


# Pārāwai School



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## Newsletter 1st February 2018

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau, Kia Orana,

A very warm welcome back to all students, families and staff for 2018. I hope that all our families were able to spend some quality time together over the holiday season. It was great to see everyone back at school on Wednesday, happy and enthusiastic; ready for the new school year.

A BIG welcome also to the new students and families who have joined the learning community at Pārāwai School. It is fantastic to be able to enrol so many new students and their families to school. I hope for the new families that it is the start of a long and positive association with our school. It is great to be able to announce that we have a large number of 5 year olds that will also be starting with us throughout the year.

This week we welcome;

Elsa Machado, Ryley Hutton, Willow Gilliland, Millie Collier, Niko Vukojevich and Blake Bergersen – Rm1

Tehaurere-Waiora Porter - Rm 2

Samiu Masima – Rm 3

Keita-Raewyn Ihaia-Hira - Rm 4

Edna Masima – Rm 5

Cecilia Mackenzie and Xavier-Shakur Hira-Ihaia – Rm 6

Charlie Bhai and Manaia-Judith Henare-Ryland – Rm 14

Lupe Masima – Rm 15

Flynn Davey and Finlay Lyon – Rm 10

Alexus Bryce – Rm 11

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

Welcome back to Paula Denize our school cleaner, Paula has been away on sick leave for a period of time and it's great to have her back with us. Special thanks go to Angelika Poeschl and Sharon Deadman who have covered the cleaning duties during Paula's absence.

### Exciting news

Late last year Pārāwai school board of trustees applied for funding for new technology (in the form of chrome books) along with funding for new kapa haka piupiu (costume) and new rugby uniforms for our students. We are delighted to be able share with you all that we were successful in being granted \$28000 for new technology, this will allow us to purchase a further 84 chrome books and charging trolleys. We received \$14000 to go towards new piupiu for our kapa haka group and lastly we received \$1500 which will be put towards new rugby uniforms for our school. We are extremely grateful to the Grassroots Trust for this most amazing amount of funding. It will make a huge difference to all of our students and their learning programmes here at school.

## Attendance and Absences

If your child is away from school we need to be contacted by phone, note or email before 9am. Please call **07 868 8117** or TXT **027 7214 333**. Our email address is [office@parawai.school.nz](mailto:office@parawai.school.nz) The School is required to keep a record of attendance and we follow up on unexplained absences through the Thames Truancy Service. These absences are checked after 9.30am. Students coming to school after 8.55am must report to the office. This lets the office staff know that a student is present. One of our school targets for 2018 will be to improve our attendance rates even further, as enhanced attendance rates mean higher achievement for our students. Even though our average across the school is around **95%**, **we still have a range of 67% to 100% for individual children. Our aim is to have every child attending school as near to 100% as possible.**

## School Donations 2018

The school donation is a voluntary payment made to the school. The donation is \$80.00 for one child and \$60.00 for every child thereafter, with a maximum amount of \$160.00 per family. This means that a family of 3 or more children would pay \$160.00 for the whole family. Payment of the school donation can be made at the school office or online to our Pārāwai School Bank Account 030458 0160428-00. Please ensure you provide your child's name and "donation" as a reference.

## Updating personal details

If any family has changed addresses, telephone numbers or there have been changes in student medical information we would appreciate if you could provide the office with the new information. We can then make the necessary amendments to your child/rens details. This is an important health and safety area and your assistance would be appreciated if changes have occurred with your children.

## Volunteers for school camps and activities

If you are interested in being parent help for our school activities which include class day trips etc. and especially camp we would like to hear from you now.

In line with our school policies and current Health and Safety requirements and Vulnerable Children's Act 2014 and in accordance with recent legislative changes we need to police vet our helpers for any overnight camps. This is an easy process (but one that takes some time) so if you are interested please call into the office to pick up a Police Vetting Form.

## Safety

For safety reasons, we ask that all child/ren who walk home from school leave the school grounds promptly at 3pm. This is to ensure that they can use the patrolled crossings provided.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Term 1

**Waitangi Day – School closed**

**Surf Safety at Waihi Beach – Senior School**

**Auckland Theatre Production "Under the Mountain" Yr 5-8**

**Pārāwai Swimming Sports – Middle and Senior School**

**T.V Swimming Sports – Middle and Senior**

**Easter – School closed Friday, Monday and Tuesday**

**Tues Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup>**

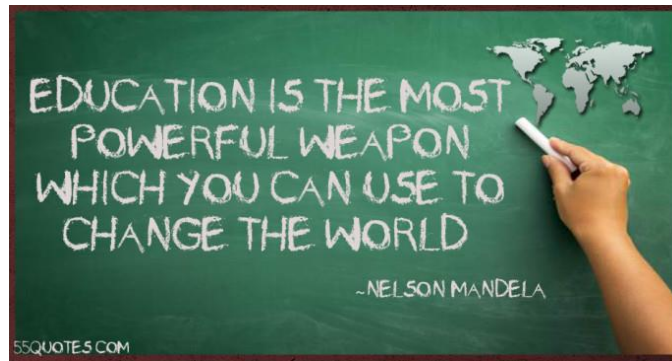
**Friday Mar 30<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## Value of the fortnight: Respect – Whakaute

You are showing respect when you...

- Treat everyone the way you would like to be treated
- Treat the property of others with special care
- Speak politely to people
- Follow the rules of your school and family
- Understand other people's need for time and space.

## Quote of the week



### Term Dates and Holidays for 2018

Term 1 – Wednesday 31st January to Friday 13th April

Term 2 - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 6th July

Term 3 - Monday 23rd July to Friday 28th September

Term 4 - Monday 15th October to no later than 20<sup>th</sup> December

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# Community Notices

## Girls Cricket Coaching

- For any girl who wants to give cricket a go, no experience needed.
- Coaching skills for all girls in a fun and friendly environment.
- Be part of the NPL experience

**Where: Jansen Park, Hamilton**

**When: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**Time: 10:00-11:00am**

*Girls are welcome to stay around and watch the action as the senior NPL starts at 11am. Come along and see the upcoming talent from around Northern Districts including New Zealand internationals and current Northern District Spirit Ladies*

Contact Andy: [hcawomenscricket@gmail.com](mailto:hcawomenscricket@gmail.com) -0212982561  
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