



# Pārāwai School



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## Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,  
Kia Orana,

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new students and their families to Pārāwai School,  
George Duff – Room 1.

We hope that you have made a successful start this week and enjoy the many wonderful opportunities that are on offer here at school.

It has come to our attention that some student's are wearing non uniform items to school. We do have a school uniform that is compulsory for all students. We ask that parent's / caregivers assist us here at school by ensuring that your child/ren are dressed in the correct uniform each day. If there is a genuine reason why your child / ren are not in the correct uniform we would appreciate a note of explanation from parent /caregivers. We thank you for your assistance with this issue.

It is important that all children are dressed in the appropriate school uniform.

**Mufti Day – Pink Shirt Day for Anti Bullying - Tomorrow – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Please bring a gold coin donation.**



On Friday 26 May 2017, we're asking New Zealanders to celebrate Pink Shirt Day and stand together to take action against bullying. Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, mobilising their whole school, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

### Teacher Only Day

**School will be closed on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** (the Tuesday after Queen's Birthday Weekend) for a Teacher Only Day.

The purpose of the Teacher Only Day will be to launch our teams wide Community of Learning. This Teacher Only Day replaces the planned day that was to be held at the end of last term but was postponed due the Civil Emergency here in Thames. All teachers and teacher aides from the schools involved in Thames Community of Learning (approx. 140 Teachers/Teacher Aides) will be at this Teacher Only Day. This is advanced notice of the day and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Night reading to your child

Below is an interesting graph about how reading to your child every night compares in numbers.

### Night's Reading Comparison

	After 1 term	After 1 year	After 3 years
Every <b>school night</b> , including <b>weekends and holidays</b>	84	336	1008
Every <b>school night</b> , including <b>weekends</b>	70	280	840
Every <b>school night</b>	50	200	600
<b>3 nights</b> per week	30	120	360

## Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is named as students are often removing their outer clothing for activities and items are being misplaced. Naming the uniform will help to get the clothing back to the correct student. Students can wear plain black shirts/thermals under the school polo shirts in the winter to ensure they keep warm.

Please also ensure that plain black unbranded shorts/trousers/skorts are worn with the school uniform. Plain black beanies or school uniform beanies can also be worn during the colder months.

## Australian Exams Schedule

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

Digital Technologies	Tue 23 May
Science	Tue 30 May
Writing	Mon 12 June
Spelling	Wed 14 June
English	Tue 1 Aug
Mathematics	Tue 15 Aug

## Tech Reports for Senior Students.

Tech Reports will be going home with the senior students in the next few days .

## Donation of surplus items to the Pacific Islands.

We have donated 100 plastic chairs, 14 wooden desks and 4 padded chairs along with a box of readers (which were surplus to requirements) to a charitable trust called "Furniture For Schools" that ships recycled furniture and books to needy schools in the Pacific Islands. We are really pleased that they can be put to good use elsewhere.

## REAL Certificate winners this week

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

**Lacey Harris** - For being Engaged Learner

**James Heap** - For being a responsible, engaged, active learner in everything he does.

**Walter Wiki** - For being an Engaged and Active Learner

**Charlotte Parker** - For being a Responsible learner

**Angad Kainth** - For displaying all of the REAL values.

**Rome Flynn** - for displaying all of the REAL values

**Wyatt Doherty** - Responsible and Engaged in writing.

**Sophie Scott** - Responsible, Engaged, Active Learner

**Andrew Good** - Engaged and Active in his research project

**Milo Schild** - Engaged and Active in his research project

**Slade Costello** - Engaged and Active in Research

**Jamie Moxsom** - For being a Responsible and Active learner in Room 14

**Lewis Holmes** - Responsible and active learner

**Almaaz Jones** - For being a REAL learner

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Queen's Birthday – School closed

