

Newsletter Term 1 Wk 2

2019



Friday 15 February 2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

We have all hit the ground running up here at Pauatahanui School and I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting all of the classes and seeing how engaged all of the students are in a wide range of learning.

We are only 5 school days into the year and already we have had a hub visit Victoria University to see Nano Girl (see the write up and photos later in this newsletter) and we have had the team from Project Energize putting our students through their paces.

The calendar for the rest of the term is looking just as busy so make sure you keep an eye on hub newsletters and the school newsletter for upcoming events.

On Thursday 21st February between 6pm and 7pm we will be hosting an information session for parents about the Keeping Ourselves Safe (KoS) programme and the KiVa anti-bullying programme.

The Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) programme is a New Zealand Police initiative and consists of a comprehensive range of child protection resources to help students learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. At Pauatahanui School we use the KoS programme and resources to support the Health curriculum. Officer Andrea Noble will be in to talk to you all about the programme on Thursday 21st Feb. 6pm.

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Following the KoS information we will be introducing the KiVa anti-bullying programme to the community. Essentially KiVa is an evidence-based programme which helps students, teachers and parents alike understand if behaviours constitute bullying, teach empathy and understanding, and to give us a clear process to deal with bullying if it occurs.

The KiVa programme means all children will have classroom lessons that change attitudes and behaviours, increasing student empathy and understanding, and developing strategies and confidence to move from being a bystander to a defender. A trained school KiVa team follows a proven process when bullying incidents are identified.

To find out more, come along to our KiVa parent information evening on Thursday 21 February from 6:30pm to 7 pm in the Learning Centre

Information on the KiVa programme is also available on their website - <http://www.kivaprogram.net/nz>

BoT news

This year every state school in New Zealand will be holding their triennial Board of Trustees elections. In the coming weeks you will be receiving bite-sized pieces of information that explain the role of a school BoT and information aimed at encouraging whānau participation in the BoT process. A little bit later in March we even hope to hold an information hui for all current and prospective BoT members.

This year Pauatahanui School will be using the common New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) dates for our elections.

Event	Date
Select Returning Officer by	Wednesday 1 May 2019
Close Main Roll	Noon Wednesday 8 May 2019
Call for Nominations by	Friday 10 May 2019
Close Supplementary Roll	Noon Wednesday 22 May 2019
Nominations Close	Noon Friday 24 May 2019
Voting Papers Sent by	Wednesday 29 May 2019
Election Day (voting closes)	Noon Friday 7 June 2019
Count Votes	Thursday 13 June 2019
Board Takes Office	Friday 14 June 2019

Parent Teacher Interviews

We would like to give you the opportunity to catch up with your child's teacher early in the term so you can share with us

- how your child is settling into school this year
- how your child learns best and what their strengths and weaknesses are
- We would like to know about your child's personality and how we can work best with them at school

We will send home a questionnaire on Monday for you to fill in and bring along to the interview to help guide our discussion.

The interviews will happen on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th February. Due to family commitments Sarah Taylor (Room 5) will only be available on the Wednesday, but please be assured that she will still make time for every parent to see her.

We have allocated 10 minute slots per student with their home room teacher. The smooth running of our event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents and end on time. If you need more time with a particular teacher, arrange a separate meeting or phone call.

Please follow the provided link to book a suitable time slot.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=c7wwd>

Smart Phones/ Watches at School

At Pauatahanui School we do everything we can to keep our students safe in the physical and online environments. To ensure we are able to monitor and guide internet access we do not allow the unsupervised use of digital devices during school, break times, or after school. If a student ever needs to contact their parents, they can do so through the office. If a student feels unwell, the first point of contact should always be their homeroom teacher.

Phones- As we have no control over devices that are able to access cellular networks we do not allow students to use phones during the school day.

There might be good reasons why a student brings a phone to school, such as contacting parents after sports training, but we will be reminding students that phones are to be stored away during the day.

Road Patrol



As I am sure everyone has noticed, our school crossing has become very busy. Therefore, students will now be doing road patrol in the morning. However, to keep everyone safe, they still need some parent support. But the good news is that the role is much easier:

The role of parent helper in the mornings:

- Standing next to the road patrol on the Ground Up side of the road
- Reminding students and parents not to cross until both signs are up.
- Reminding traffic patrol to allow enough time between crossings to ensure traffic keeps moving.
- Moral support!

