

Thursday 4 February, 2010

Ko Taite, ko wha o Hanuere 2010

Principal's Message

Kia ora and greetings to all Parents and Caregivers,

I trust that everyone had a wonderful break over the summer. We were certainly lucky with the weather enabling us to make the most of the outdoors. The students certainly look revitalised and ready for the new school year. It was very pleasing to see that almost all students were here to start school on Tuesday. They were very eager to start work and get to know their new class. We are one of the only schools in the district where all the teachers have remained from the previous year and all are in the same class as last year.

Teachers have been busy planning units of study for the students and the integrated theme this year is 'Discovery and Change'. The sub-theme for Term 1 is Self Discovery and Change. Integrated means that this topic will be used as the main medium of learning in all the curriculum subjects.

Swimming will begin on Monday for students in Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4 and on Tuesday for students in Rooms 5, 6, 7, 8. Senior students will have swimming every Monday Wednesday and Friday and Junior students will have it every Tuesday and Wednesday. The students will learn swimming skills and also about water safety. Please help your children to remember their togs and towel for swimming. The cost for using Aquatic park is \$5 for seniors and \$4 for juniors. The Board of Trustees subsidise the pools so swimming can be affordable to all parents. Most parents have paid this with their stationery but if there is anyone who still needs to pay this please see Robyn in the office.

A bid thanks to parents who have already organised stationery for their children and also those parents of students who are in Rooms 2 and 3 who have organised their child's uniform. The school asks for a donation of \$60 for an individual and \$100 for a family. Paying this will help to school offer additional experiences outside the scope of the normal curriculum. The first of these will be a chess classes and after school sports which the students will find out about at the Friday assembly tomorrow. A reminder that all parents are invited to join us at our sharing assembly at 9am on Friday of every odd week (ie. Week 1, 3, 5, and 7). It is a time where classes take turns to share what they have been doing in class with the rest of the school.

I would like to remind parents that it is very important that the students arrive in time for school. School starts at 8.45am and students should be in the grounds before that time so that they can prepare for the day. Once students are in the school grounds they are not permitted to leave to go to the shop. At the end of the day students who are picked up by parents must wait around the back of the school for safety reasons. Parents must park their car away from the bus bay area and physically collect their children. I would also like to remind parents that students are not permitted to have the 'day off' on their birthday. We try to make this day special for them when they are at school. If your child is ill or has a medical appointment please contact the school office in the morning to notify us. For any other absence special permission must be sought from me.

You will notice that work has begun on a new carpark area beside which will go a new building which will house the Kaipara Support unit. The building they are currently using will be incorporated into the school administration area.

A reminder that February is one of our hottest months and it is important that students are being sun-smart. From Monday students must wear a sun-hat outside during morning tea and lunchtime. It is also advisable for the students to wear sunscreen and sunglasses.

Parents should feel very welcome in the school. If you are concerned with your child's progress or would know how you can assist them at home. You should also see the class teacher in the first instance if you have any other concerns.

Sean Valvoi

Principal, Sean Valvoi

Parakai School

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Students should not bring valuables to school. Students who have permission from parents to bring mobile phones to school must hand them in to the teacher or office at the beginning of the day and they will be given back to the student at 2.45pm.

We have had a huge influx of new students into the school in the first 2 days of school. I would like to welcome all these new students to the school and I am sure they will enjoy being part of our Parakai School Community. We are very proud of our school and students are keen to show newcomers the 'Parakai Way' of learning and looking after each other. New Students in Room 7 are the following students who had their very first day of school; Cheyanne Tamatahi-Davies, Amy George, Geoffrey Belton, Logan Hampton-Grayson and Taylor Perry. One student has joined Room 6 from another school; Clayton Biddle. The following students have also joined Parakai School from other schools. They are Renee Povey in Room 5, Logan Perry and Paige Coade in Room 8, Jennifer Mowat and Jahmaya Koni and Devon Powell in Room 1, Blake Walles, Taine Mowat and Shivarn Hohaia and Amber Powell in Room 4, Bailey Hohaia in Room 2, Te Ua Epere, Dezel Stevenson, Izayah Taipeti-Davies in Room 3.