**Teacher Only Day – School closed**

EPro8 Challenge - Yr 7&8

EPro8 Challenge – Yr 5&6

Tapuwae Competition

Gymfest – Thames High College Gym

Tackle Rugby Tournament – Yr 5-8

School Disco

Last Day of Term 2

**Term 3**

Senior Market Fair – 11:00am to 1:30pm

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 5:00pm

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 9:30am

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July

## Carpark Safety

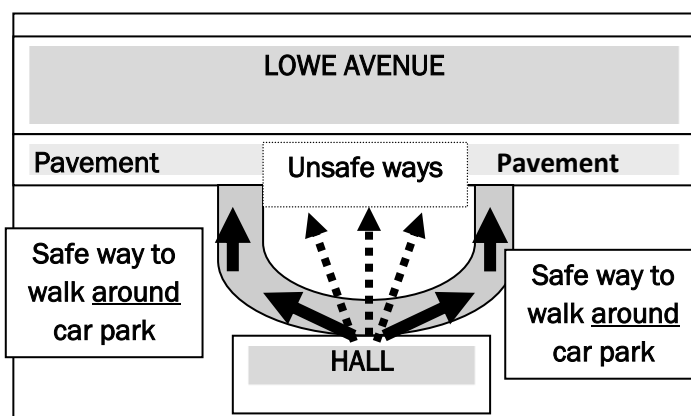
Parents can you please park in the designated spaces and walk **around** the car park on the paths, not **across** the car park through the cars when picking up your child /ren.

New parents to the school may be unaware of the situation. I hope the attached diagram will help clarify things.

Please do not beckon or encourage your children to go across the car park to meet you on the other side.

And if walking with your child, please set a good example and take them around on the curved concrete path (see black arrows) not through the middle. We have had a few near misses in the past and the safety of our students is paramount. It is the job of the teachers on duty to enforce these guidelines (they are not being 'picky') and your co-operation is not only appreciated, but is vital for everyone's safety.

Parents please ensure that you also use the crossing on Lowe Avenue when crossing the street into the school.



## Netball Draw 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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

## Duty Team (need to be there at 4pm) - Parawai

Fun Ferns (Years 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

## Quote of the week

*I would rather die of passion than of boredom – Vincent van Gogh*

## Value of the fortnight: Emotional Intelligence - Whatumanawa

Emotional Intelligence means:

- knowing your own feelings and using them to make good decisions in life
- managing your moods and controlling your own behaviour
- being self-confident, focused and independent
- overcoming setbacks in working towards your goals
- seeing something from another person's point of view and knowing what they are feeling
- being able to work with others and develop friendships
- being able to persuade and lead others.

## Te Kupu o te Wiki for the week starting Rāhina, 29 Haratua 2017 is Kotahi atu ki te paepiro!

### Kotahi atu ki te paepiro! *Straight to the try line!*

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!

## 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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# Community Notices

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**Thames Youth Centre Inc.**

**Embracing Youth Vision**

**Come chill out at our 'Chill Out Saturday's'**

**Here at the Thames Youth Centre**

**126 Kirkwood Street**

**Saturday 10-2pm for ages 12-24**

**Free of charge**

We also wish to offer complimentary tickets to some children so have created a colouring competition based on the profiles of our Belle and Beast characters. We will choose two local winners from three categories (under 5 years; 5-7 years and 8-12 years).

Beauty  
and The  
Beast  
children's  
Colouring



Thames Music And Drama are producing what we believe to be the first LIVE Disney show in the Coromandel. This will be staged in the Thames Civic Centre from June 10th to 17th. We are very excited to bring the magic of Disney to our community and have done our best to keep prices as affordable as possible, especially for children.

### Competition

**WIN** a ticket to the show and a photo with our Belle & Beast

**PLUS** a meet & greet with your favourite characters

Two winners selected from each age category.

Forms are available at the school office.

Entries must be at School Office by 3pm on 31st May. Winners notified by email.

Categories: under 5 years; 5 – 7 years, 8 – 12 years