At the moment we are looking for people to help with Thursdays and Fridays and also some backup support when people are working/away etc. Let me know if you can help. We need you!

Thanks again for your support.

If you can help out, please contact Jane Sheffield by email. janey.sheffield@gmail.com

House Fun Day- Friday 8th March. 12 - 3pm

We will be having a community event this term with the students doing some fun activities in their houses. You are all welcome to bring a picnic lunch and join in the fun. The students will be dressing up in their house colours and you can as well.

We will be encouraging the students to show the P.A.U.A. values on the day and support each other in their house groups.

Sun Safe - If anyone has a free-standing gazebo that we can borrow for additional shade we would love to hear from you.

Houses

Stace - blue; Bolton - red; Bradey - yellow; Gray - green

Maria Breuss-McBride
Sports Coordinator



T.V Stars right here at Pauatahanui School.

Those of you who were at Lamb and Calf Day may have seen a film crew. This film crew was from a show called "Fanimals". The episode that features some of our Pauatahanui School students is on next week, Tuesday 19th Feb, 4pm on TVNZ 2. Fanimals starts at 4pm and our piece is on the second half of the show, so don't panic if you miss the start.

It'll also be available on HEIHEI and TVNZ on Demand by about 5.30pm.

Bradley Roberts
Principal

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Pak n Save Receipts

Every time you spend money at Pak n Save Porirua—keep your receipt and bring it into the office. Make sure the receipt has your children's class number on it.

Only receipts for the current term will be accepted.

The class who spends the most money/per child over the term gets a wee treat and our school gets a commission. Thank you Pak n Save Porirua for supporting our school!

Sausage sizzle and helpers

We are running the sausage sizzle for this term and looking for volunteers to man the bbq. If you have some time on a Thursday between 12.00 and 1.15 we would love to hear from you. You don't have to commit to the whole term, even one day would help us.

Dogs

A friendly reminder that the school is a dog free zone. Thank you.

Absences:

If your child will be away from class please either call us on 2347659, use the Skool Loop app, or email Sue Judd admin@pauatahanui.school.nz

Forms:

This week your child should have brought home several forms. At the beginning of the year we are always keen to update family's contact details, so please return this to us as soon as possible.



PAUATAHANUI
SCHOOL

Term Dates 2019

Term 1

Thurs 7 Feb to Fri 12 April

Term 2

Mon 29 Apr to Fri 5 July

Term 3

Mon 22 July to Fri 27 Sept

Term 4

Mon 14 Oct to Fri 20 Dec

Phone: 234 7659

office@pauatahanui.school.nz

Potty Planters are Go for 2019!



The volunteers will be up at the nursery behind the learning centre from 9am to 12pm (ish) every Tuesday during term time - we'd love to have some new members come and help. Last year we raised around \$14,000 profit for the school, all of which went directly to classrooms to support your children's learning. Anyone is welcome, from garden gurus to those that have never even touched a plant, and all the gear is provided. Come along and spend as little or as much time as you can, meet some new friends, eat some baking and maybe learn a bit about plants and propagation.

Coming up soon this term we will be running a Spring Bulb fundraiser - we will have a selection of spring bulbs, corms and seeds (daffodils, tulips, freesias, ranunculus, iris and sweet peas) available to buy from a big commercial bulb operation. You can buy them from us at less than retail price, and the school will get 30% of all sales to keep! A great way to support the school and get your spring garden looking amazing. Keep an eye out in future newsletters for more details and how to order.

"The first time I came along to volunteer at Potty Planters I was so nervous I took my dad along with me!! And as for plant knowledge - does watching better homes and gardens on the telly count?? These days my plant knowledge and confidence has grown, my home garden is something I'm proud of. The people I met have become friends with whom I share social events and the feeling of contributing to the school coffers is great. My son hasn't been at Pauatahanui School for 8 years, but now my nephew is there and I enjoy contributing to my community. I'd thoroughly recommend it to school parents and community members who have a couple of free hours in Tuesday's from 9 am - baking optional, eating it isn't!!"

— Jo Cross (one of our longest serving members!)

For more info get in touch with Rachael Burke - pauatahanui.pottyplanters@gmail.com - or just pop along on a Tuesday morning (keep an eye on our Facebook page for cancellations - we are usually on unless there is a major weather event or whole school event: <https://facebook.com/pauatahanui.pottyplanters>).

