

Pārāwai School



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Newsletter 6th April 2017

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,
Kia Orana,

The school disco is on tonight and we are looking forward to a good turnout from parents and students. This is a fundraiser for our senior students to go away on camp towards the end of the year so it is a good time to get down here and support them. There will be snacks available from our canteen along with a sausage sizzle and glow bands for purchase.

All children should have brought home a disco notice – they will need to bring this with them tonight. Please collect your child promptly at the end time given.

Disco times are;

Years 1 to 5 5:15 - 6:50 pm – collect from inside the Hall

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



Last day of school Wednesday 12th April

There is a Thames wide Teacher Only Day on Thursday 13th April so school will be **closed** on this day. Last day of term for students is Wednesday 12th April.

Overdue Library Books

Please check home for any overdue library books as invoices will be sent home this week for ones that haven't been returned.

Pārāwai School 50th Jubilee

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

Our next meeting will be this coming **Monday, 10th April, at a new time of 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

For Parents who missed last week's newsletter here is the information regarding devices at school.

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.



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.

An information sheet/consent form on the Famine was sent out last week. 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

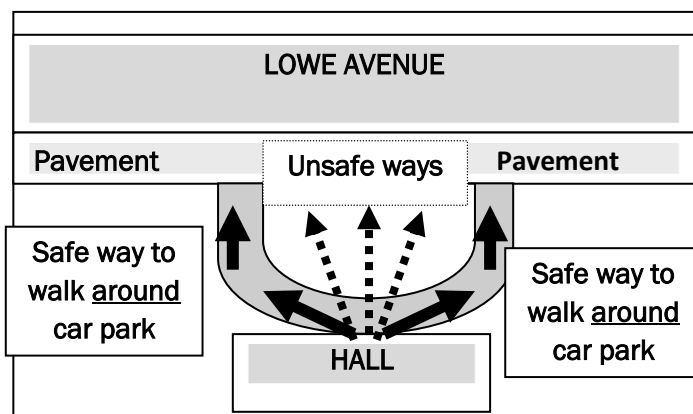
Parents can you please park in the designated spaces and walk **around** the car park on the paths, not **across** the car park through the cars when picking up your child /ren.

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

Talent Quest

Last day of Term

Thames teacher only day

Wednesday 12th April

Wednesday 12th April

Thursday 13th April – school closed

REAL Certificate winners this week

Responsible – Tūtika Engaged – Whakahihiwa Active – Mātātōha Learner– konga

Milene Van Niekerk - Responsible, Engaged, Active Learner

Corey Bloor - Responsible Learner

Marshall Bowen - Responsible, Engaged, Active Learner especially in his reading

Luka Vukojevich - Who always shows himself to be a Responsible, Engaged, and Active Learner.

Lilly Robertson – displaying all the REAL attributes.

Tyrah-Lee Feilo-Eketone - displaying all the REAL attributes.

Gianni Royal-Wilson - Responsible learner especially in his writing and art work.

Abby Greenwood, Amber Martin, Mikaela Gibson - Responsible Engaged Learner **Ākonga Tūtika Whakahihiwa**. Always diligent, reliable and sensible.

Yuri Manickam - REAL learner. Settling into Room 10 and actively doing the right thing.

Natara Cochran - REAL learner. Actively displays the REAL values and is able to independently manage herself in her learning.

Lincoln Rodgers - Active Learner especially with his writing and research

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.

Value of the fortnight: Excellence – Panekiretanga

- Excellence is doing your best. When you practise excellence you are not trying to be better than anyone else. You are trying to be the best that you can be.
- Excellence is what leads to success. It takes courage to practise excellence. Some people are afraid to find out if they are going to fail or succeed. If something doesn't turn out well, they say, "It doesn't matter. I wasn't doing my best anyway." But they never find out what is really possible. When you practise excellence you can make a real difference in this world.

You are practising excellence when you...

