



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

*Newsletter 3
28th February 2018*

Kia Ora and welcome

What an amazing turnout for our parent information evening and picnic! It was a tough decision to postpone the event initially, but I think we were rewarded with an amazing evening for our community to come together and get information about what is happening in classes, and re-connect as a community after the holidays. Events like this are vital in continuing to be the close-knit community school that we've always been. Thank you for providing such a warm welcome to all our new staff and students. Our next major community event is our PTA Fete, coming up on the 7th of April.

2018 planner

All school families should have received a copy of the Parnell District School wall planner, either at the picnic or at school the week later. If you've not received a copy, please speak to your class teacher. We worked hard to ensure as many important details as possible are on the planner, to help our school whanau to plan for the upcoming events. If you'd like any additional copies of the planner, they can be purchased from the office for \$3 each or 2 for \$5

School closure 1pm for paid union meeting: 20th March

As part of the upcoming union negotiation for the teachers collective agreement, all union members are required to attend a meeting on the afternoon of the 20th of March. We encourage parents to pick students up at 1:00 when school will finish so our teachers can attend the meeting. If you are unable to pick your children up at 1pm, they can be supervised by staff until 3pm. Afterschool care will begin at 3pm as usual for any students who usually attend.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the students who were successful in their application for the Parnell District School Leadership Academy. From the 115 applications from students in years 5-8, 36 students have been successful in their applications. For those of you who are successful, the hard work is just beginning now. I look forward to seeing you develop your leadership through your work with Mr George and how you are able to support our students. For those of you who were unsuccessful, you've all been given feedback on your application and we look forward to seeing you develop your application for 2019!

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Weetbix kiwi kids tryathlon. It was a fantastic event, and is a wonderful way for our students to enter into triathlon in a non-competitive manner. We will be looking for students who are interested in competing

in the event for 2019 in term four, so if you are looking to participate, remember it will be back again next year!

Goalsetting conferences

For students in year 4-8 have goalsetting conferences coming up in week 7 on the 13th, 14th, and 15th of March. In order to book your conferences, go to schoolinterviews.co.nz using the code **e7bx4** .

For students in year 0-3 you will either receive a written report, or have a goal setting conference, but you will receive an email to let you know which is appropriate for your child. If you don't have a goalsetting conference this term, you will have one in week 7 of term two.

School will finish at 2pm on Thursday the 15th for teachers to begin conferences. After school care will begin from 2pm, and any students who are not able to be picked up at 2pm can be supervised by staff until 3pm.

Kind Regards

Richard George

Dates coming up in the next two weeks:

2nd March – Swim trials for Zone Swimmers, Room 28 on assembly

6th March – Eastern zone boys softball

8th March – Eastern zone girls softball

9th March – Room 4 on assembly

11th March – Top schools challenge

13th, 14th March – Goalsetting conferences 3-6pm

15th March – Goalsetting conferences 2- 8 pm

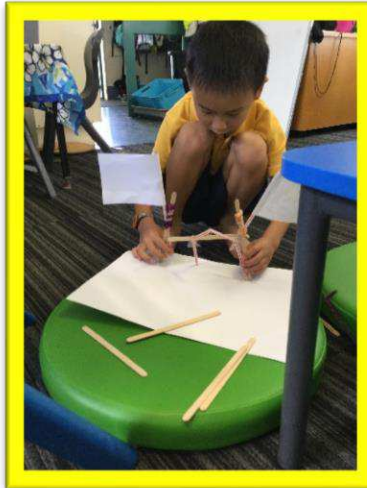
16th March – Room 13 on Assembly, Eastern Zone Tag

Welcome to the room 1! We have been exploring some of the greatest architectural designs throughout history and across the world. This has taken us to The Great Pyramids of Giza, The Leaning Tower of Pisa and the National stadium in Beijing. Here's a sneak peek at our own models and our writing.

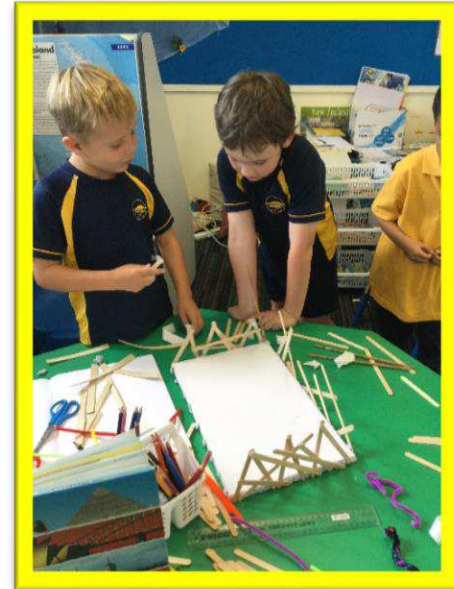
The Taj Mahal

I created the Taj Mahal, my model is made out of clay but the real Taj Mahal is made out of bricks covered in white marble. It was built in 1632 and it took over 20 years to complete. I built it because I wanted a building that was really hard. The King built it for his wife who was called Mumtaz Mahal. He had planned to build a black marble one for himself.

