

Newsletter Term 1

Wk 4 2020

Friday 28th February 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Week 4 already, and almost the end of summer. But the weather has been kind to us and the students have enjoyed being able to spend break times outside.

House captains



Well done to everyone who applied to be a house captain for 2020. To apply students had to write a speech and deliver it to the students in their house, who then voted for the two house captains. This year there was a record number of applicants.

The house trophy is hotly contested each year. The house captains play a huge part in motivating the students in their house by leading house meetings and drumming up house spirit.

Our 2020 house captains are:

Stace- Teddy Cooling and Brooke Barcham
 Boulton- Blake Miscall and Alani Hodgson
 Gray- Giarna O'Hagan and Jonathan Virgo
 Bradey- Marcus Sayers and Amber Sceats

Those of you who have been able to make it up to the school this week would have seen the Dental Caravan and the Life Education mobile classroom up at the school. This, coupled with the tennis lessons this week, has certainly presented some timetable challenges- but has also kept us all busy

Community consultation and engagement evening

It is vital that the Board of Trustees and the staff team are responsive to the aspirations and feedback from the school community. To kick start our community engagement for 2020 we are planning an information and consultation meeting near the end of this term. We are looking at a date where the weather will hopefully still be warm and the Learning Centre will be available, just in case the weather does not play the game. The format and content of the evening will be somewhat responsive to the feedback we get from the community. We will be sending home a short planning survey over the next couple of weeks. Please pencil in this date: **31st of March 5.30 – 7.00pm.**

Parking Bay



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Term Dates 2020

Term 1

Mon 3 Feb - Thu 9 April

Term 2

Tue 28 April – Fri 3 July

Term 3

Mon 20 July – Fri 25 Sept

Term 4

Mon 12 Oct – Tue 15 Dec

It is likely that 2 teacher only days will be scheduled during the 2020 school year.

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Just a start of the year reminder that no cars should be left unattended in the bus bay between 8.25am and 9am. This is an incredibly busy area during the small window of time that students are dropped off in the morning. Thank you to you all for pulling as far forward as you can and keeping the traffic moving. As the bus bay is used for school busses at the end of the school day we are asking that no parents park or wait in the bus bay area between 2.55pm and 3.10pm. Student safety is our number one priority.

Melissa's announcement

Melissa Davies has informed her class this week that she and her husband are expecting their first baby. Melissa will be teaching until the end of term 2 before going on maternity leave. On behalf of all the staff we congratulate Melissa and her husband on this exciting news.



KiVa / PB4L

Great things have been happening at our school as we gain momentum with our PB4L and KiVa program. We have a brand new addition to the playground in the form of a 'Buddy Bench'. This colourful piece of equipment allows children who are feeling a bit lonely to send a visual cue to others that they would like to join their game. Our learners have been given some guidelines around the use of this bench so that we can ensure it is used for its purpose.



Keep a lookout for our amazing new signage around the school. This exhibits our PAUA values and keeps the message of PB4L and KiVa at the forefront of our minds at all times. There will be new signage outside each classroom as well as outside the office.

The PB4L/ KiVa team continues to attend training to keep our school at the top of our game. The team is currently visiting other PB4L schools in order to gain and share ideas on implementing this program in our school.

Teacher only days 2020

29th May Teacher Only Day with the following Monday being Queen's birthday

23rd October Teacher Only Day with the following Monday being Labour Day

These days are focused to provide teachers and principals time to:

- Refresh and deepen their knowledge and practice around the local curriculum (within the context of the removal of national standards);
- Strengthen their understanding of the use of assessment tools for learning and teaching. For Pauatahanui School this will mean a continued focus on our main PLD area, the LPF (Learning Progression Frameworks).

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These dates are timely as they align with the times in the year where teachers are asked to make overall teacher judgements for reporting purposes.

- Respond to the recommendations of the education work programme in the Curriculum, Progress and Achievement (CPA) Report; (Note: the CPA Report is available here)
- Familiarise themselves with the curriculum work changes that will become available over the term of the collective agreements.