- Give your best to whatever you do
- Set realistic goals for yourself
- Remember to plan and practise
- Develop your own special gifts or talents
- Give your best to your relationships

Te Kupu o te Wiki for the week starting Rāhina, 10 Paenga-whāwhā 2017 is Wetiweti ana!

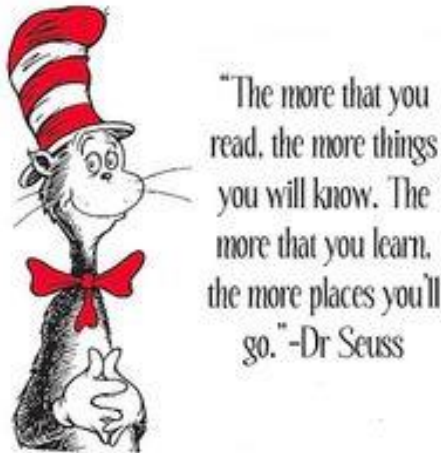
Wetiweti ana! Mean! Wicked!

Check out our Facebook page, '**Proudly Pārawai**', 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



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

Regards
Hayden Iles

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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!

Code Club Thames – years 5 – 8

Learn to code, Design the Future

Thames High School

Starting 4th May 2017 (10 week course)

Time 3:30 to 5:00pm

Would you like to learn how to create computer games, animations and websites? Code Club is a nationwide network of free volunteer-led after school coding clubs for kiwi kids.

For further information please contact alichivers@thameshigh.school.nz

Registration forms available from the Pārāwai School Office

Free Sports First Aid Workshops for Coaches/Managers of School Sports Teams



St John is offering fully 2 funded Sports First Aid workshops for team coaches, managers and

Interested sports people These workshops will cover;

Priority Actions

Soft tissue injury

Asthma

Fractures & dislocations

Head injury

These free workshops will be held at the St John training Hall @ 1102 Queen Street, Thames on Wednesday 12th April and Wednesday 19th April from 6pm to 8pm.

If you have any managers or coaches interested in attending a workshop they can contact;

Nikki Tyrrell-Baxter - T 07 8680555 - E nikki.tyrrell-baxter@stjohn.org.nz

Please provide - name, sports team, contact details and date of workshop you would like to attend.

Numbers are limited so this will be on a first served basis.

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

Puriri Volunteer Fire Brigade Firewood Fundraiser



PINE

6x4 trailer load \$80.00

Available every Sunday for the month of May

1pm – 3pm

63 Puriri Valley Road

For any queries please phone: 868 9959

Bring your trailer and we will help you load it.

*Fundraising for the maintenance and upkeep of the
Puriri Volunteer Fire Brigade Community Water Tanker*

TOYOTA
KIWI GUARDIANS
Kauaeranga valley

Launching April 14th
get kids into
nature this
easter!

Earn your
explorer, pest
detective and
Kauaeranga
Valley medals!

LAUNCH ACTIVITIES
April 14th - 17th: Donate a gold coin
and craft a pine cone bird feeder or
a tracking tunnel (available as long
as supplies last).
Midday Saturday (15th) there will be
a lolly scramble and special guest
Karl the Kiwi!
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE
VISITORS CENTRE ON (07) 867 9080

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Contact

Emily Bisset 0221745675

emilybissetcreates.weebly.com/teaching



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

StJohnkid'sfirstaidworkshop



St John
Here for Life

These workshops are age appropriate, fun and hands on.

They are designed to give our young people valuable skills for life.

Thursday 27 April 2017, 9.30am – 11.15am, 6–9 years, (bring a drink bottle)

Thursday 27 April 2017, 12.30pm – 3.00pm, 10–13 years, (bring a drink bottle)

Cost: \$20 including GST per child

Thames St John Hall 1102 Queen Street, State Highway 25 Thames

To secure a place please book and pay prior to the workshop.

An email with payment details will be forwarded once your registration has been received.

You can also register your child via this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/sTQA8G1aSIluAA6s2>

Secure your place by calling Nikoli Foreman on (09) 526 0527 extn 8725 or by-email at nikoli.foreman@stjohn.org.nz Leave your name and contact number.