



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 19

Kia Ora Whanau

Summer is here, and with that the chance to get outside run, jump climb and have fun. At Parnell District School we take every opportunity to encourage our kids to get out there and get involved. It has been widely proven that physical exercise is not only beneficial for your physical strength and cardiovascular health, but also your wellbeing. That is why we see physical education as an integral component to growing great humans. Last Wednesday was our annual Athletics day at Glover Park. I was so proud of all our students getting out there and giving it their best. It was a hugely successful day made evident by the smiles on faces and excitement in the air. I would like to thank all the Teachers who helped make this day run so smoothly and the office team's help from behind the scenes. A massive thank you to Mr Dan George and Mr Kaho for the gargantuan effort required to make such an event possible. The finalists competed in the Eastern Bay Suburbs and Eastern Zone this week at Glover Park, and again used their skills and talents in representing our school against our local schools.

145 year whole school photo

2018 marks 145 years of operation for our school. Every five years we get our whole school together for a photo, which will be taken on the **27th of November at 10am**. We need all students at school, with their polo shirts on (please no sports shirts) and looking photo ready for this major milestone for our school.

Thank you for helping maintain our high standards

As we work together with our community, we want to thank those parents who support us in setting and maintaining high standards for every child. As we head towards the end of the year, it is important that we all remind our children that we expect only the best for every student. Key points you may like to revisit include ensuring that our uniform is perfect, we are on time to school, we are caring for our property, and we enter our class ready to focus on our learning goals and make the most of our opportunity to learn that day.

Mufti and Sausage Sizzle 13th December

For all students who wish to wear mufti on the 13th of December, the cost is (at least) 1 can of food for the Auckland City Mission. Costs for sausage size are as usual. You can also drop a present under the tree at the office (unwrapped) for a child supported by the mission from the 3rd of December.

Festival of the Roses.

Well done to our amazing Choir and Kapahaka groups who performed on Sunday at the festival of Roses. It is great to see our students representing us in our community, and sharing their talents with the community! Thank you to all our whanau who attended to support our team, and Mr George (V2) and Paul for their work with these groups.

Term dates 2019

Term One: (11 weeks)

Tuesday 29th January - Friday 12th April

Term Two: (10 weeks)

Monday 29th April- Friday 5th July

Teacher Only Day: Tuesday 4th June

Term Three: (10 weeks)

Monday 22nd July- Friday 27th September

Term Four: (9 weeks)

Monday 14th October- Friday 13th December

Kind Regards



Richard George

Important dates coming up!

26th November: Year 4-8 reports available via Etap parent portal (5pm)

29th November: Year 0-3 goal setting conferences 3-6pm

30th November: Assembly - Room 16

3rd December: EOTC week

7th December: Assembly – Room 10 + guests

10th December: Celebration of learning and Prizegiving: Holy Trinity Cathedral 11am – 1pm, followed by family picnic and sausage sizzle at school.

11th December: Parnell Baths trip **Parent helpers needed**

14th December: Aotea Assembly

14th December: School ends for 2018 at 1pm

PUBERTY, YOUR CHILD AND YOU.

Parent /child evening for year 6- 8 students and their families

Thursday 29th November. 7 – 8 pm. In the staffroom.

It's no secret that discussions about puberty can be awkward, so let's make it easier to talk about. Content includes major physical changes, emotional changes, and healthy head messages for students and parents.

Attitude – the youth division of Parenting Place works not only with students, but also offer a series of child and parent presentations. The aim of these presentations is to reinforce the positive messages students receive in school in the home and to equip youth and parents with skills and strategies to build strong, supportive family relationships. Most presentations are aimed at students, but the purpose is for parents to attend and to stimulate conversations at home.

We encourage all families to attend.

WATERWISE – training for parents

Okahu Bay waterwise is a group of schools that have a shed full of great resources to provide students with water safety education, kayaking and sailing skills.

We would love to have a few more parents to complete the training course so that they can assist as a qualified instructor.

