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Newsletter 8th March 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 Alexander Bull – Room 1, Viliami Kaufana – Room 2 and Soni Kaufana – Room 3. We hope that you have made a successful start this week and enjoy the many wonderful opportunities that are on offer here at school.

Tomorrow Mrs. Natalie Geary will be retiring after 34 years of outstanding service at Pārāwai School. Mrs. Geary was originally employed as a Part time teacher and then moved into the Librarian role, where she has been until today.

On behalf of all the Pārāwai School community, present and past, I would like to acknowledge and thank Natalie for all that she has given to our school over her time here. I would also like to wish Natalie a long, happy and healthy retirement.

As a part of Natalie's farewell, we will be having a book character day and the students are very much looking forward to it. All students, and staff are encouraged to come to school wearing a costume / outfit of their favourite book character. We will be having a book Character parade commencing at 9:30am and parents and families are most welcome to join us. The parade will be organised and led by our student leaders and promises to be a lot of fun. It will be a neat way to farewell Natalie. We do hope that you can join us tomorrow.

Student Led conferences:

We have had a healthy turnout of parents at our student led conferences this week. I thank you all for taking the time to attend these important meetings. It is a great way to touch base with your child's teacher and discuss learning goals for the upcoming terms. If any parent / caregiver have not been able to make the conferences this week and would still like to do so, please contact the school office and arrangements can then be made for you and your child to meet with the teachers.

REAL Certificate Awards

Responsible – Tūtika Engaged – Whakahihiwa Active – Mātātoha Learner – Ākonga

Finn Sheppard - For being an engaged Learner in Reading.

Ryley Hutton - For being an engaged Learner in Reading.

Ellee Blank - For being responsible active and engaged in her learning all of the time.

Keiley Howard - For active engagement in all her learning.

Wyatt Doherty - Kindness and being a real learner.

Edna Masima - For being an engaged learner in all of her learning.

Koro Hira Ihaia - For being an **engaged-whakahihiwa active-mātātoha** learner. Works hard to achieve his best.

Flynn Davey - Showing how responsible he can be in the classroom.

Finlay Lyon - Shows responsibility for his own learning.

Torin Young, Joella Johnson, Sharna Majurey, Abby Greenwood - For being engaged learners particularly in graphic art.

Troy Pascoe - For being Active and Engaged in Art.

Fletcher Iles - For working on being an engaged learner.

Lupe Masima - For being an Engaged and Responsible learner in all areas of the class programme.

EASTER RAFFLE (Te rāwhara o Aranga) - Fundraiser

Pārāwai Kapa Haka Group are continuing to raise funds to upgrade our performing costumes. As Easter is fast approaching we would appreciate your support in getting this raffle ready in time for the lucky winner to enjoy for Easter. Could each child/family bring an Easter egg to school, over the next week, to add to our Easter Basket raffle. Easter eggs can be dropped off to the office. Thank you for your support.



Cooks Beach Triathlon

If any Year 5-8 year olds are interested in competing in the Cooks Beach Triathlon on the 27th March please see Mrs Sawyer.

Easter Holiday

School will be closed Easter Friday 30th March, Easter Monday 2ND April and Tuesday 3rd April for a school holiday. We will see everyone back on Wednesday 4th April.

Junior Swimming Display - 15th March

We would love to show our parents and whānau what we can do in our school pool. Please come along and support us.

Display timetable (20 mins per class)

Room 3 - 1.15

Room 4 - 1.35

Room 1 - 1.55

Room 5 - 2.15

Room 2 - 2.35

Netball

Year 1 to 8 students that are interested in playing netball this season please pick up a registration form from Rochelle Sawyer Room 1.

Harold & Life Education Trust Visit

Harold, Mike and The Waikato East Life Education Classroom will be at Pārāwai on the 21st – 23rd and 26th -28th March 2018. Parents and all interested parties are invited to attend a session or peruse the facilities while they are here. Please be aware that space is limited inside the mobile classroom

Te Kupu o te Wiki for the week starting Rāhina, 12 Māehe 2018 is kei te aha. Kei te aha? – Up to? (what are you up to / doing?)

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 whārangi 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!

Value of the fortnight: Co-operation - Mahi Ngatahi

What is co-operation?

Co-operation is when two or more people work together so that they are all better off.

For co-operation to work, everyone has to be an active member of the team and do what they agree to do.

What does co-operation look like?

People who are working as a team and cooperating with each other:

- listen to each other without interrupting
- encourage everyone to join in
- are willing to hear and accept the ideas of others
- are willing to change roles in the group, eg. may be a leader sometimes and a follower at other times
- recognise the skills and strengths of others
- don't compete with each other
- discuss problems calmly
- show respect for each other
- take responsibility for their part of the task
- are willing to work towards the success of the group rather than their own individual success.

Australian Competitions 2018

These are the dates for this year's competitions.

If you would like your child to take part in any or all of the competitions, please complete the slip below and return to the office with the entry fee before the closing date.

Registration of names and payment are needed by 17th March.

SUBJECT	SITTING DATE	COST	PAYMENT
Digital Technologies	Tue 8 May	\$9.50	
Science	Tue 29 May	\$9.50	
Spelling	Wed 13 June	\$11.50	
Writing	Thurs 14 June	\$20.50	
English	Tue 31 July	\$9.50	
Mathematics	Tue 14 Aug	\$9.50	
		TOTAL	

Name _____ Year _____ Room _____

Number of competitions entered _____ Total Paid _____

Quote of the week

The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

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.

Upcoming Events

February							April
~ March 2018 ~							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
4	5 Yr 7 Immunisation talk with Wendy King Library 9am	6	7 Parent Interviews. School closes 2pm	8 Parent Interviews School closes 2pm	9 Book Character Day Dress up Day	10	
11	12	13	14 T.V Swimming Middle & Senior Centennial Pools	15 Junior Swimming Display	16 (save day for Junior Swimming Display)	17	
18	19	20	21 Harold & Life Education Trust Here until 28 th March	22	23 Hockey Big Day Out	24	
25	26	27 Cooks Beach Triathlon	28	29	30 Easter Friday School closed	31	

March							May
~ April 2018 ~							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 Easter Monday School Closed	3 School Holiday School Closed	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	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 - 1 st Day Term 2	Notes:					

Abby Greenwood receiving her IPAD from Paper Power as winner of their Back to School Competition.



Hayden Iles



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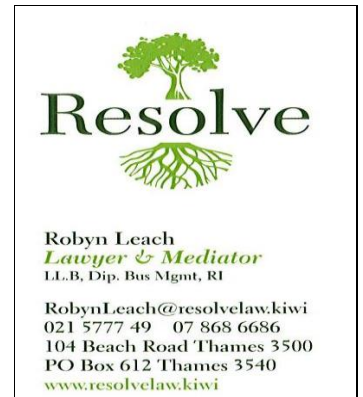
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Community Notices

Thames Junior Football Club

Registration for players aged 3-13years
6th and 7th March 3.30pm - 5.30pm at Rhodes Park
Wednesday 14th March Muster for 9th, 11th and 13th grades 5.30pm at Rhodes Park
For more info contact
Rechelle 0274 398784
Email thamesjuniorfootballclub@gmail.com

Thames Primary School Hockey

If your child is keen to play hockey in the combined Thames team this season – please register your interest by coming along to a quick meeting on Tuesday 13th March, 3.45pm, at Thames South School (Rm 1). Our participation in the league will be dependent on the level of parent support we have to coach/manage teams. Hockey is played at the turf in Ngatea and is open to primary age children in years 1-8. Enquiries to Hilary 0273360465.