



# PARAKAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back. It was great to see everyone back safe and sound after the holidays. Students are now well and truly getting into their new units of work. I am particularly keen to see what sort of conversations will be taking place at home with our students who are inquiring about the effects of war. Please take some time to talk with your child about this. The experiences, insights and understandings of grandparents and older family members in an inquiry like this are invaluable. I fully recognise and appreciate though that, for many, talking about this is difficult. My own grandfather, who served in WW2 didn't say a word about his experiences and went to great lengths to avoid any talk about it. But...in saying all of this, these are insights that our younger people need. We have two new journalists. If any family members are interested in being interviewed I would be very grateful as this will become a very valuable resource for our students. Please let your child's teacher know if a family member would give some time to be interviewed.

I also find it interesting in an inquiry like this and indeed, in a time when commemorations such as ANZAC day occur, that we forget that wars have also been fought on our own soils. It is an important part of our own history that is often overlooked and seldom looked into.

This term is going to be another very busy term. A reminder of the upcoming Tough Guy and Gal Challenge. We urgently need more volunteers for this event. This is a big fundraising opportunity for the school and your time is much appreciated. Please contact Nadeen on 0274355939 if you can volunteer your time on Saturday 27 June and Sunday 28 June. Also a reminder that our Friends and Family of Parakai School will be having a Wine and Cheese evening on Wednesday 6 May at 6.30pm.

Netball trainings have started. I spoke to the students about commitment and emphasised the importance that commitment is 100% for trainings and games. This means being on time, playing hard but fair and enjoying the experience of putting in the effort and being part of a team. I am personally excited that we are back in the competition! We are also very close to securing sponsorship for our new netball uniforms so our students hit those courts looking great.

Finally, a reminder that Music Room lessons start this Friday. It is not too late to enrol your child. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Clark, on [musicroomaccounts@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:musicroomaccounts@vodafone.co.nz) or 021 689 005.

Here's to a great term.

Take care

Nick Neubert  
Principal

## Birthdays

**23 April - 6 May 2015**

Stacey Hamilton	25 April	Georgia Brown	4 May
Ethan Jarrett	26 April	Reilly Walker-Brewer	6 May
Cody Purnell	28 April		

## NEW STUDENT



Jayden Tatterson - Room 6

## Yummy Stickers

Please collect all Yummy stickers from fruit and bring to school to collect towards sports equipment.

Thanks Janine Fiebig.

## Life Education

The Life Education Caravan is coming to Parakai School on 5 - 8 May and each class will have two sessions with Chris and Harold (Life Ed Giraffe) during their visit.

The programmes offered by the Life Education vary according to the age of the students. This is a very worthwhile, fun and informative learning opportunity.

The cost is \$4.50 per student. All students who have paid the school trip fee are covered for the cost of this experience. If the trip fee has not been paid please send \$4.50 to Mrs Taylor in the office before 5 May.

Thanks Sue Caltaux

## Kaipara Triathlon 2015

Kaipara Triathlon is being held at Parakai School on Friday 22 May. Parakai School students are being requested to participate. This is for Year 5 - 8 students. Please chat to your child to see if they are interested in competing.

## Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart is being held on Tuesday 12 May from 1.45 - 2.40pm. Afternoon whole school sports. Gold coin donation so come along and join in the fun.

## Rippa Rugby

Coaches are needed for Rippa Rugby for 4 days over the rest of the year. Please contact Janine or the school office if you are able to help.

Thank you Janine Fiebig.

## HIPPY News

Hope you all had a great break over Easter spending quality time with your kids if possible!

Did you know that children learn lots through playing with their parents? Imaginative play with dolls, trucks or blocks is best, and spending time with children individually is also best – if you can!

Through play, children learn who they are, what they can do and how to relate to the world around them. Children learn to use their imagination, solve problems and test out new ideas. Supportive play (with parents) gives children the freedom to fail and make mistakes and to explore the limits of their skills. They can express emotions, communicate thoughts, needs, problems and feelings. Through roleplaying, children learn to see the world from other points of view and develop basic skills for social interaction.