WHITIREIA HUB

Every Wednesday the year 7&8 class go to Plimmerton School Technology Centre. Here are our first impressions!

I have started technology in soft materials, which includes sewing and measuring. My first lesson was really fun, I started making a monster which I hand sewed. I have learned that I am pretty good at hand sewing, which I have never done before. Tobey

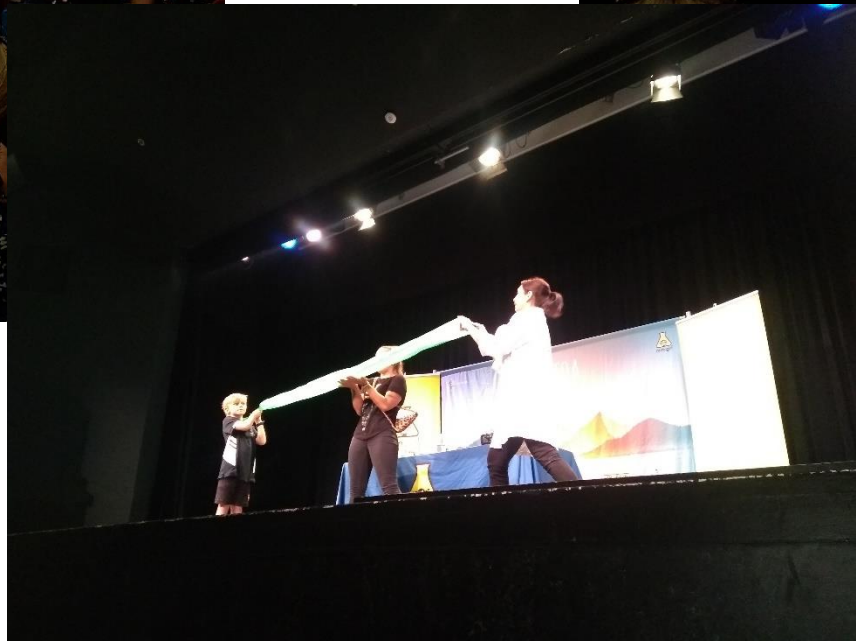
Woodwork the best so fun like its that fun I could go there every day if I could I would just make and make everyday. I like it because you can use different tools, and create different projects. Teddy



RAUKAWA HUBRaukawa Hub's trip to the Nano Girl Show

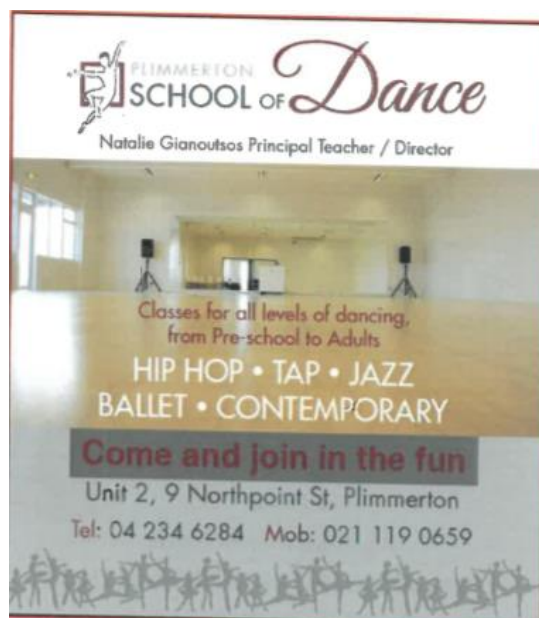
On Monday Raukawa Hub went to see Nano Girl. First we hopped on the bus. There were tvs, curtains, air conditioning and seatbelts. When we got off the bus we were at the Botanical Gardens. At the Botanical Gardens there is a playground so we played there for a bit. My friends and I played families. We ate morning tea there as well. At last it was time for the show! Yay! We walked from the Gardens to Victoria University to see Nano Girl. Nano Girl is a scientist and she did the most amazing experiments. I liked the 'hand on fire' trick and the thunder spring. The liquid nitrogen was the best one- it exploded to the roof when she mixed it with boiling water! It was so amazing. The day had come to an end sadly. It was time to get on the bus and head back to school.

By Abigail



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