

Newsletter Term 2

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Friday 19th June 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Well here we are already at the end of Week 10 of this 12-week term. Moving to level one last week means that things are pretty much back to normal here at Pauatahanui School. I have loved walking through the classes this week and seeing just how hard everyone is working. Well done everyone.

Now that we have some normality we are cracking into many of the things that got put on hold with the lockdown and as we moved through the Covid levels.

I am very excited to let the community know that the BoT have agreed that Lamb and Calf Day should go ahead, albeit with greater emphasis on us supporting all those community members and businesses that have supported us over the years. Make sure you keep Saturday November the 7th free for L&C Day 2020. The Potty Planters nursery is looking amazing and the team is gearing up for the big sale on the 25th October. More about this in the next newsletter.

Planning for the senior South Island camp is well under way, we have the cross country next week and the student council are as busy as ever planning some great initiatives for the students. As I took the minutes at the last student council meeting, I will give a brief overview of what the working groups have planned for the coming weeks.

ECO Heroes- This group will be using some of the grant money to purchase the initial equipment needed to get the composting station up and running. This includes building a three bay compost bin and educating the classes about what waste can go into the classroom green waste bins.

Year book- While a few events that would have appeared in the year book have been cancelled, there are still a list of things coming up that the year book team will start writing up. (Onesie Day, building work, Covid- Isolation poems, Matariki and cross country just to name a few.)

Events- This group are looking forward to supporting some fantastic charities through Onesie Day and other events this year.

This year Matariki falls into our school holidays. The celebrations have become a tradition here at Pauatahanui School, so we have scheduled our Matariki celebrations for the 24th July.

Staffing for term 3 and 4

By now many of you will have heard what the staffing plan for the rest of the year looks like. At the end of this term Miss Deller will be taking up a new position at the Ministry of Education. On behalf of the school community I wish Keryn all the best.

Sharon Gibson will be returning from the Royal Society Science Teaching and Leadership programme and will be Room 5's teacher for the rest of the year. I know that all of the students are very excited to have their first teacher back as their year 4/5 teacher. Sharon will also be the hub leader for Raukawa.

On the first day of term 3 we open our second new entrant class. Anna Dellow and Amy Sarniak-Thomson will be room 7's teachers for the remainder of the year.

A maternity leave position will be advertised in the coming weeks to cover Mrs. Ahren's position while she is on maternity leave.

If you have any questions, please be in touch and have a great weekend.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Crossing Duty

We are on the lookout for some parents who can help with the crossing duty in the morning. We have no one for Wednesdays or Fridays at the moment, so if you have time from 8.30 – 9.00 that would be great.

Please get in touch with Jane Sheffield janey.sheffield@gmail.com if you can help.

Absentees

When you leave us a voicemail or email to let us know your child will be away from school, can you please mention the reason. The Ministry of Education requires us to give a reason in our student management system, so we need to have this information. Also if your child is sick for several days, you need to let us know every day please. We are not allowed to assume that children are still unwell because they were sick on the previous day.



Laughalots Vouchers

Your child should have brought home a Laughalots voucher kindly donated by the Christensen family. If there are any siblings who aren't at Pauatahanui school but would like to visit Laughalots playland too, please pop in the office. We might have some spare vouchers to hand out. Enjoy your visit!

Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale

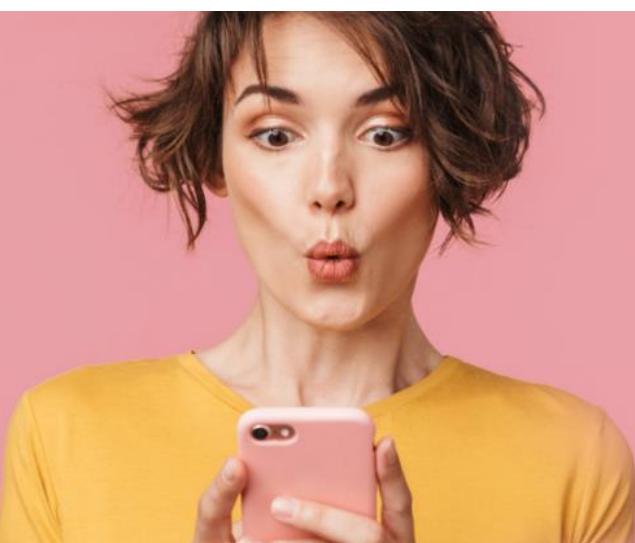
Next Thursday (25th June) after the Cross Country run the year 7 and 8 students will hold a sausage sizzle and bake sale to fundraise for their camp later this year. If you have prepaid for sausage sizzle in term 1 but your child missed out for the last three weeks due to the lockdown, your child will automatically get what you have ordered. Otherwise just bring some cash on the day.



