

Pārāwai School



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Newsletter 30th March 2017

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,
Kia Orana,

Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new students and their families to Pārāwai School, Lacey Harris - 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 school.

Tomorrow we have a group of middle and senior students involved in the Hockey Big day Out. This is to be held in Ngatea we wish all students involved the best of luck. The Hockey Big Day Out is always a lot of fun and the students thoroughly enjoy being involved. A special thank you to all parents, in advance who have kindly offered to transport the students to Ngatea.

Devices – Years 4 -8

Please note that this is completely optional and by no means will it be compulsory, and is for Years 4-8 students only.

At Pārāwai School students are using devices in class a great deal more. Using a device has many benefits that are listed below;

- supports expanded community and international involvement in learning, both face-to-face and online
- enables students to learn in relevant, real world 21st century contexts
- allows students to learn, create, share, and collaborate anywhere, at any time
- opens up a new world of resources for students, providing much more knowledge than any one teacher or school library could hope to
- enables students to personalise their learning experience (recognising every student's strengths, talents, and needs, building on their identity, language, and culture)
- helps build on students' prior and current knowledge, needs, and interests
- encourages greater collaboration between students, teachers, and school leaders
- supports teachers to engage in blended, personalised professional, and peer collaboration

The school does have a limited number of devices and these are used extensively each day. Many students throughout Years 4-8 do own their own personal devices and this assists them greatly with their learning as they have exclusive use of them.

All of these factors add up to our students being engaged, enjoying learning, and achieving better results - in the classroom and beyond.

Please note that the e-learning devices are there to support our learners across all areas of the curriculum including in the key areas of reading, writing and mathematics. They are a beneficial addition to our class programmes, not a replacement tool for the more conventional 'pencil and paper'. Our teachers put a lot of thought into their learning programmes, and devices are used when they are appropriate and the best tool for the job. This opens up a wealth of opportunities - what a great position for our teachers and students to be in!

Our preferred device is a Chromebook or Thinkpad which are available from Noel Leeming's.

	<u>Chromebook</u>	<u>Windows Device (netbook,notebook,laptop)</u>
RAM - memory	2 GB fine, 4 GB also available	At least 2 GB but 4 GB much better.
Hard Drive - (filing cabinet)	Tend to have 16 GB, this is fine as is 32 GB.	Any size is fine, they tend to be at least 500 GB. Some only have 16/32 GB, We do not recommend this size of hard drive for a Windows Device.
Screen size	At least 11 inches.	
Keyboard	Yes, should have one.	
Case	Yes, and preferably something that has some solid edges & padding.	
Headphones	Don't spend too much, cheap & cheerful. Some models have volume limiters on them to help avoid damaging children's (and teachers') hearing.	
Software	Nothing extra required, Protection built-in. A couple of Extensions will be loaded at school.	Anti-virus and anti-malware/spyware protection of some sort, the school can offer advice on an individual basis. If the device has it bundled, or the shop has a good deal, then that's fine.

Another important point to note is that as the device will be taken to and from school, in & out of school bags, and may be subject to some rough treatment, it is important that some consideration is given to buying something that looks and feels rugged. Please don't buy purely on price, check for solid-looking hinges, rubber edges and other children-proof features.

If you require any further clarification then please contact our Principal Hayden Iles.

School Disco

All the children should have brought home a notice on a disco scheduled for Thursday 6th April.

Years 1 to 5 - 5:15 - 6:50 pm.

Years 6 to 8 - 7:00 - 9:00pm.

The notice will have all the details re- entry costs, food for sale including a sausages sizzle and an entry ticket at the bottom of the sheet.

Parent help would really be appreciated so contact Maree or Paul if you are available to support us.

Proceeds from this disco will go towards the senior camp.

Thanks from the seniors.



Netball

Registration forms have been given to girls interested in playing netball this year. They need to be returned to the office, with either cash or a cheque made payable to Thames Netball, by the 31st March. If you need another form please collect one from the office.

A reminder that netball this year will be played on Thursday's from 4:30pm at Rhodes Park.

School Uniform

Please check ALL school uniform items are named, and the writing hasn't worn off as we have been having some problems returning uniform to its rightful owner.

40 Hour Famine Time Again!

Money raised from last year's famine has gone towards 'Child Friendly Spaces' in Jordan, for Syrian refugee children. These spaces help children recover from the trauma of war, through dance, music and play. The Famine focus this year is to provide even more spaces for children to be children.

Attached to your newsletter this week is an information sheet/consent form on the Famine. When the consent form is returned to school a Famine booklet will be issued, and fundraising can begin. With the holidays fast approaching it is important to get the consent form to school as soon as possible.

Also students can go to the Famine website famine.org.nz and sign up for an online profile, as part of Pārāwai School. Click on 40 Hour Famine, scroll down and you will see 'search and donate to a 40 hour famine fundraiser' type in "Pārāwai School" hit search which will bring up the school profile, scroll down and 'join the group'.