By Dristhi



Fly creating the same.



Sam, Finn and Jack creating a model of the Beijing National Stadium.



Notre Dame de Paris

On Friday me and Zac made the Notre Dame out of paper. The Notre Dame was made in France in 1163. We chose to make a model of this amazing building because it looked quite tricky but fun. We also used cardboard, popsicles sticks and tape. We used yellow and silver paper.

By Lulu.



The Notre Dame de Paris



Jet and Claudia working together to made a model of the Pyramids of Giza.



Lourdes and Samara creating the Eiffel Tower

Welcome to Room 30!

We have had a very busy and exciting start to the year.

Numeracy

We have been looking at strategies to work out Addition and Subtraction problems. The strategies that we have learnt are: Using a number line, Place value, Rounding and compensating and Algorithm. We have been introduced to several new strategies every single time. We've got a lot better working with these new strategies.



Literacy

We have started a new, innovative and creative programme called Daily 5. We're able to choose from 5 reading and writing choices. We love being allowed to make our own choice about what we are reading and writing about. The choices are; Reading to Someone, Work on Writing, Read to Self, Listen to Reading and Word work. The idea is that this programme will help develop lifelong habits for us and we should be able to read, write and work independently. It is very exciting. The link for the website is here:

<https://www.thedailycafe.com/daily-5>

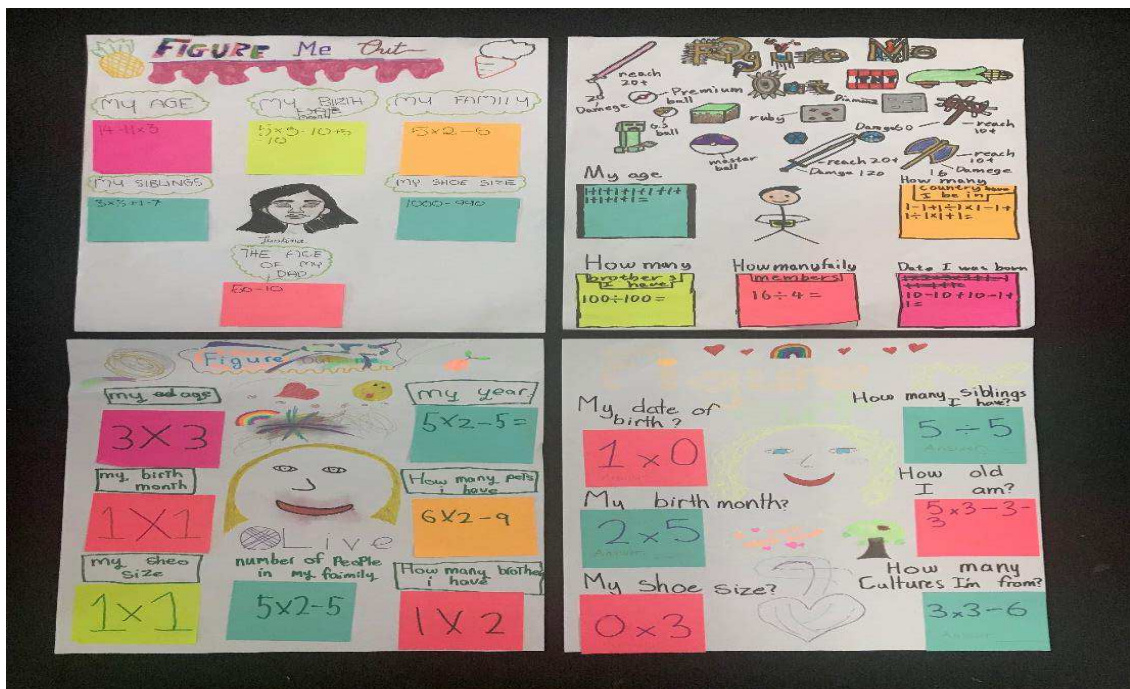


Inquiry

As our inquiry topic is called 'Design Our World' we are looking at many different designers. Right now we are looking at Ada Lovelace, the world's first computer programmer and back then the computer wasn't even invented. She helped inventor Charles Babbage create an algorithm or code for his design called the analytical engine which would perform, store and print results. But the project was too expensive and she died at the age of 36 years old. Ada wrote a code for computers even though they hadn't been invented yet. In Storybird we are creating a story about what she could have achieved if she had lived longer.