School donations

This year the BoT is keeping the voluntary donation at the same level it has for previous years and making it more affordable for those of you with more than 2 children.

\$140 per child up to 2 children

\$70 per child after 2 children.

Invoices will be emailed home for each family at the beginning of each year, or when your child starts with us (whichever is applicable).

Payment(s) can be made by any of the following methods:

- Cheque or cash to the office
- Directly through internet banking – Pauatahanui School 12-3478-0059670-00 (reference: family name and “donation”)
- Eftpos (come and pay at the office)

There is an option to make regular payments into the school account, to allow for upcoming invoices and/or to pay the voluntary donations off.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Moving March is starting on Monday



For several years we have joined into the Movin’March campaign. We encourage students to walk/scooter/bike to school. There are several activities happening during the month.

WOW Passport Challenge

Each day we will stamp the walk or wheel trips your tamariki do to OR from school (only one stamp per day). We have been given some awesome spot prizes to hand out to students who get a lot of stamps. All full passports go in the draw to win one of 12 x \$400 My Ride vouchers (that’s more than double the prizes from last year!). Let’s get stamping!

Movin’March Parent Photo Comp

Snap a photo of your family’s journey to school during Movin’March & win! It might highlight a small adventure or wonder discovered along the way, or simply capture a moment in your journey. Post your photo publicly on Facebook or Instagram with #movinmarch. All entries will go in the daily draw to win a family pass to a fun destination in the Wellington region.

Park and Stride and Walking Pou

Sometimes walking from home isn’t possible, so we encourage walking or scooting from a Park & Stride or Walking Pou location. This gives our tamariki a little independence and fresh air before school as well as reducing congestion around the school gate. To get a feel for it, you could trial dropping your kids a little further from school



Entertainment Book

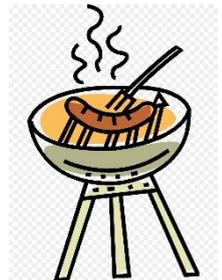
Pauatahanui School has offered Entertainment book to all school families in the past years. We are going to sell the memberships again this year. However, Entertainment has moved away from the physical book and only offers digital memberships now. A separate email has gone out earlier this week. If you would like to purchase a membership, please click on this link. <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104v116>

**Emergency Contact Forms**

It is very important that we have up to date contact details for all school families. So please send your emergency contact forms to the office as soon as possible.

Sausage sizzle

Every Thursday in terms 1 and 4 we have a sausage sizzle for lunch. This is a good fundraiser for the school. We are always on the lookout for volunteers who are able to give up an hour of their time to help cook and serve the sausages. If you can help, please get in touch with the office@pauatahanui.school.nz

**Juicies**

Every Thursday the seniors are selling Juicies to fundraise for their 2020 camp. Juicies are \$1.50 each.

Yearbook

Finally, last year's yearbook is now available for viewing and ordering. Please come to the office to get yours. Yearbooks are \$7 per copy.

Lost property

Please name all your child's clothing. We have a hard time finding the right owner if the items aren't named.

HIGH FIVE

Last year the PM asked NZ kids to send in a design for Christmas cards, and even though their design wasn't chosen for the PM's official card, Jacinda took the time to take individual photos holding the cards.

You can see Matherson's card on the left and Bela's design on the right.

Well done guys!

**SPORTS PE****Expressions of interest for netball**

Kia ora everybody! Have you missed those Saturday mornings down at the courts?

We're seeking expressions of interest for those children who wish to play netball for Pauatahanui School in 2020. Netballers can be boys or girls, from Year 5 to Year 8. The netball season runs through Terms 2 and 3. It will require your child to attend weekly games on a Saturday, one practice after school and parents to support one day on Saturday for a couple of hours when we are on court duties. We also need a manager for both the Y5/6 and Y7/8 teams.