Sean Valvoi

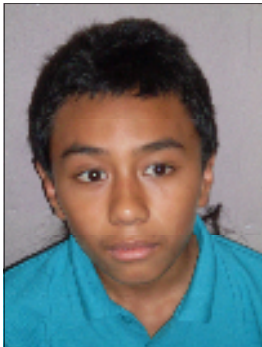
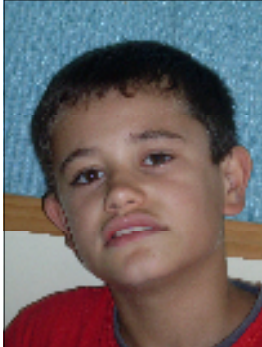
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Taylor Perry, Cheyanne Tamatahi-Davies, Amy George, Geoffrey Belton, Logan Hampton-Grayson.

**New Students
Welcome**

Second Row Left to Right

Clayton Biddle, Paige Coade, Logan Perry, Renee Povey, Devon Powell.



Third Row Left to Right

Jahmaya Koni, Jennifer Mowat, Shivarn Hohaia, Blake Walles, Taine Mowat

Forth Row Left to Right

Amber Powell, Izayah Taipeti-Davies, Dezel Stevenson, Bailey Hohaia

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- All students in Rooms 2 and 3 must be in full school uniform.
- Stationery can be bought at the school office
- Mobile phones are only permitted with parent permission and handed to the teacher during the day.
- Students wait at the back of the school for parent pick up. Students are not permitted to meet cars at the front of the school
- Only Year 5 students or older may bike to school. Students **must** wear a helmet. Bikes must be locked.
- Newsletters are issued every odd week on Thursday.
- Ipods and MP3 players and toys are not permitted at school.
- Skateboards are not to be used between 7.45am—

SCHOOL LUNCHES Start Thursday 18 February

Students may order their lunch from school on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only.**

Orders must be in a sealed envelope with the students name and room number written on the outside along with the order and the money enclosed on the inside. Orders are placed in the classroom.

4th—17th February Birthdays!

Michael Buchanan	11 February
Carlos Flay	11 February
Jody Pairama	14 February
Xavier Pairama	16 February



Upcoming Events

5 February	First Sharing Assembly 9am
8 February	Swimming Starts (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4)
9 February	Swimming Starts (Rooms 5, 6, 7, 8)
9 February	First day for Year 7/8 Technology
10 February	Reading Assessment for New Students
11 February	Year 7/8 Technology (Kaipara College)
16 February	Year 7/8 Technology (Kaipara College)
16 February	Mobile Clinic (MOBY)
18 February	Year 7/8 Technology (Kaipara College)
22 February	Immunization Pre-Talk 10.30am
23 February	Year 7/8 Technology (Kaipara College)
24 February	Family Fun Night 6pm
25 February	Year 7/8 Technology (Kaipara College)
27 February	Helensville A&P Show
1 March	Senior School Swimming Sports
2 March	Swimming Sports Save Day

Family Fun Night
Wednesday 24 February
6pm

Come and hear from the Principal, meet the teachers, join in the games and have some dinner

Humble helper

Our school staff like to...
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TE REO LESSONS

Te Reo Lessons are now being offered to all Staff, Parents, and Adult whanau of Parakai School. These lessons will begin in March and will be held on a Tuesday evening between 8 and 8.30pm. There is no cost for this course. Please phone Sue Caltaux (DP) as soon as possible to express your interest. Kai will be available.

Marc George with his proud family after winning the Kiriwai Community Service Award at the Prizegiving Assembly last year.

Free Child Passes!

Simply visit the Parakai School Website on www.parakai.school.nz to receive up to the 3 free child passes to the Helensville A&P Show.

HELENSVILLE
 AGRICULTURAL & PASTORAL ASSOCIATION

Helensville Show
Saturday 27 February 2009

Come and join the celebrations at the 108th A&P Show in Helensville. 9am—4.30pm.