

**Thursday 20 August, 2009
Ko Taite, rua tekau o Akuhata 2009**

Principal's Message

Kia ora and greetings to all Parents and Caregivers,

With only a couple more weeks of Winter, Spring and warmer weather is almost upon us. Nevertheless we still have a number of students coming down with the flu and also a higher than usual incidence of stomach bugs. We need to continue to stress to the children the importance of washing our hands thoroughly after going to the bathroom and before eating food.

The Peer Mediators ran a great whole school sports on Friday of Week 3. The games were focussed on co-operation and team work as part of Peace Week. Last week was Maths week and the children were challenged each day with maths quizzes aimed at their level. Several students won prizes for their correct entries. This week is International Languages Week and the children have been learning how to greet each other in different languages and also a look at the customs, flags, costume and other aspects of different cultures. The aim of these activities is to increase the children's global awareness. Global awareness is becoming more important in this 21st century now that communication is so instant and the links between countries is closer.

It was pleasing to see more parents attend the Home School Partnership parent session on Thursday evening. The next parent session is later this term so keep an eye on the newsletter for more details.

It was a fine day last week when the school held it's annual Cross Country. All students from Year 1 to 8 completed the course which ranged from a lap of the field to a circuit of the school and 2 laps of the field for the seniors. The students who came first or second in each of the races represented the school at the Kaipara Schools Cross Country Competition at Woodhill Sands on Monday this week. The children really tried their hardest against stiff competition. Jordyn Beehre, Courtney Webber and Carrick Belton will represent the school at the Norwest Competition next Thursday. I would like to thank those parents who helped out at the School Cross Country and those parents who provided transport and assistance at the Kaipara Schools Cross Country.

You may have noticed the Life Education Caravan parked at the front of the school. All classes will visit the Life Education Caravan looking at a variety of topics in the Health Curriculum. Please see your child's teacher if you would like more information about the topics covered.

The Junior and Senior Disco is being held this evening and I know the children are very excited about showing off their dance moves. I would like to remind parents that children will not be released from the hall unless accompanied by an adult. Parents please be on time so that staff do not have to wait around afterwards. Money raised from the evening will go towards the Room 1 and 4 Camp in Term 4.

I would like to welcome to Parakai School Tajaé Sharké who started last Monday and is in Room 7 and Levi Haysom who started on Monday and is in Room 8. As a matter of interest the school currently has 171 students.

Sean Valvoi

**Principal, Sean Valvoi
Parakai School
10 Fordyce Road, PARAKAI 0830**

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Stories from Room 6

On Tuesday we had the cross country. I like running because you get fit.

By Chanel Tamatahi-Davies



Yesterday was the cross country race I ran with Year 2 girls. We ran one and a half laps. I came seventh in the race. After the race I had to have my inhaler and go to the toilet at the same time. I enjoyed the race. After the race, I put the water in my drink bottle on my towel and wiped my head, because I was sweating. Jamie and Krystal did what I did as well. We laughed at each other when we did it. It was cool at cross country running.

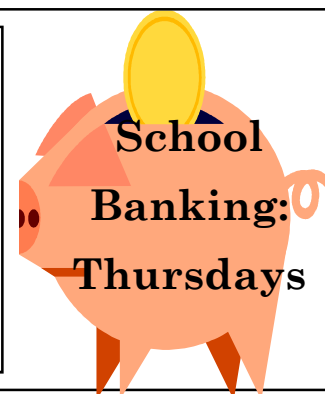
By Drae Adams

Yesterday it was cross country. I came fifth and Lindzey came fourth. We mostly had all our towels and drinks. After all of our races we got tired out. Some of the juniors got snacks that are called snakes. It was windy and cold, but we still enjoyed watching the seniors and juniors. Some of our parents were there. My Mum and Dad were there. Cross country was after playtime and before lunchtime. First, when the race started for the year two girls we had to jog then run. I got really exhausted. The year two girls ran two laps.

By Mia Petersen

PARAKAI SCHOOL NETBALL SEMI FINAL ROUND

| DATE | TEAM | TIME |
|-------------|------------------------|---------|
| 22nd August | Parakai Shooting Stars | 9.30am |
| 22nd August | Parakai Mystics | 9.30am |
| 22nd August | Parakai Lightning | 10.30am |
| 22nd August | Parakai Lil Souljaz | 12.30pm |



Room 1 Dinosaur Stories

Once there lived a Diplodocus family and a T-Rex family but there was a problem, they always fought. The Diplodocus family were really scared to go out of their house because they thought the T-Rex family would hurt them. One day a girl came to the Diplodocus's house, but they were too scared to open the door. "Who are you?" they asked. "I am here to save you", said the girl. The Diplodocus family did not know what to say so they just said thank you very much. So the girl went to see if the T-Rex family were asleep at home and they were. So they all snuck past them, when they got past the T-Rex's house they all began yelling help us, help us please! And then a prince came galloping on a horse. One of the T-Rex's came as well. So the prince went to get his friend that was once attacked by the T-Rex's and they are friends now. So he came and helped them and said hey can you please stop this. And the T-Rex stopped trying to attack them and they all lived happily ever after. But its not finished, the land looked like a rotten grapefruit. Still not finished the prince fell in love with the girl.