Please let Keryn Deller (netball coordinator) know if your child is keen to play for the 2020 season. kerynd@pauatahanui.school.nz



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Sports Calendar

You will find our 2020 Sports Calendar attached to this email and on our website from next week on.

RAUKAWA HUB

Room 2 drew some beautiful family portraits as part of our Who am I? Topic unit.



WHITIREIA HUB**Learning Languages**

This term, Mrs Spencer has been teaching room 9 some Māori! We started off with learning our Mihi's, talking about our feelings and we are now beginning to understand and form proper sentences. Even though they are quite simple, for example: Kei te Hiakai au, means, I am hungry, it's a start to Te Reo Māori!

Mihi's are very important when it comes to Māori, because that is a short introduction of yourself and where you come from. You include things like your kura (school), maunga (mountain) and awa (river) all together to get people to know a bit about you. If you are Māori, you would add things like, your waka (boat), your iwi (tribe) and even your hapu (sub-tribe)!

We also watched a video about a child waiting for his dad then his uncle comes along and waits with him until his dad comes and asks him questions. We had to try and figure out what roughly the sentences meant, but they were in Māori (so that was hard!). Then Mrs Spencer put the subtitles on in English so we could read what the story was saying. Learning Māori is so fun!

By Alani and Anika

Keeping active

In Room Nine we have been doing fun fitness games between subjects. Some of the games we have played are bopper tag, KO, seaweed, regions and many more. These are short five minute games to get us moving after being inside and sitting down. Our teacher thinks it is important to exercise but in a fun way!

Bopper tag is a game where two people have half a pool noodle and they have to try and tag everyone.

Once you have been tagged, you are out. It's really exhilarating and gets us going. K.O is a game where one team tags and stands in a line and one team runs. The team that runs can go through the line but the taggers can't. They have to tag another person in their team. The goal is to get the longest time running and whoever has the longest time wins! Most people know seaweed. It's a game where there are three taggers and you have to run to the other side without being tagged. And lastly Regions is pretty similar. There is a tagger in each region and they say something like only if you are wearing yellow, so the people wearing yellow run.

Overall the whole class agrees that this is a fun way to exercise without being pressured to do something like running laps around the school!

Brooke and Evie Room 9



S.T.E.M

While the year 7 and 8s were at TECH, the year 6 students have been doing S.T.E.M. challenges.

What is S.T.E.M.?

S.T.E.M. is Science Technology Engineering and Math

What challenges have we done?

In week 2 we got into teams of 3 or 4 and we had to make a box out of paper and put a potato chip in it. Then we got the biggest, heaviest dictionary and dropped it on the box. If the chip cracked, then you were out. If the chip didn't break, you would get the rest of the bag of chips.

In week 3 We did stop motion videos with Mrs Breuss-McBride. We made our videos based on a certain P.A.U.A value.

In week 4 (This week) We made spaghetti bridges with hot glue, rubber bands and of course the spaghetti. The spaghetti bridges had to hold a bluetooth speaker. Everyone's bridges held the speaker so then Mrs Davies judged the prettiest design. The team who won was Alice, Jess and Holly. We did another round, just for fun this time. We put a heavy sellotape dispenser on the bridges and then we **KARATE CHOPPED** the bridges but then... **WE HAD TO CLEAN IT UP!**

By Jack and Alice



RAUKAWA HUB

Our Hub is lucky to have an ex pupil, from our school, Stefania, return to take us through a series of drama activities and games, which we are thoroughly loving. These sessions are helping us discover more about who we are, our strengths and encouraging our creative side.

Some of the student responses:

I like playing lots of drama games
We play extraordinary games
Enjoyed being tied up in knots!
Wink Murder makes us into observant dectectives
We look forward to Fridays, knowing it' s DRAMA
Drama is the best thing ever, especially with stefania
We get to play and create with our mates
I adore Friday because of our drama sessions
Stefania is so enthusiastic and creative
She makes drama really spectacular!



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