

**Thursday 1 July, 2010
Ko Taite, ko tahi o Hurae 2010**

Principal's Message

Kia ora and greetings to all Parents and Caregivers,

We are now in the final 2 days of school for Term 2. This has been quite a long term for both students and staff with 11 weeks in total. Once again this has been a very busy Term for the School.

The Year 8 students attended a Secondary School Experience Morning at Kaipara College on Friday 18 June. The students got the opportunity to attend some classes taken by the College teachers. The transition from Primary School to Secondary School can be quite a change from always being in one class with the same teacher to moving around different classes with different teachers.

Four students from the chess group represented the school in a team competition at the West Auckland Schools Competition in Kelston last Thursday. The team; Adrian Tuhura, Quynn Stead-Hill, Spencer Sutton and Max Ainscow did very well considering they have just started this year. The team came 13th out of 28 teams.

I ran an in-school competition for the month of June to see which class could collect the most Eveready Bar Codes. The winning class was Room 5 and they were treated to a movie today. The Eveready Competition goes all the way through to September so we would like you to keep saving and sending us your Eveready battery or torch bar codes.

Yesterday there were 83 students who travelled to the Science Road Show at Hobsonville School. The students had the opportunity to experience science activities that they would not normally have the opportunity to participate in.

I was fortunate enough to visit the River Valley Kindy last week. It was good to talk to parents who have students who will be coming to Parakai school soon. The Kindy will be visiting this school early next term and spend some time in Room 7. I was also fortunate enough to attend the Hippy celebration last week. It was great to see so many Parakai children participating in the Programme. I am also pleased to announce that at least for the next 6 months HIPPY will be based at Parakai School in one of the Rooms on the second level of the hall. They will be using the hall on occasion for some of their sessions with parents.

As from next Term we will be resuming lunches. The Lunch lady from Helensville School will now be using the Parakai School tuck-shop and making all school lunches from there. The lunch menu is more extensive than previously and students will simply need to place their money in an envelope and write down on the outside their name, room number and order. Lunches will be provided every Wednesday and Friday.

A reminder to all parents that the End of Term Assembly is tomorrow at 1.45pm—just before students break for the holidays.

I would like to welcome a new student to the school, Michael Doherty, from Kaukapakapa School who has joined Room 1.

I wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing all students back at school on the first day of Term 3, Monday 19 July.

Sean Valvoi

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PARAKAI SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

(Wednesday and Friday only. Starting the first week of Term 3)

Please place your child's lunch money in an envelope and on the outside write the student's name, room number and order)

SOUP	\$2.50
MACARONI CHEESE	\$2.80
WARM APPLE CRUMBLE	\$2.50
TUCKER PACK sandwich (jam, vegemite, or marmite), chips, yoghurt, juice	\$4.50
MINI TUCKER PACK (MORNING TEA AND BRAINFOOD) muffin and 2 fruit	\$2.50
SANDWICH Jam, vegemite or marmite	\$1.50
Ham and Cheese	\$2.00
SALAD ROLL GOURMET	\$3.50
HAM AND EGG GOURMET ROLL	\$3.80
AMERICAN HOTDOG (with or without mustard or sauce)	\$2.50
SAUSAGE ROLL	\$1.00
MINCE SAVOURY	\$1.00
PIZZA SLICE	\$2.50
MUFFIN	\$1.20
YOGHURT	\$1.10
JUST JUICE SLIPPER BOX	\$1.50
PIECE OF SEASONAL FRUIT	\$0.80
SLICE OR CAKE	\$1.50
MINI ROLL (ham or cheese)	\$2.00

Keep this lunch menu stuck to the fridge and home for easy reference.

Birthdays!



1—21 July

NEW STUDENT

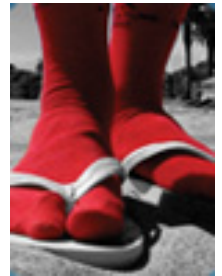
Jamie Allen	5 July
Aimee Tamahori	5 July
Logan Perry	8 July
Mikey Grimshaw	13 July
Christian Manuel	13 July
Tuwharerangi Solomon	14 July
Quinn Webber	20 July



Michael Doherty—
Room 1



**RED SOCKS-DAY—
TOMORROW!**



Roots of Empathy Room 1

Jaxon is now 5 months old and the children have noticed a great change in Jaxon. He can hold his head up and sit by himself.



