



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 5 *28 March*

Kia Ora whanau

The last two weeks have had lots of excitement and learning, but also a couple of interruptions with our early finish on the 15th for goal setting conferences, and our early finish on the 20th for our staff to attend the paid union meeting regarding their upcoming contract negotiations. We understand each of these early closures has an impact on our school families, and we'd like to thank you for your support of the school in both of these days. We feel regular, quality learning conversations about student progress and setting goals are important in supporting our learning partnership, so thank you to our teachers and parents for prioritising these conversations and making sure we continue to support all our learners as best we can. It is likely that there will be another union meeting in June for the next part of the bargaining process, however we'll let you know the date as soon as we are made aware by the NZEI.

Literacy week

Well done to our literacy team and all our teachers on a phenomenal multi literacy week! In helping to ensure our curriculum is future focussed, making meaning from more than just written text is increasingly important, and multi literacy week was a great way to introduce this school wide. We will be using the range of multi literacy tools in class through the year, but hopefully you've heard lots about it over the week. A big thankyou again to our parents who with the sewing machine, dug out the kids dress ups and got the face paint out for our character parade on Friday. It was wonderful to see our students dressed up as their favourite characters.

Property works beginning soon

Our new sports turf began construction this week. We are able to maintain our current soccer field as is, with the new turf taking its place at the Gladstone Road side of the field where the old fitness trail currently sits. It will be a fabulous resource for the school, providing a full size futsal pitch, as well as Basketball and netball hoops. This will mean when the field is closed due to weather PE lessons can continue, and students will have more spaces to play at lunch times. The construction will have some minor implications for our students, as safety fencing wraps around our field. It is likely to be a six week build, so our new turf should be operational early in term two!



Our upgrade to our 1937 junior block also begins soon. A Ministry project, the four existing classes will be refurbished and modernised, while also creating a new teaching space, and a multi-use break out space. While the footprint of the building will not change, the works will modernise the internal spaces to ensure our classes are equipped for the needs of our students now and in the future. There will be some minor changes for the students in these classes, who will move into new classes for the duration of the build. Because the build is being done half at a time, two classes will move into room 19 and room 14 while the building works take place.

Easter Break

A reminder that schools have a slightly longer break over Easter, with all schools closed on Tuesday the 3rd of April, meaning school is closed Friday the 30th of March, Monday the 2nd of April, and Tuesday the 3rd of April. School resumes as usual on Wednesday the 4th of April.

Twilight Fete 7th April, 3-7pm

I am so thankful to the amazing parents who have already been working so hard to make our Twilight Fete a success. Lead skilfully by our wonderful PTA, an ever increasing number of parents have been in school helping to ensure the event comes together smoothly. I know a lot of class teachers are organising the shifts for parents to run their stalls on the day, so if you've not yet decided when you can help, please be in touch with your class teacher to arrange your time on the stall. The more helpers we have, the more time we can all spend enjoying the fete!

House Assembly

Our last day of term, Friday the 13th of April, is the first of our new 'House Assemblies'. Our house leaders will be running the assembly along with a team from their house. Our first house to lead is Tokomaru, so we look forward to seeing what they have in store for us. This will likely be a slightly longer assembly than usual, and we will be giving out any certificates that students have been awarded through the term (sports etc.) that we don't give out in our usual assembly. While we always hope to see lots of parent faces in our assemblies, we'd especially like to see you all for our end of term celebration.

Kind Regards

Richard George

Dates coming up in the next two weeks:

