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Newsletter 5th April 2018

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau, Kia Orana,

I would like to personally welcome all of our new students and their families to our school and wish you a long and very happy association with us. This week we welcome Lexis Wilson - Room 1 and Lexie-Mae Wells - Room 2. We hope that you have made a successful start this week and enjoy the many wonderful opportunities that are on offer here at school.

A short but busy week here at school! Today we had Senior Student Leaders from the Thames region visiting our school. We also had representatives from Waikato Institute of Leisure and Sport and Project Energise leading the students through a series of games and activities. The activities were directly related and linked to leadership and growing the student's individual leadership ability. It was also a chance for the students from their respective schools to meet and work together in a collaborative way. The day is always hugely popular with the students and it is fantastic that we could host such a day here at school.

Early Closing tomorrow - Friday 6th April

Pārāwai School, along with all other Thames Community of Learning Schools, will be closing early on **Friday the 6th of April** to participate in Professional Learning around our target of lifting achievement in writing. Teachers will be attending a talk by Jay Lucas. Parents and Whanau are also invited to come along to the talk which starts at 1:30pm in the Thames High School Hall.

School will close at 12.30 pm. Please ensure your child is collected at 12:30pm.
Kauaeranga Valley Bus students will be picked up at the earlier time of 12:30.

PTA

We have been very lucky here at Pārāwai School in recent years to have had an active and enthusiastic PTA. This group worked tirelessly to coordinate events with the overarching goal of raising funds for our school and for this we are very appreciative. They met regularly and planned events including catering, quiz nights, ice skating and numerous sausage sizzle - all of which were resounding successes. We are keen for new parents to join this group, as parents whose children have gone on to high school also move off the PTA. Being part of the PTA has many benefits for both the school and the parents involved. It brings families together with a common goal of raising money for their children and great friendships can be formed.

If you are interested in being part of the PTA, please complete the return slip at the bottom of this newsletter or alternatively contact the school office to indicate your interest.

An initial meet and greet will be held early in term 2. Invitations will be sent to all interested people. We strongly urge you to consider this great opportunity.

Please complete and return this slip if you are interested in finding out more or being involved in the PTA.

Name _____

Contact phone number _____

Thames Valley Triathlon

The following students achieved a top 3 placing in the Cook's Beach Triathlon last week;

Girls Yr 5-6 Individual – **2nd Hannah Laurence, 3rd Lexis Rohrlach**
 Girls Yr 5-6 Team – **1st Rhona McInnis, Leiana Tukia, Charlize Davy**
 Boys Yr 5-6 Team – **2nd Lewis Holmes, Lincoln Rodgers, Ffin Owen**
 Well done to everyone who participated in this Event.

Value of the fortnight: Perseverance – Manawanui

You are showing perseverance when you...

- Believe what you are doing is important
- Set goals for yourself
- Focus attention on what you are doing
- Do not let others distract you
- Keep going even when it gets difficult
- Ask for help when you need it because what you are doing is too important to give up on
- Finish what you start.

Te Kupu o te Wiki for the week starting Rāhina, 9 Āperira 2018 is; Mea rawa ake – nek minnit / next minute / very soon

Check out the Kupu Māori page, <https://kupu.maori.nz/kupu-o-te-wiki-2017> 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 2017/2018, 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



Upcoming Events

March		~ April 2018 ~					May
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 Easter Monday School Closed	3 School Holiday School Closed	4	5	6 School closing at 12:30 for Professional Learning Afternoon	7	
8	9	10	11	12 School Disco	13 Last Day of Term 1	14	
15	16 School Holidays	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23 School Holidays	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30 School starts - Day1 - Term 2	Notes:					

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.

Hayden Iles



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Community Notices

In-school music lessons - Ukulele, Vocals or Piano/Keyboard! Fridays throughout the school day with NZMSM teacher Karyn Van Dam. Fun and creative! Ukulele shared lesson (groups of three) \$11 for 30 min lessons. All individual 20 min lessons \$18. Enquire now! Email: k.steelmusic@gmail.com Ph 021 041 9586 <https://www.nzmsmcounties.co.nz/>



Junior Hockey

Thames Combined Primary School Hockey League Needs You!

We are still on the lookout for hockey players (school year 1-3 and 7-8 players in particular) for a combined Thames team to play in the Ngatea hockey competition. Want to know more?

Phone or text Hilary on 027 336 0465 or check out our Facebook page "Thames Junior Hockey". Season starts May 5th.

Junior Rugby

Junior Rugby teams - we are in need of players from under 11's to do little rippas.
Register here as per this link below or come see me at Harcourts Thames to complete a form.
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/62825>

Tabitha
(Secretary)
Thames Junior Rugby Club
Email: tjrsec@gmail.com
Phone: 021681328

Thames Centennial Pool

Thames Centennial Pool taking new enrolments for learn to swim Term 2.
Turn up between 3pm-430pm Mon 9th to Friday 13th April for a free 5 minute assessment then you can enrol for Term 2 lessons.
What you need -Togs and Towel

Term prices are
1 child -\$75.
2 Children -\$135.00
3 Children -\$195.00

Paul Dufty

Recreation Manager, Community Facilities, Thames-Coromandel District Council



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For ages - 12-20

**Come Hang out at the Youth Centre
126 Kirkwood Street.....**

**Monday - Friday during School Terms
Starting Monday 9th April
3pm - 5pm**

**Free Wifi
Pool Comps
Playstations
Band Equipment
Dance
Hang out**