Below he is proudly showing off his new teacher tee shirt from Jo the instructor.



School Holiday Programmes

YMCA runs a School Holiday Programme which is suitable for children aged 5—15 years. The Y-Kids Holiday Programme is available at the Massey Leisure Centre and Parakai School. These programmes include fun trips to places such as Star Dome, Auckland Museum and Ice Skating along with fun in-house activities. To ensure your child doesn't miss out, please enrol early as places are limited. YMCA holiday programmes are approved by CYFS and WINZ with subsidies being available.

Our WINZ enrolment night is to be held on:

Enrolments are also taken at Parakai School after school care between the hours of 3.00pm-5.30pm Monday—Friday.

For more information please phone YMCA Massey Leisure Centre on 09 833-8100 or enrol online at www.nzymca.com.

We are also taking enrolments for Term 3 children's programmes which start on Wednesday 28th July at the Massey Leisure Centre. Classes include Y-Gymnastics and Y-Basketball. We have two new term programmes now available at Parakai School; Basketball on Tuesdays and Gymnastics on Fridays.



West Auckland Chess Tournament



Mosaics →

This term Room 3 has been learning how to make mosaics. Our learning intention was to design and create a logo for a local everyday hero / community group using tiles for mosaics.

First we had to choose a community group logo and sketch it in our visual diaries.

Next we changed the logo to make it look different then we smashed tiles (that was the fun part) in the colour we wanted for our mosaics. Then we glued the pieces on to a square piece of wood and let them dry for 24 hours. We then grouted our mosaics after the glue had dried and we polished them.

By Mary Vui



RARANGA (Weaving) Saturday 3rd July, 10am—3pm at the Whare Ako Kaipara College.

Our 2nd Raranga Wananga for 2010 with Whaea Lisa Smith is on

This is a free event for all whanau and lunch will be provided. If you are able to contribute some harekeke please bring otherwise we will supply. Phone Kerri Babbington for further info or to register Ph 420-8887, 0274668790.

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI, TAUTOKO MAI

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—3.15pm on school days but may be brought to school.

For Sale

Room 3 are selling Badges for \$2.00 for Sir Peter Blake Trust.

The cell phone challenge is still on until the end of term. Please help support the Starship Hospital

Bubble Dome School Holiday Workshop

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this July.

Other courses in Architecture, Movie Making, Science, Inventions & Technology, Fashion Design, Photography, Sports and After school Animation at selected venues. For students aged 6 to 16 years.

Tel: 09 6220670 or Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or Visit: www.bubbledome.co.nz

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

Flexible in home BEFORE SCHOOL CARE available for up to 3 children. Early start time and drop off to school. Available in school holidays for holiday programmes too.

Ph Helen on 420-6362 or 021778667

School Competition

'That's Life!' Magazine

Please cut the pink Tokens from the 'That's Life!' Magazine and we could be in to win a \$5,000 carnival for our school plus \$2,000 cash. Bring your tokens along to the School Office.

Upcoming Events

Term 2

2 July

Last Day of Term 2 and final day of Term 2.

19 July

Start of Term 3

TERM DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

Term 3—Starts Monday 19 July. Finishes Friday 24 Sept.

Term 4—Starts Monday 11 October. Finish date Friday 17 December

The Groove Factory

4 fun days of music learning and performing for beginners to advancing musicians.

5—8 July 2010, 9am to 3pm

Register your child now at

kaiparamusic@xtra.co.nz or call/text Nick on 021420784

July Holiday Workshops

July 5—8 Painting, Clay

July 12—15 Painting, Sculpture

Term 3 2010 Art Classes for Children

Mon, Tues, Thurs; 7—13yrs. 4.00—5.30pm

Saturdays; 9+ at 9.00am & 5yrs up at 11.00am

Begins Saturday 24 July. **Where:** Children's Art School, Visual Arts Studios, Faculty of Education, University of Auckland, Epsom

For a brochure or further information phone

09 6238858 or email c.gunnell@auckland.ac.nz

Family Times has been distributed to the children today. Parents, ask your child for **your copy.**