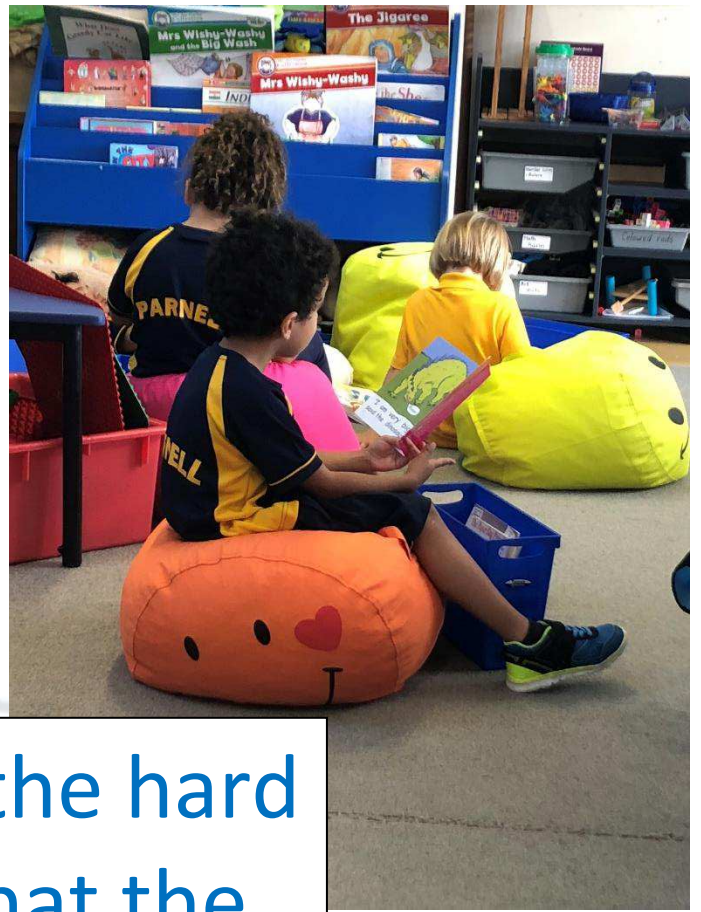
29th March – Room 26 Assembly, Friday Fizz runs on a Thursday

30th March – 3rd April – Easter break (no school)

1st April – Daylight Savings (turn clock backwards)

6th April – Room 6 assembly

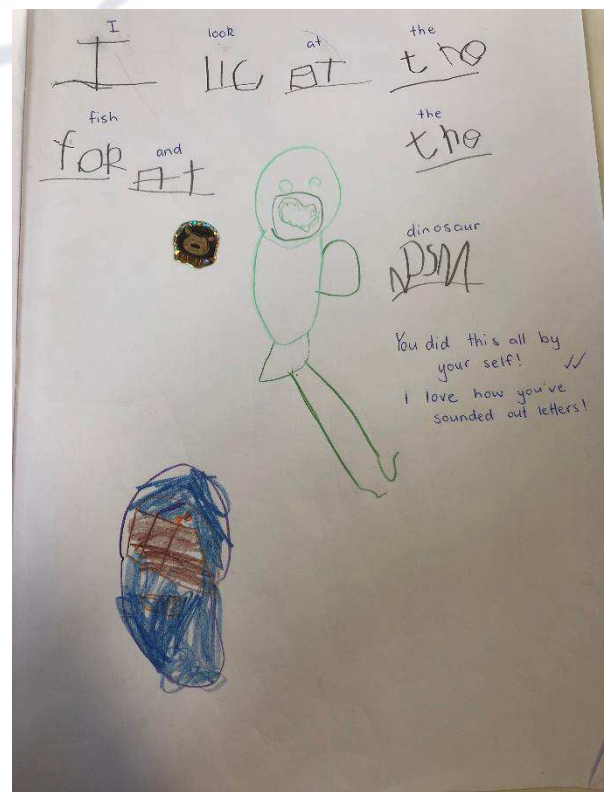
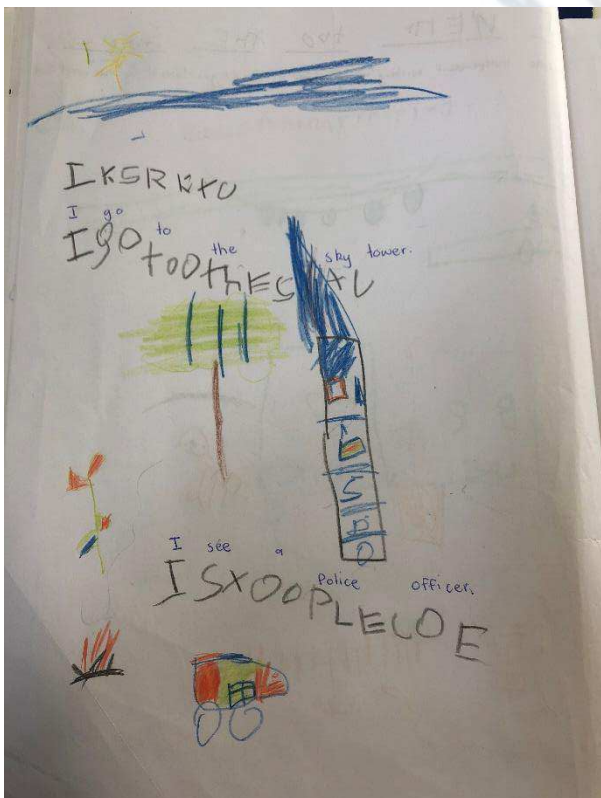
7th April – Twilight Fete 3-7pm



