym	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Epro8 Challenge Semi Finals @ Morrinsville	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Matariki Celebration – Soup and Roll Day	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Tackle Rugby Tournament – Yr 5-8	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
School Disco	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Last Day of Term 2	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Term 3</b>	
Senior Market Fair – 11:00am to 1:30pm	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July
Science Roadshow @ Thames High School	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Term 4</b>	
Pārāwai School 50 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> October

## Items wanted for Room 1

Our new entrant class would like any items such as building blocks, lego, dolls and dolls furniture for their imaginative play sessions. Any items can be dropped into Room1 or to the office. Thank you.



## REAL Certificate winners this week

**Responsible – Tūtika Engaged – Whakahihiwa Active – Mātātoha Learner– konga**

**Q'Say Subritzky** – For being an Active Learner.

**Ashlyn Schacherer-George** - An active and engaged learner in her reading group.

**Makayla Ladbrook** – For displaying all the REAL values.

**Raiden Gage and Eli O'Neil** - For displaying all of the Real values.

**Cyrus Tohu** - Enthusiasm for learning, especially in writing, and for making good decisions.

**Izzy Fox** - Responsible & Engaged (For her idea and organisation of the Pink Shirt Day).

**Corey Richards** - Responsible & Engaged (Always responsible, especially when organising Senior Sport).

**Tumanako Ihaia** Engaged and Active (for his work on advertising and use of technology to produce a flier).

**Troy Costello** - For being active engaged, and thinking creatively in writing.

**Tyla Cullen** – For being a REAL learner.

## Lucky Book Club

Last day for ordering book club through the Office is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Alternatively you can order online through Scholastic/Lucky Book Club <http://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>



## Australian Exams Schedule

The children who have enrolled in the Australian exams will be sitting these during class time on the following dates;

English                      Tue 1 Aug  
Mathematics                Tue 15 Aug

## Netball Draw

15 June 2017	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6
4.30pm	Year 5 & 6 Manaia V Hikuai	Year 3 & 4	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6 Te Puru Dynamite V Te Puru Thunder	Year 5 & 6 Parawai Silver Ferns V South	Year 1 & 2
5.30pm	Year 7 & 8 South V TP Firebirds	Year 7 & 8 Parawai Flyers V TP Fusion	Year 7 & 8 Manaia Mako V Parawai Magic	Year 7 & 8 Hikuai V M/M Sliders		

Duty Team (Need to be there at 4pm) - Hikuai

Fun Ferns (Year 1 & 2) will start at 3.45pm

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will have a 10 minute warmup at 4.30pm and games to start at 4.45pm

## Value of the fortnight: Integrity - Ngākau Tapatahi

The value that our school is currently focusing on is Integrity

- Showing integrity means being sincere, open, honest and truthful. When people show integrity they can be relied on not to cheat, lie or steal. It means you do what you say you will do. Your actions match your words.

You are showing integrity when you...

- Say what you mean and mean what you say
- Make promises you can keep
- Tell the truth, no matter what
- If you make a mistake, admit it
- Are true to yourself and do what you know is right

**Te Kupu o te Wiki for the week starting Rāhina, 19 Pipiri 2017 is Koirā!**

**Koirā! – Yes, that's the one!**

Check out the Kupu Māori page, <http://kupu.maori.nz/kupu-o-te-wiki-2016> to link to; and to listen to; each weekly phrase as an mp3 recording or download the pdf.

Tirohia atu te whārangi Kupu Māori, Te Kupu o te Wiki 2016/2017, ki te hono, me ki te whakarongo te rerenga kupu ia wiki. Hei whakarongo mp3, hei perēhitanga ranei.

**Ākina te Reo - Give Māori Language a Go!**


## Pārāwai School 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October

As you may be aware Pārāwai School turns 50 this year and to mark this occasion a 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration has been planned for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

A very informal, yet fun, programme has been organised and registrations are now open. The programme and registration form are available online on our Proudly Pārāwai Facebook page, our website [www.parawai.school.nz](http://www.parawai.school.nz) or available at the school office.



### Quote of the week

It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer.  
~Albert Einstein 

### Term Dates and Holidays for 2017

Term 2 - Monday 1st May to Friday 7th July

Term 3 - Monday 24th July to Friday 29th September

Term 4 - Monday 16th October to Friday 15th December


Kind Regards  
Hayden Iles



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10AM  
SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2017  
SUNDAY 2 JULY 2017

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