Just for fun -Figure me Out! Can you guess the answers to these?



P.T.A Notices

PTA NEWS

Twilight Fete - Saturday April 7th, 3-7pm

Our wonderful Twilight Fete is coming up on Saturday April 7th, 3-7pm. Please mark the date in your diary and ask friends and extended family to come along to enjoy the event too. This will be a fun community event and we appreciate all the efforts to make this a success. A few things to remember:

Second-Hand Book Stall

Have a good sort through the book shelves at home and drop-off any second-hand books to Room 14 between 8.30-9am every Friday.

Preserves Stall

We have a wonderful parent Sam who is already busy bottling delicious preserves to sell at the Twilight Fete. If you have any fruit donations, or even fruit that is ripe but still on the tree, please contact parnellsschoolpta@gmail.com. We also urgently need more glass jars with re-sealable metal lids. You can drop-off any jars outside Room 14 between 8.30-9am every Friday.

Class Activities for the Fete

All our classes and their amazing teachers have come up with great ideas for the class activities. Help will be needed to organise/run each class activity/stall so please give your teacher as much support as you can.

Any great ideas or offers of help, please contact parnellsschoolpta@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Dan, Emma, Leena, Lisa, Louise and Lucy - Twilight Fete Team

Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzle

An enormous thank you to all the children who wore mufti or bought a sausage, muffin or drink from the last Sausage Sizzle Mufti Day! The PTA raised an enormous \$1339.80 from the day! Well done everyone. And a special thank you to Louise Pinfold, who has taken over the purchasing for this event, and did an absolutely stellar job!

Important Notice

Goal setting/Review conferences

Our conferences are an opportunity for parents, students and teachers to review progress and learning goals, setting new ones if need be. We are working to ensure parents receive a more frequent communication about student's learning, progress and needs. You will have either a goal setting conference or written report each term.

For term one, goal setting conferences will be held on:

Tuesday 13 March 3:15-6pm, Year 4-8 only

Wednesday 14 March 3:15-6pm, Year 4-8 only

Thursday 15 March 2pm-8pm, Year 0-8

To book your conference:

1. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. Type the school event code in the place provided. The event code is **e7bx4** Click GO.
3. Enter your name, email address, the number of children you would like to make an appointment for, and the name of your child or children. Click GO
4. Use the drop-down arrow to select the teacher you would like to make an appointment with by clicking on the name
5. Only the times shown will still be available. Simply click in the box of the time you prefer and then Click GO.
6. Your booking is confirmed.
7. To cancel a booking, click on the 'Cancel' link. You can update your details, add another student or reschedule bookings by clicking on the appropriate links
8. You should receive an email containing your booking times. If this doesn't arrive, please confirm your email and check your spam folder.
9. You can change or cancel your bookings at any time by returning to www.school.interviews.co.nz and enter the event code - **e7bx4**

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We are raising funds for our School and you can help. Order the NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting our School. PLUS, order ONLINE between March 1 and March 15, and not only you will receive over \$200 of bonus Early Bird Offers, but you will also receive two complimentary Event Cinemas eVouchers (hurry, these sell out quickly).

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/94164y>

Gearing up for the 2018 Rugby Season



Registrations Now Open! www.grammarjuniors.co.nz



Rugby is great for developing fitness, team play and ball skills...and Grammar Juniors is one of the leading junior rugby clubs in the central Auckland area. Situated at Shore Road Reserve, we are fortunate to have some of the best fields in Auckland as our home grounds. Grammar Juniors has a very proactive committee of parents, great coaches and our teams perform well in the competitions within their grades.

Important Information:

Grammar Juniors caters for children from pre-school to Under 13 age group and our teams are weight restricted – so you only play against children of a similar size.

In addition to this, Under 6 and Under 7 age grades play Ripps Rugby which is non-tackle. Tackle rugby begins from Under 8 age grade.

Come and join the fun – register now!

Register Online: www.grammarjuniors.co.nz
Or for more information email: grammarjuniorsrugby@gmail.com



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