By Lucy Nisbet-Smith

One million years ago when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Drue and myself were going down the rocks and hills when a Velocaraptor jumped out of a tree and a Microraptor flew out of the sky. We both ran into the forest and saw the trees moving, it was a Spinosaurus which started running and stomping. We both stayed really still until it went away. We then saw Tyrannosaurus walking towards us, we decided to run away. Then a T-Rex ran towards me, we decided to run away. Then a T-Rex ran towards me, he wanted to eat me!

By Michael Buchanan

Birthdays!



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| Emma-Leigh Urlich | 23 August |
| Shaye Reid | 26 August |
| Sebastian Fraser | 26 August |
| Max Ainscow | 28 August |
| Rachel Scott | 31 August |
| Tegan Sainty | 1 September |

School Cross
Country Photos
11 August

20 August
2 September



NEW STUDENTS



Levi Haysom



Tajaé Sharké



Planting The Garden

On Friday July 31st, the Health team, Mr Parker, and Matua Kipa planted different kinds of vegetables in the garden behind Room 8.

We planted onions, garlic, and two different kinds of broccoli.

Every couple of weeks we are going to check on the plants and plant more kinds of vegetables.

We haven't decided on an end use for the veggies yet, but we have some cool ideas.

We are also going to use some of the worms from the worm farm to help nurture the soil and help the plants grow.



On Peace Week 2009 the Peer Mediators decided to finish up the week on a happy note. We decided on a fun day where the seniors in uniform could wear mufti and in the afternoon play some games that are all about co-ordinating and helping others out.

The games were successful and everyone who played enjoyed them.

By Tahlia Knowles





**Kaipara
Cross
Country
17 August**



Would you like to have a lamb or calf to compete at our Show Day on 31st October?

It is a great time for children to learn about looking after an animal. All lambs and calves must be born between 1st July and 30th September 2009, and children must care for and feed the animals themselves from one week old.

You may like to go to the free website www.calfclub.co.nz. All you need to know about choosing, feeding, training and showing your pet.

If you would like more information please see Mrs Taylor at the school office. We may be able to help in getting a lamb or a calf.



STARR CERTIFICATES



Room 1

Elliot Sutton Achievement

Room 2

Spencer Sutton Achievement

Room 3

Judge Hemana Achievement

Anthony Mansell-Mitchell Achievement

Shuan Hemana Achievement

Joshua Dobson Responsibility

Room 5

Te Rina Hemana Responsibility

Sam Duggan Achievement

Room 6

Quinn Webber Teamwork

Aidan Brown Respect

Blake Dobbin Respect

Hamish Galbreath Teamwork

Room 7

Mannix Campbell Achievement

Jessica Pleasants Respect

Josh Uluinayau Responsibility

Room 8

Emma-Leigh Urlich Responsibility

Tegan Sainty Responsibility

Daniel Judd Respect

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- All Yrs 7 and 8 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.

Free Helensville Vision & Hearing Clinic

B4 School Screening checks and Hearing Vision tests for all school aged children.

To make an appointment contact Janice
(09) 420-9450

For Sale

Table & 4 chairs—1 month old \$150.00 ono
Set of bunks with mattresses plus spare
mattress \$100.00

All in good condition.

TXT 0211253720



THANK YOU

A big thank you to Nick Milina from Helensville Hire for supplying us with tarpaulins for the children to sit on at our cross country day last Tuesday.

Ring Nick on 420-7676 or fax 420-8592 for any hire equipment, situated at 45 Mill Road, Helensville

**NB: The last day of school this Term will be a
TEACHER ONLY DAY. That is
Friday 25 September.**

Upcoming Events Term 3

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| 20 August | School Disco Juniors:5.00—6.30pm Seniors: 7—9pm |
| 21 August | Sharing Assembly |
| 24 August | Year 8 Girls Immunization |
| 27 August | Nor-west Cross Country |
| 28 August | Daffodil Day |
| 1 September | Year 7 and 8 Technology |
| 3 September | Year 7 and 8 Technology |
| 3 September | Home School Partnership Parent Session 4pm |
| 4 September | Sharing Assembly |
| 8 September | Year 7 and 8 Technology |
| 9 September | 3-WAY CONFERENCES (School finishes at 12.30pm) |
| 10 September | Year 7 and 8 Technology |
| 10 September | 3-WAY CONFERENCES |
| 11 September | Duffy Assembly |

Wanted—Coaches & Managers for our School Touch teams.

Even if you can just train a team at lunchtime this would be a great help. We have four mixed teams—Years 1/2, Years 3/4, Years 5/6, Years 7/8.

Starting Term 4.

Contact the school on 420-8494



SCHOOL WEB SITE— www.parakai.school.nz

Did you know that you can send in your child's absence via the school web site under the contact section. This means you can send it in the night before outside school hours.

Newsletters and school events will feature on the school web site. Please contact Mr Valvoi in writing if you do not wish your child to be in any of the photos which are placed on the school web site.