



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 1

Kia Ora Whanau

Welcome back! I trust everyone had a great summer and enjoyed time with their whanau. Our staff have returned refreshed and revitalised, and have already been hard at work to ensure every child has a fantastic start to their year. It has been such a pleasure to visit all our classes and see our children are so settled in their new classes, and already making the most of every second of learning time.

We are excited to see you on Friday so you can spend some time with your child's teacher and see what learning is all about in your new classes. If you're not able to make it to the meet the teacher picnic from 5:30 – 7:00, then you're welcome to join us for our open morning from 9:00 – 11:00. We think it's important everyone has the opportunity to see our classes in action, and what learning looks like at Parnell District School.

At the picnic you'll also get the opportunity to meet our amazing new staff members. We have Sarah Curtain working in year 0-1, Annabelle Drew in Room 11, Rowan Throp in room 14, Annabel Holderness working with ESOL learners, Rangī Ropati in room 20 and our new Year 7/8 Learning Leader, Vanessa Sharplin in room 28, and Claire Jeffries managing our school based before and after school care programme. This adds to our already exceptional group of teachers and we are so excited to have them join us in our vision of growing great humans!

Leadership academy

We believe that every child at Parnell District School has the opportunity to be a leader, be it in their learning, their class, or across the school. This is about giving our most talented leaders the opportunity to impact school wide. After our successful introduction in 2018, the leadership academy is back and better than ever. Applications are now open for children in years 5-8. In 2018 you will have seen events like Parnell's got talent, lunchtime sports competitions, values awards, and weekly house challenges. All of these are examples of initiatives that were devised and implemented by our student leaders. Leaders who saw a need, devised a plan, and followed it through to create opportunities for our students! If you're keen to apply, application outlines are still available from the office. Parents we love when you help your children in the planning of their application, but please ensure the bulk of the work is your child's.

China Trip 2019

We are again planning our biennial trip to visit our sister school in china in early term three! A phenomenal leaning experience, our trips to china have been hugely popular in the past and a major highlight for all who've attended. For 2019 we invite children in year 6-8 to provide an expression of interest for the trip. Children in year 6 are strongly recommended to be accompanied by a parent. The cost of this trip will depend on certain variables, but an approximate cost is around \$4000. If you'd like your child to take part in the trip, please email suzannep@parnell.school.nz to register your interest. An information evening will follow for interested parents.

Well done room 6!

When your sushi arrives on Friday you'll notice a difference! As part of their learning in our 2018 inquiry 'what a disaster', Mrs Mann and room 6 found out about the disastrous impact soft plastics are having on our planet. They saw an opportunity to reduce this considerably by not having our sushi arrive in soft plastic that cannot be recycled, and worked with our wonderful sushi man! From this week, there will be no more soft plastic for sushi, and our rolls will arrive in recyclable cardboard packaging. Well done to those amazing learners from room 6 who found an opportunity and made a big difference to our school's waste production on a Friday!

SEE YOU AT THE MEET THE TEACHER PICNIC!

5:30 – 6:00 – Meet teachers in your classrooms

6:00 – 6:10 – teachers will remain in classes for parents who need to visit multiple classes

6:10 – Picnic on the field, Welcome from Mr George

6:10 – 6:40 – games and activities for children and parents to enjoy

7pm – conclusion of picnic

Bring your blanket and pack your picnic basket with treats for your family to enjoy.

Our amazing PTA will be on site with a sausage sizzle and cool refreshments

Thank you for ensuring no litter is left from the event.

Before and after school care

If you've not yet had a chance to come and say hi to Claire in before and after school care, make sure you say hi at our meet the teacher picnic. Claire has been working tirelessly to ensure our programme is an inspiring and inviting place for every Parnell Child. We do need a name for the programme, and I'm wondering if you can do better than my name? My suggestion is C4 – Community of Care, Coaching, and Creativity. Think you can do better? Email your suggestion to clairej@parnell.school.nzby Friday the 8th of February, and the winner will be announced at assembly on Friday the 15th of February. Good luck!

Our new signage is here!

To help us be great Kaitiaki of our space, we have installed our new signs to help our community know our expectations of how we protect our school. You'll see these signs as you enter the school, and around the school in our play areas. As well as welcoming our community, they remind you that



Our school is protected by security cameras 24/7



Dogs are welcome on leads, and you must pick up any droppings



Drop no rubbish





No dogs on play spaces (even Chester!)



No bikes on play spaces



No Cricket on our turf



Parents supervise Children



No boots on our turf

You'll also see our expectations of student behaviour in play spaces. These were devised by our student council in 2018. I encourage you to take some time to explain these expectations with your children, to help them understand the clear expectations of behaviour in our playgrounds.



No Golf on our Turf



No food or drinks on our turf

Growing Great Humans

Who show

Kaitiakitanga

We leave our spaces tidier than we found it
We help those who need it
We treat everyone as we'd want to be treated

Innovation

We make sure everyone knows the rules and follows them
We listen and learn from others
We find appropriate and safe ways to use equipment

Truth

We own up to our mistakes and make it right
We're honest and fair to ourselves and others
We show integrity in our thoughts, words and actions

Important Dates: Term 1 2019

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| 1/2 | Open morning 9:00 – 11:00 or meet the teacher picnic 5:30 – 7:00 |
| 6/2 | Waitangi Day – No School |
| 8/2 | Assembly room 29 |
| 11/2 | Week 3, PAT testing this week for students year 3-8 |
| 12/2 | PTA meeting 7pm |
| 15/2 | Assembly Room 12 |
| 18/2 | Week 4 |
| 21/2 | Mufti and sausage sizzle |
| 22/2 | Assembly Room 27 |
| 25/2 | Week 5 |
| 26/2 | Year 4-8 Goal setting conferences 3-6pm |
| 27/2 | Year 4-8 Goal setting conferences 3-6pm |
| 28/2 | Year 0-8 Goal setting conferences 2-6pm. School ends at 2pm today. |
| 1/3 | Assembly Room 13, Swim trials for zone swimmers |
| 4/3 | Week 6 |
| 8/3 | Assembly Room 20 |
| 11/3 | Week 7 |
| 12/3 | PTA meeting 7pm |
| 15/3 | Assembly Room 6 |
| 18/3 | Week 8 |
| 20/3 | Bake Sale |
| 22/3 | Assembly Room 2 |
| 25/3 | Week 9 begins |
| 29/3 | Assembly Room 25 |
| 1/4 | Week 10 begins |
| 3/4 | New entrant transition begins for new students |
| 5/4 | Assembly Room 9 |
| 8/4 | Week 11 begins |
| 12/4 | Tokomaru Assembly, Term one ends at 3pm Whanau Day! |

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Kids after school Tennis with Adam Staub

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