

Pārāwai School



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Newsletter 4th May 2017

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,
Kia Orana,

Welcome back to our second term at school. I hope that families managed to spend some time together over the holidays and that our students were able to "recharge" themselves for what I am certain will be another busy term of learning here at school.

A very warm welcome to our new students and their families to Pārāwai School, Hazel Nickel – Rm 1, Faith-Marie Gage – Rm 1, Tearyn Knudsen-Stevens – Rm 1, Te-Arai Roberts – Rm 14, Teleigha Fitzgerald-Takiari – Rm 6, Te Rewanui Fitzgerald -Takiari – Rm 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.

Rippa Rugby

Yesterday 4 teams from school played in the Thames Valley Rippa Rugby tournament in Ngatea. All the teams played well and had a series of Wins, Losses and Draws. It was awesome to see the students involved and giving it 100%.

Further to this it was neat to see the students, many of whom it being their first experience of Rippa Rugby, in a tournament situation. Special thanks to the Kenny Growden and Geb Owen for giving up their day to coach 2 of the teams, your help was greatly appreciated. Also a Big Thank You to the parents who provided transport and came along and supported the teams. It was a neat day!

Kapahaka Support Person

Our Kapahaka group starts today, which is very exciting!

The sessions start each Thursday from 1:30pm - 3pm. We are hoping this year to have a support person, (parent / caregiver) to support the Tutor - Whaea Maria Yates. If any parent is interested in this role we would love to hear from you. Please ask at the office and we can provide details about the role. Any assistance or help would be greatly appreciated.

Beverages at school

Our school policy states that "water will be our preferred beverage". Milk is also provided via the Fonterra Milk in Schools Programme.

Thank you

During the holidays Graham Marshall of Marshall Mini Diggers kindly drilled a 1.6m hole for our flagpole in a corner of the senior playground. A pipe has been concreted in to receive the pole and we hope that the pole will be erected in the not too distant future. Graham used to be chairperson of our school's BOT in the early 2000s and he offered to do the earth works at no charge. A huge thank you to Graham for his support.

Winter Hats

With the colder months approaching the school has approved that plain black beanies can be worn to school.

Pārāwai School beanies are also available from our uniform supplier - NZ Uniforms <http://parawaischool.nzuniforms.com/catalog/school-uniform-1101581.htm> for \$18.00 plus postage if you would like this option.

Pārāwai School 50th Jubilee

Thank you to the interested people that came to the Jubilee meetings.

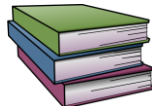
Our next meeting will be Monday, 22nd May, at 5pm

All pupils / teachers / PTA / BOT are still welcome to attend.

Enquiries to Hayden Iles, Principal by email: principal@parawai.school.nz or phone 07 868 8117

Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic/Lucky book club orders are due back to school by Thursday 18th May.



From Constable Catherine Sell – School Community Officer...

Welcome back from the school holidays! The sun shone and the fish were biting – life is good huh!

1st May is the start of Road Safety Week, although every week is, especially when our children are involved. I will be visiting as many schools as possible this week to deliver road safety related items and messages to your children. Please go over some of the rules you have in your family to keep them safe – around cycling, walking, crossing roads and getting on and off school buses.

Recently I have been asked to talk to children about ‘stranger danger’. This is a term we avoid using now, mainly because sadly, most abusers are known to the child, and sometimes they need to ask a person they don’t know for help. The Keeping Ourselves Safe programme which your child would have been taught within the past 2 years, gives children skills to identify how they feel if a situation or person makes them uncomfortable and what to do about it. Regardless of how big or small the matter is, it is important that they tell an adult that they trust what has happened. If a child discloses anything to you it is important that you listen to them, tell them you believe them and if necessary seek help from other sources.