Sausage	\$1.50
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LAMB & CALF DAY



Some of you may have been wondering if we were going to cancel Lamb and Calf Day, rest assured it's still on and we are planning for another amazing day!

We do need your help though! There are a few crucial roles that we are needing to fill as soon as possible, without them the day cannot go ahead. Once we find a volunteer coordinator, they will be in contact with you closer to the time to discuss roles on the day.

Sponsorship/Prizes: This is the most urgent role we need to fill. We're looking for one or two people to help with the sponsorship and prizes. This is a great job for someone who is unable to actually attend on the day, but can commit to time before the day.

Volunteer Coordinator: This involves coordinating parents and volunteers and allocating them to various roles for the day.

MC: We have had two amazing ladies help with MC duties over the last three years, but they are unable to assist this year. This is an important role on the day. It would be best to have two people, and they do not need to be parents from the school, if you have friends who are confident speaking in public and have a great personality we would love to hear from them!

Please make contact if you need further info about any of the roles. Let's work together to make this year's event one to remember!

Contact Libby on 0292006254 or email info@lambandcalfday.co.nz

TAINUI HUB



Room 3 and 4

For our sustainability topic this term we have been looking at rubbish, recycling and sea creatures (and what we can do to look after them). Room 3+4 have been having a blast during discovery time. Some of the activities we have done in discovery time: painted fish and sharks, water play, made seaweed, jellyfish, octopus tentacles and shark teeth.



Check out our pictures!



Room 3+4 have been enjoying
collaborating and working together.



This week, Room 1 wrote persuasive letters to Mr Roberts about what we think we should add to the school playground. Here are some of our stories.

Dear Mr Roberts

We should have a mouse wheel in the school playground because it will make us fit for running and you will be able to run even when you are not going anywhere. A mouse wheel will also help you learn to balance, make friends and share. So can we please have a mouse wheel?

From Ella

Dear Mr Roberts,

We must have a treehouse/ gaming room/ Go Kart room in our school playground because it will be fun and awesome and we will take turns. Don't grow a new tree, just build it onto the oak tree. It will help the school with maths because of the maths games in the gaming room.

From Brax

Our phonics focus was the 'r blends'. As a Must-Do we made pictures of r blend words to add to our blender wall.



WHITIREIA HUB

Whitireia News - brought to you by Tobey and Ethan

Our Inquiry Work

In our class, we got an opportunity to investigate a native New Zealand species of our choice. Once we chose our living thing we had to research the life processes, the food chain, the life cycle, and other

The 7 Life Processes

For our work, we had to find out about the 7 life processes. We had a pretty funky acronym to help us along the way: MRS GREN or MRS NERG.

Pamphlets

This week, we started using our information to make a pamphlet about the human impact on our living thing using a cool website called Canva. We also had to figure out ways to fix the things we have done to the species of New Zealand.

Lockdown Boogies with Room 1

Whitireia had lots of fun with room 1 making up dance moves to do together. It was great to see people challenging themselves to do different things and collaborate together.



RAUKAWA HUB

In Rm. 6, we are learning to write suspense narratives, practising using language features learnt during our poetry unit, such as alliteration, simile and personification. We also are focusing on making effective word choices.

As a class, we formed an introduction, then with a buddy, wrote the next paragraph, a description of the bedroom following from this sentence: "..., Sprouting wilfully, the vines took control of her bedroom."

Here are some of our descriptive paragraphs:

... Vines hung down, trapping Molly deliberately. Thick, green monstrous leaves strangled the life out of the bed. Big puffed flowers go thrown around the emerald room, like big fluffy marshmallows getting tossed in the air.
(Wills, Brax)

A vine sprouted out of the anthology and stuck itself to the light bulb. The vine spread its sticky self all around the shade. The thing made its way down the wall, to the door. It wrapped itself around the door handle and trailed itself right to Molly, stopping her in her path. molly was TRAPPED!