This involves learning basic sailing techniques, rigging an optimist, sailing knots and terms, and using a small motor boat as safety boat for water activities. These are great skills to learn and these are taught in an active and fun way. Your child can join you for instruction if they are age suitable so you don't need a baby sitter. There is an 'examination' at the end- this is conducted in groups so you don't need to feel exam anxiety.

If you are interested in finding out more, taking home an instructors manual to have a look before making a decision or a keen to DO THIS, please contact Suzanne

Parkinson: Suzannep@parnell.school.nz or 021331116

Notes from the office:

EZY lunch will not be supplying lunch on the 10th of December and the 14th of December.

We all love sushi Friday but please remember to get your orders in on time and with the correct change. We will not be accepting any orders after 9.05am.

-ROOM 26-

Narrative writing, based on Life Forms Evolve.

Kangaroos

By Laura Li. Room 26

The tiny jellybean sized joey crawls into its mother's pouch. Where it will spend the next six to eleven months suckling. Pregnancies usually last 33 days, but when living conditions become hard, a female kangaroo can actually pause its pregnancy. Once it is big enough to hop around on its own, it leaves the mother's pouch, but still comes back to suckle. This usually lasts for a year. Female kangaroos can carry three babies at once, one in her womb, one in her pouch, and one older joey. She can simultaneously produce two different types of milks for her two joeys. Kangaroos typically mature at 14 to 20 months for females, and anywhere from 17 months to 2 years for males. Kangaroos are highly social animals, they live in groups known as mobs.

A teeny weeny pink jellybean crawls up into mummy's pouch. I cautiously hop over and stick my head into mummy's pouch to investigate. The small thing is drinking mummy's milk, my milk! Hey! Just as I am about to attack it, mummy stops me. She tells me that this is my little brother Joey, and that he was not stealing my milk, but he had his own milk that mummy produces for him. I'm not too sure what that means but at least he's not stealing my milk.

Over the next 9 months whenever I go to drink mummy's milk I say hi to my little brother. He is very odd, he spends all his time drinking mummy's milk, and doing nothing else. It must be very boring for him to have nothing to do all day! Sometimes I bring him a stick or a leaf to play with, but mummy says that he can't play with those yet. I don't know why.

Then one day when I hopped over to mummy I saw little joey slowly hopping in circles around mummy. I ask mummy why he is outside, mummy tells me that he is old enough to come outside now, but he can only be outside for a little while. I hopped over and nuzzled little joey with my nose. He was a little scared of me at first, but after a bit he got less scared. We played together all afternoon, but at night he had to go back into mummy's pouch.

We played together every day, little joey grew bigger every day. Sometimes he could be a bit annoying and I would give him a shove, and then mummy would tell me off. So I stopped. By this time he was 1 year old, and I was almost 2. I still played with him, but not that much. I mostly played with my friends now.

1 year later it was time for me to leave mummy and little joey to live on my own, I would miss them but I couldn't wait to live on my own. So I said my goodbyes and went off by myself. I met a pretty girl kangaroo.

One day I saw mummy and little joey again, except little joey wasn't so little anymore, mummy also had another little joey inside her pouch. I was very happy to see them, but soon I had to leave them to go back to my mob.

Poems written and crafted by Room 26 and will be painted on the Rails on Waipapa Stream.



These were the ones selected.
The spring that once watered the city is now the home of ducks and swans, but still the source of Waipapa.
Waipapa waters meander through bush, connecting the spring to the sea
Rail tracks meander through concrete jungle connecting the suburbs to the city.

The railway tracks mirror the journey of Waipapa, weaving though the valleys

Waipapa; A source of life, trickling through the valleys and crevices of papatuanuku.

Domain

The big oak trees create shadows on a bright and sunny day,
Glimpses of vivid blue sky through the peepholes of the glowing green leaves,
As you run through the endless wonder of the maze,
This is the Auckland Domain.

By Amira

A secret source of life, shadowed by ferns and rakau, trickling through rocks and river beds.