Carpark Safety

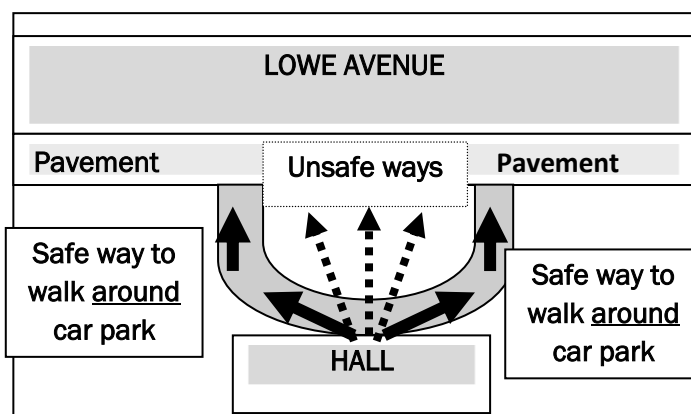
Parents can you please park in the designated spaces and walk **around** the car park on the paths, not **across** the car park through the cars when picking up your child /ren.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Leaders Day
Leavers Dinner Meeting in the Library - 3:20pm
Senior Market Fair – 11:00am to 1:30pm
School Disco
Last Day of Term 2

Monday 8th May
Wednesday 17th May
Thursday 29th June
Thursday 6th July
Friday 7th July

Quote of the week

Happiness doesn't result from what we get but from what we give.

Ben Carson

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, 8 Haratua 2017 is Kei te wātea a.....!

Kei te wātea a.....!*is free*

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!

Rippa Rugby Tournament

Yesterday, we had Rippa rugby in the Ngatea domain. The Years 5, 6, 7 & 8s participated in four separate teams. Parawai Predators, Parawai Taniwhas, Parawai Kiwis, and Parawai bolts. There was a series of games throughout the day, each team playing at least four, 16 minute games. When one Parawai team wasn't playing they were on the sidelines cheering on the other Parawai teams. Every game was quick and well played with many tries, each and every player giving it their all. They were tiring games but everyone was enjoying themselves. We all lost games, and we all won games, some games were tied. But it wasn't about winning or losing, it was about enjoying the day and playing as a team. It was a long day and by the end we were all shattered. No teams got into the semifinals or finals, but we gave it a go and that's all that mattered. It was a great experience for us, and we went home with memories of an amazing day of Rippa Rugby.

Riley Elliot Hogg.

Year 8, Room 11

Netball Draw 4th May 2017

4 May	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6
4.30pm	Year 5 & 6 Parawai Silver Ferns V TPDynamite	Year 3 & 4	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6 South V Moanataiari	Year 5 & 6 Hikuai V TP Thunder	Year 1&2 3:45 start
5.30pm	Year 7 & 8 TP Firebirds V TP Fusion	Year 7 & 8 Parawai Flyers V Hikuai	Year 7 & 8 Parawai Magic V M/M Sliders	Year 7 & 8 Manaia Mako V South		

Duty Team (Need to be there at 4pm) - South

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 will start at 4.45pm

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

THE CHIEFS FUNDRAISER PROGRAMME



GOING TO A CHIEFS GAME?

Every time a member or friend of Pārāwai School purchases a ticket online to see a Chiefs Investec Super Rugby match, our school will receive a commission rebate.

All you have to do is select **Pārāwai School** in the drop down box during the ticket purchase process!! So if you or someone you know is planning on attending a Chiefs Game please purchase via Ticketek and help Pārāwai School out!

Can You Please Help?

We seek caring and responsible people to help in the chemotherapy room in the Thames Hospital.

You will be the friendly face welcoming patients as they arrive for their treatment or consultation, and will provide support for the family and friends who have accompanied them to their appointment. Days and hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 9 - 11 am and 1-3 pm and sometimes Thursday 9-11 am. We do a monthly roster and you can be on it when suits you


For further information or to apply, contact volunteer coordinator Sue Worth

email sueworth@cancersociety.org.nz

or phone 0800 22 77 44

Syrian Exhibition

This is an exhibition that includes some Syrian themed stalls (including embroidery and hand crafts that has just arrived from Syria). There will also be some food/drinks. The purpose is to raise funds for Syrian families in Damascus. Funds raised will be donated to a Syrian NGO called the Family Protection Society.


Thames Valley Zonta
Thames Cooks For Syria
At the THAMES CIVIC CENTRE
27th May 2017
Time 12.00- 17.00 pm
Exhibition fund raiser for Syria
Entry by koha
For more info, phone Rosalie 0279 009 215
Or Christine 0274 422 466
Or email Emmi at: emmi_r88@yahoo.com