Carpark Safety

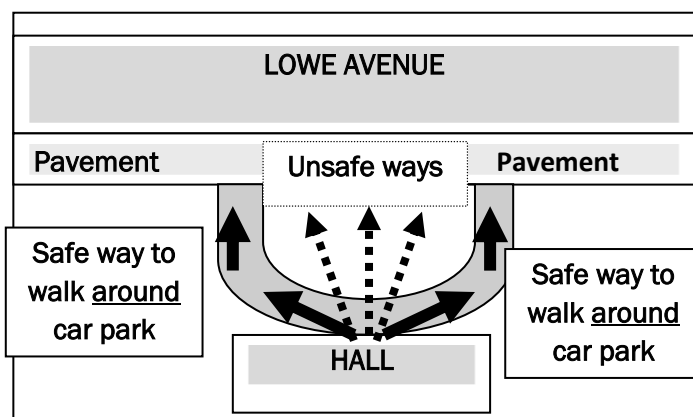
Parents can you please park in the designated spaces and walk **around** the car park on the paths, not **across** the car park through the cars when picking up your child /ren.

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

Netball Registrations due by
Hockey Big Day Out – Ngatea
Cooks Beach Triathlon
Rippa Rugby Ngatea
Talent Quest
Last day of Term
Thames teacher only day

Friday 31st March
Friday 31st March
Tuesday 4th April
Wednesday 5th April
Wednesday 12th April
Wednesday 12th April
Thursday 13th April

Pārāwai School 50th Jubilee

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

Our next meeting will be this coming **Monday, 3rd April, at 7pm.**

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

REAL Certificate winners this week

Responsible – Tūtika Engaged – Whakahiwiwa Active – Mātātoha Learner– konga

Cavika De Goede - Engaged Learner

Nova Sawyer - Responsible and Active - For managing her own learning and being responsible and independent with her learning tasks.

Tayler Zane Richards - Responsible and Engaged

Laura Elliot for showing all the R E A L values.

Terina Witika – Responsible and Engaged

Christopher van de Geer - Engaged

Oliver Holmes - Engaged Responsible

Cora Xiong - Responsible Learner / Ākonga Tūtika -Tries her best to achieve her goals.

Arshpreet Kaur –for showing all the R E A L values

Ashton Foster - Responsible and Active

Faith Wilson - Responsible and Active

Cooper Greenwood - Engaged

Sasha Rogers - Responsible

Daniel McLaren - Responsible. For taking ownership of his classroom job and for being reliable.

Matthew Wilson - Engaged and Responsible. For sharing his learning with others in maths and making positive work choices.

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. This is an easy process (but one that takes some time) so it would be great if you are interested to complete a Police Vetting Form. The vetting forms can be downloaded from

<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/businesses-and-organisations/vetting/forms> or we have forms available at the office. Please also bring in Identification which we need to process these forms.

Lucky Book Club

The latest book club offer No:2 has gone out to all students, the last day for orders through the office is Friday 31st March. Lucky Book Club can also be ordered online.

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, 3 Paenga-whāwhā 2017 is Hopukina!

Hopukina! *Catch it!*

Check out our Facebook page, '**Proudly Pārāwai**', to link to; and to listen to; each weekly phrase as an mp3 recording or download the pdf.

Tirohia atu tō tātou whārangi Facebook, ko '**Proudly Parawai**', 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

I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.
Jimmy Dean

Term Dates and Holidays for 2017

Term 1 - Tuesday 31st January to Wednesday 12th April

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

Newsletter Question: Who wrote this week's quote?

Answer _____

Name _____ Room _____

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!

Thames Schools Hockey

If your child is interested in playing hockey this year you can contact Neville Harding at Thames South School neville@thamessouth.school.nz

There will be a sign up session at Thames South on Friday April 7th in Room 8 from 3:30 to 4:15. Parent/whanau help will be required to help coach and manage teams.

Thank-you

Justine Baverstock

Thames Coromandel District Coordinator

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Playhouse for Sale

\$1500.00. Treated timber - on site at Puriri - 8848 State Highway 26, Puriri

For enquiries please phone 021 047 1111



2nd week of holidays only

when?

Wed 26 & Thurs 27 April
9.00am – 12.30pm

where?

Thames Elim Church – by the wharf

who?

For children aged 5 – 12 years

what?

Games, crafts & morning tea

why?

So kids can have HEAPS OF FUN!

cost?

\$5.00 per child/per day
\$15 per family/per day

bookings are recommended

The Church Office is open for bookings now
(closed during the first week of the school holidays)
Phone 868 5536 (Office) or 8681122 (Jenny)

THAMES HIGH SCHOOL



HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Thames High is looking for caring families to host our international students, allowing them to experience a 'kiwi' lifestyle and improve their spoken English in a home away from home. In return, you will receive \$250 per week. To find out more about this enriching and fun experience email internationalsupport@thameshigh.co.nz or phone Pauline on 07 868 8688