Look at the hard work that the New Entrants in Room 5 are doing!!

We have been trying really hard to read quietly and use the pictures to help us!

We have also been working on sounding out letters in words – look how well we are doing!



Room 20, Creative Writing.

Tristan Burvill Brown

Shuffle, Shuffle with a heavy load
I was walking on a winding road.
I had birds in my muttonchops

Here I am, Here I come.
Stronger than ever, a worrier
But I am poor, I get sad.
I am youthful I am from Africa

I might not have lots of
Pennies, but I am a showman
And that earns enough, I come across
Lots of different characters some not so nice but some are.

I am not so cool some people
say but I say I am,
I am a entertainer that what I
like to say.

I make music with a melody
My rats and I dance, so I
Just keep on walking and walking

Who's, Who? What to do I live in my
Shoes

Thyra Vogt

Strong and sticky in the woods.
Brave and meant to be.
The chief's mind full of think.
Need a home and place to be.

Scared by the forest but brave instead.
Young and wild, poor and sad.
Homemade things is Africans way.
To scare a monsters wide away.

Leaders mind is thinking good to help and fight for what you should.
Ending in a good moment if every thing goes well.
Need a home and place to be.
But a memory to see.

PTA NEWS

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

It's 10 days to go until the most exciting community event of the year, the Parnell District School Twilight Fete.

We've got some amazing games, rides, stall and food lined up. Please start saving gold coins for this fun afternoon as we have so many exciting things on offer.

Class Stalls/Activities: If you haven't already volunteered to help on your class stall, please contact your teacher/class rep and offer an hour of your time.

Jolly Jars: Please decorate and fill your Jolly Jars with anything 'jolly' you can think of - examples include beads, lego, lollies, trinkets, small colouring pencils, rubbers and more! Please return these to class by Thursday 29 March.

Cake Boxes: Each family should have received a cake box by now. Please bake a cake, muffins, cupcakes, slices or cookies, and return the filled cake box to school Friday 6 & Saturday 7 April (any items that require refrigeration please bring on the Saturday morning).

Donations:

- Bring any second-hand books to Room 14 in the Leonard Block this week before 9am. We need lots more books so have a good look through the bookcases at home and see if there are some you could donate.
- Second-hand jewellery - we still need lots of this! We are looking for any kind of second-hand or dress-up jewellery, like plastic bead necklaces, old earrings, brooches, bangles etc.
- Any spare nail polish (can be half-used), nail polish remover, tissues, wet wipes
- Face paint
- Crockery plates and cups (for our Smash the Plate Stall)

Marquees: If you have a marquee (any size) that we could borrow, please email parnellsschoolpta@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC AT PARNELL TENNIS CLUB

Maunsell Street, Phone; 373-2733 Club, 373-4205 Office
Email: Pltc@xtra.co.nz Website: www.parnellawtennisclub.co.nz

Come and join us for some great tennis and fun at Parnell TC, NZ's premier club.

An exciting holiday programme for juniors who are keen to improve their tennis over the school holidays.

We endeavor to structure groups according to player ability from beginner to advanced standards.

FIRST WEEK: from Monday to Friday (16, 17, 18, 19, 20 April 2018).

SECOND WEEK: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri (23, 24, 26, 27 April 2018).