Spring is fresh, clean, water.
Spring is: Green, warm, fresh, new, blooming
Leaves crowd the trees, spring is here!

Julia, Maia, Sienna, Maalika

I wait for the train every day and night,
The sun shining bright,
Boarding the train,
Running away,
Others stay,
The train coming into the light
Waves good-night

Jordan, Alisha, Ella

Domain

On the luscious green grass, is where I wish to be
There I hear the birds chirping in the trees
The sparkling Waipapa stream really is a sight to see
This is where I wish to spend my days
Lying on the grass, in the beautiful Auckland domain.

Lottie

A single spring can create a single water droplet.
Single droplets can make a puddle.
Single puddles can make a pond
When the pond overflows, it makes a single stream.

A single stream, filled with reflections of wonder,
of peace,
of tranquility.

To think a single droplet can create all this.

Jess Roulston.

-ROOM 11-

In Room 11 we have musing on how life forms evolve.

the story of life

Let's start at the beginning. Microscopic cells, tiny little things they are, slowly connecting and forming bacteria. The sun heats the bacteria and it makes carbon dioxide (CO₂) and CO₂

turns into oxygen (O₂) and that turns the no oxygen land into a liveable one, and the bacteria grew and evolved structural features. Gradually these organisms hopped on to the land and grew legs and joints and became reptiles and amphibians were created.

By Isabella

-PTA NEWS-

Next Bake Sale

Term 4's Bake Sale will be held on Wednesday November 28 with the year 7-8 syndicate kindly providing the baking! Please bring along \$2 for the children to buy a yummy goodie at morning tea. Any leftover cupcakes will be sold after school. Year 7-8 parents - please keep an eye out for a notice about the Bake Sale that will be coming home in school bags.

-COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD-

CENTRAL AUCKLAND FUTSAL ACADEMY

My name is Callum Christopher and I am looking at creating a futsal training academy for primary-age players attending schools in the Eden-Albert-Epsom area. This would be based at the Maungawhau Primary futsal courts. I would like to see how much demand there would be for this and ask that any players/parents interested in a comprehensive futsal development programme (to run alongside players' existing club football commitments) email me at callum.e.christopher@gmail.com or text **021 238 7431**. Please provide player name, year level, date of birth, and typical club football/other commitments during the year. I will then assess the level of demand and feasibility to start next year or perhaps this year with some ages. The idea is to offer trainings rather than competition leagues (more valuable for development + players already involved in leagues so can continue in these). The training curriculum would be the same one used by Brazil's top clubs.

ABOUT ME: *I have spent the last decade observing and learning in the futsal and football departments of Brazilian Serie A clubs such as Santos FC, Fluminense, and Atletico Paranaense. I have been running a futsal academy for boys from Mt Roskill for a number of years and have recently begun to incorporate some guest players into the programme. A number of my players have trained in Brazil and other countries in both futsal and football. My main interest and passion is using futsal as a tool to develop players for football long term.*



THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

ARTZONSHOW.

Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

14 - 18 January 2019, 9 am – 4 pm daily

Held at Raye Freedman Arts Centre,
Epsom Girls Grammar School

View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz

or contact Hayley on either

artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 0800 667 469



Diocesan Swim School Holiday Programme

Mon 14 Jan - Fri 25 Jan

Swim Classes \$75 per week,
or \$130 for both weeks.

or

Fitness Squad: 9am-10am \$50pw.

Dive Starts: Wed 23 Jan, 9am \$20.

To book contact Michelle White,
Diocesan Aquatic Centre Manager,
09 520 9373, mwhite@diocesan.school.nz



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Dec 17th 2018 - 1st Feb 2019

Our Programmes:

Robotics Using Edison • Minecraft Modding
Android Apps • Graphic Design • 3D Printing •
Python • HTML/CSS • Robotics Using MBot •
Roblox Programming • Let Us Code

After School, Weekend, Virtual and
Parent-child Sessions also available



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