So parents, stop spending big bucks on flash toys for your children and give them what they really need... regular play dates with you!

## **GREAT Achiever Awards - Friday 24 April 2015**

Room 1	Sean Aleke - A Moko Pairama - A
Room 2	Leah Sainty - R Ethan Jarrett - A Josie Newton - E Natasha Purnell - E
Room 3	Blake Dobbin - A Madison Adolph - A Reilly Walker-Brewer - A
Room 4	Anthony Banks - E Melissa Wilson - E
Room 6	Matt Tatad - G Roman Hewett-Penetana - A Bailey Winters - A
Room 7	Blake Boddington - A Henry Seely - A
Room 8	Alfie Seely - A Keira Rhind - R Krish Bisht - E Aroha-Rose Belton - E

GREAT - To grow GREAT citizens,  
empowered to live successfully in their  
personal and global lives.

G	Giving and receiving the very best.
R	Respecting ourselves, others and our surroundings.
E	Excelling by setting high expectations and having a strong work ethic.
A	Attitude of being open-to-learning.
T	Thinking critically and creatively in a changing world.

## **Science Roadshow**

On Monday 18 May Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4 are going to attend the Science Roadshow at Kaipara College. This trip will support our Term 3's science focus.

We will be travelling by bus. The cost for the Roadshow and bus will be \$10.00 per student.

A permission form will be sent out shortly.

## **Upcoming Events Term 2**

Monday	27 April	Anzac Day Holiday
Tuesday-Friday	5-8 May	Life Education Week
Wednesday	6 May	Friends & Family of Parakai School, Wine & Cheese 6.30pm
Wednesday	6 May	Crazy Hair Day
Tuesday	12 May	Jump Rope for Heart
Friday	22 May	Kaipara Triathlon

## **Term Dates for 2015**

Term 2: Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July

Term 3: Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October - Wednesday 16 December

## FIREWOOD: HELENSVILLE JUNIOR RUGBY GOLD COAST TOUR FUNDRAISER

We will be selling firewood as part of our fundraising for the 2015 tour.

1 cube of pine \$80.00 delivered or

1 cube of hotmix \$120.00 delivered. - Hotmix is made up of pine, gum, blackwood and macrocarpa.

Your support will be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Contact Amy Major 0277876271 or on [amymjr@hotmail.com](mailto:amymjr@hotmail.com)

## Fairy Fun Pre-School Dance Class!

For The Love of DANCE

- No booking required - just come along and be greeted by a fairy
- Learn to dance while working on basic co-ordination, self-confidence and a love for music and dance.
- Fun props and a large combination of styles are used while helping your children develop their fine and large motor skills
- We showcase what the children have learnt in an end of year show
- Certificate in Early Childhood Education

**When:** 10.00 to 10.45am Tuesdays - starting 21 April

**Where:** Helensville Catholic Church - 1 Puriri Street

**Cost:** \$7.50 per class

**Enquiries:** Call Fairy Caery on 0211346549

## Kumeu Children's Art Club

The Kumeu Children's Art Club is an after school activity for children aged 6 to teenagers who love art. Term 2 Topic is People Portraits and pets in My World and we will cover drawing, painting, clay models and printing.

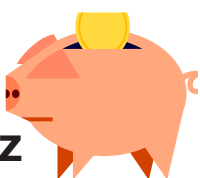
A Painted Self Portrait; A Painting to depict "My World"; A fired and glazed action figure and a dry point etching.

Wednesday session at The Waimauku Hall or Thursday session at The Kumeu Art Centre. Both sessions 3.30 to 6.00pm.

More info or bookings with Libby 09 4118323 or [libpatterson@hotmail.com](mailto:libpatterson@hotmail.com)

New kids most welcome.

School Banking:  
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