(Abi, Emma)

The vines crept up the legs of the bed. Shadowy, dark, oak drawers shivered and did nothing. The vines picked up the bed by its legs. The shadowy walls darkened creepily. The vines engulfed the door and window. The vines grabbed the delicate books violently. The gloomy light was flickering dangerously. Darkness engulfed the room!
(William, Ed)

Vines ripped down the curtains in a furious rage. Smashing down the door, so hard it splintered, the vines wrapped around the legs of the bed, and lifted it in the air. Vines carpeted the floor. Ivy-green vegetation rested on some furniture. Beanstalks covered the walls as if they were to decorate them. Poison ivy vines made a half sphere and covered Molly in an effort to protect her.

After all the madness, in the protected shell, Molly is still asleep!
(Bonnie, Elliot)

Impressive writing - their teacher is very proud of these excellent examples.

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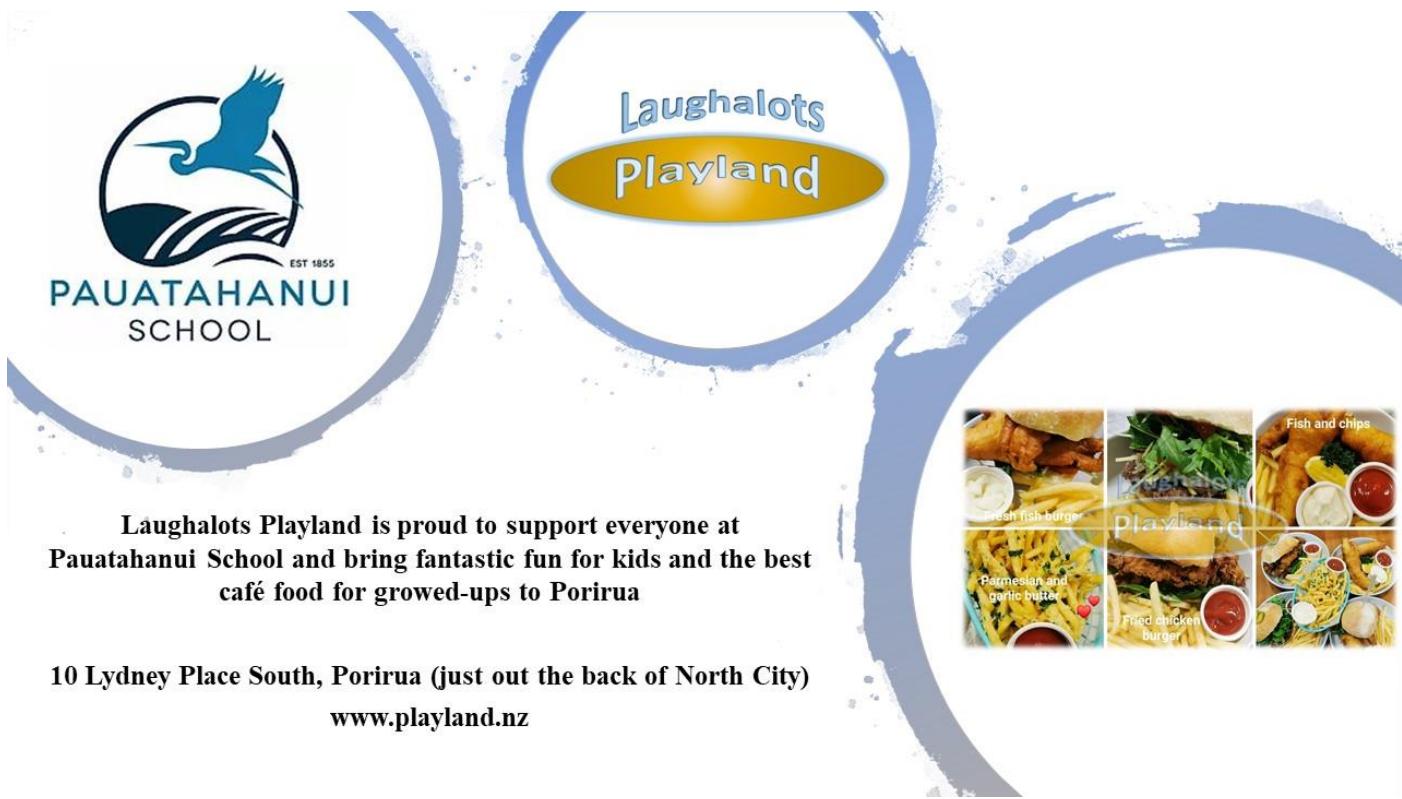
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