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Newsletter 23rd November 2017

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau, Kia Orana,

A very warm welcome to our new students and their families to Pārāwai School. This week we welcome Jett Elliott – 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 Pārāwai School.

Today we held our annual Junior Run Jump and Throw day here at school. We were lucky enough to have stunning weather which added to the enjoyment of the day. All the children in the junior team had an opportunity to participate in a variety of athletic sporting events in a participatory role. It was a great introduction for their future athletic sports days. I thank the junior teachers for organising the event along with thanking our parent community who were able to attend and support our young athletes. It was a memorable day for them.

Thames Valley Athletics

A huge thank you to our wonderful Parents who transported students to Te Aroha yesterday. The results of the events will be posted in next week's newsletter.

Last day of term.

Please note that the last day of term and school year will be **Thursday 14th December at 3pm**. It is somewhat earlier than previous years due to the cancellation of a Teacher Only day that was planned. The day was cancelled because of a Civil Emergency in Thames. The majority of Thames Schools will also be closing on this day as well.

The school Leavers Dinner for Year 8 students has also been shifted and will now take place on Wednesday 13th December. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Our first day of the 2018 school year will be on Wednesday 31st January 2018.

Uniform

With students removing their jumpers/hats and clothing for sports and swimming some items are getting mixed up with other student's items. If Parents/Caregivers could check all uniform to see if they have their own child's items and return any incorrect items to the office that would be great.

Unclaimed Scooters

We have several unclaimed scooters which have been left at school. If your child is missing a scooter please call into the office.

Spare clothing wanted for our sick bay please

We would be grateful for any black shorts/skorts/trackpants (all sizes) for our sick bay for when students need a change of clothes. If you have any spares could you please drop them into the office. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4

Waikato Athletics (Yr 7 & 8) at Porritt Stadium

Kapa Haka visit to Booms Rest Home

Cooks Beach Triathlon

TCDC Citizenship Ceremony – Kapa Haka visit

Rainbow's End Trip (Road Patrol, Mediators, Library Monitors)

Pārāwai School Prize Giving

Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Last day of term

Wednesday 29th November

Friday 1st December

Tuesday 5th December

Wednesday 6th December

Thursday 7th December

Monday 11th December @ 6pm

Wednesday 13th December

Thursday 14th December

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.

Te Kupu o te Wiki for the week starting Rāhina, 27 Whiringa-ā-rangi 2017 is Mea rawa ake i hinga/toa rātou! – Next minute, they lost/won!

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 whārangī 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!

Quote of the week

There's all sorts of recipes for the same cake;
You've just got to find the right mixture for yourself.

Zinzan Brooke



Term Dates 2018

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

Term 2 – Monday 30th April to Friday 6th July

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

Term 4 – Monday 15th October to end date to be confirmed.

Kind regards

Hayden Iles



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Community Notices

THAMES HAURAKI BALLET THEATRE PRESENTS

"Alice in Wonderland (Story)" with Leela Woolf as "Alice", Aidan Tully as "The Mad Hatter", "Alisha Wathen as "The White Rabbit" and Kimberley Mear as "The Red Queen"
Additional items - "Paquita" (Classical), "Quixote" (Contemporary).

Thames Civic Centre, Saturday 2nd December 2pm and 7pm .

Cost \$20 adult, \$12 child/seniors/students

Bookings and Information ph 027 242 8896 Door Sales

Sending Love Xmas Cards

In the news recently you may have seen the "sending love" campaign that is sweeping NZ.

A lot of elderly people in rest homes and care units do not receive any visitors or cards at Christmas time. This initiative has been set up so people can write/make a card and have them delivered to some of our most vulnerable and lonely citizens in the community. Pārawai School will have a "drop off" box so that if anyone would like to make cards can drop them off, ready for collection.



Christmas Cards for People Alone this Christmas

Many elderly people in rest homes do not get visitors or cards at Christmas. Please write a card for someone who might feel lonely during the holidays. **Cards can be handmade or store bought.**

Tips:

Make sure your card is filled with love.

Make it as creative as you can.

Ensure it has a legible message.

(if a child's words are illegible, write in brackets underneath).

Keep your envelope unsealed to give the rest homes discretion to check cards if they choose.

Try to avoid religious quotes - your recipient may not be religious

Just be you!

All these cards will be delivered to local rest homes, through the **Sending Love** organisation.

Please spread the word and get your friends and family involved.

Deadline: 6 December 2017

For more information, go to www.sendinglove.co.nz

Thank you for putting a smile on someone's face this Christmas!

Survivor

Several families are on summer holiday at a remote camping site on an idyllic Coromandel beach, including various age groups of children. Some are happy to be there and others are not!

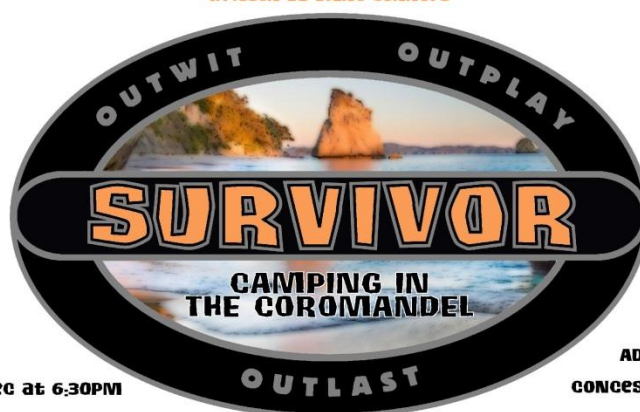
After the children are separated from the adults as a result of a landslide, they are left to their own devices.

At first the youngsters relish their freedom. However as chaos and dangers increase - order is needed.

Who will step up to the challenge?

THAMES MUSIC AND DRAMA PRESENTS

A YOUTH PRODUCTION
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15th DEC at 6:30PM
16th DEC at 2:00PM & 6:30PM
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