TIME & COST:

9:00 am to 12 noon (Morning Clinic) \$180 or \$45 per day

12:00 noon to 3:00 pm (Afternoon Clinic) \$180 or \$45 per day

9:00 am to 3:00 pm (FULL DAY CLINIC) \$320 or \$75 per day

(Payment on arrival)

AGE: 4 – 16 years old

BRING: Tennis racquet, sports clothing, tennis shoes, water bottle and morning tea.
Coaching is on rain or shine. **Certificates & Prizes** on the last day.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

- * stroke analysis & correction
- * match tactics
- * fun games
- * fitness & exercise
- * sportsmanship
- * drills for practice

COACH: Goran Marsic NZPTCA (Level 2), TCNZ (Competition Coach)
27 years coaching experience.

Phone: (021)167-7460, (09)377-9393, **E-mail:** gmarsic@gmail.com

A NEW 8 WEEK COURSE AT PARNELL TENNIS CLUB

Due to demand please pre book!!!

DATES: **Saturdays:** May (2018) 5, 12, 19, 26. June 2, 9, 16, 23.

Sundays: May 6, 13, 20, 27. June 3, 10, 17, 24.

TIME: **9:00 – 10:00 am** for 4-16 years old

All basic tennis strokes will be covered. Coaching is on rain or shine.

DATES: **Tuesdays:** May 8, 15, 22, 29. June 5, 12, 19, 26.

TIME: **7:45 -8:45 am** for 4 – 10 years old

DATES: **Fridays:** May 4, 11, 18, 25. June 1, 8, 15, 22.

TIME: **7:15 – 8:15 am** for 11-16 years old

Fridays classes are designed for the Juniors who already have some tennis experience.

This is ideal way to fast track improvement for inter school and inter club competition.

TENNIS FOR ADULTS!!! (BEGINNERS ONLY). If you want to have fun and learn

tennis come on **Saturdays:** May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23.

TIME: 9am – 10am.

COST: \$180.00 for 8 weeks or \$25 for one week (Payment on arrival).

COACH: Goran Marsic

ENQUIRIES: (021) 1677-460, (09) 377-9393, e-mail: gmarsic@gmail.com

Open Morning at EGGS – Tuesday 10 April
Epsom Girls Grammar School would like to invite prospective students and their parents to an Open Morning on **Tuesday 10 April 2018**. There will be guided tours at 8.45am and 10.45am. The tours are designed to show the school at work, so you will have the opportunity to observe what happens on an ordinary school day. To minimise disruption to their learning programme, we ask that students from Parnell District School attend the **8.45am** session.

To register, please follow this link [EGGS Open Morning](#) or go to our website www.eggs.school.nz If you have any questions please contact the Enrolment Manager, Mrs Wendy Smith phone 9706710 or email enrolments@eggs.school.nz

Gymnastics Holiday Program

Eastern Suburbs Gymnastic Club
89 Apirana Avenue, Glen Innes, 528 0941



If you have done gymnastics before or if you haven't, we will have a class to suit you. In this programme you will be taught cartwheels, handstands, rolls, walk the beam, have a go on the parallel and uneven bars, vault, rings, tumble track. You will do basic mat work and have games, challenges and fun. Anything for anyone at any level will be covered. You are sure to have a great time. Plus we run after school gymnastics (ages 5+) for all levels and Playgym for the pre-schoolers. For more info and to enrol, please visit our web site: www.esgc.co.nz

Dates and Times:

Option	Age	Days	Dates	Time	Price
A	5-6 yo	3	16 - 18 April	9.00 - 11.00	\$90
B	5-6 yo	4	16 - 19 April	9.00 - 11.00	\$115
C	5-6 yo	3	23,24,26 April	9.00 - 11.00	\$90
D	5-6 yo	4	23,24,26,27	9.00 - 11.00	\$115
E	7+ yo	3	16 - 18 April	9.00 - 11.30	\$111
F	7+ yo	4	16 - 19 April	9.00 - 11.30	\$140
G	7+ yo	3	23,24,26 April	9.00 - 11.30	\$111
H	7+ yo	4	23,24,26,27	9.00 - 11.30	\$140

GLADSTONE
TENNIS CLUB

holiday programme

16-20 APRIL
9AM TO MIDDAY
COST: \$150/WEEK, \$40/DAY

Registrations and enquiries:
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021 424 429