

Sports Newsletter

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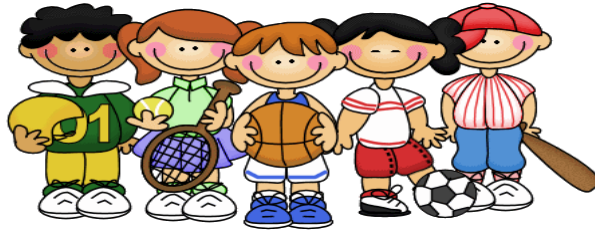
PDS hit the ground running this year and were very successful in a number of sports. A big thank you goes out to the coaches and parents who helped transport students to and from events, these events are possible without you and we are very lucky to have such a dedicated community!

Here's the run down, starting with **Term 1:**

Well done to the Year 5 girls softball team and the Year 6 girls swimming relay team, coming 3rd in the Bay Suburbs competition, the Year 7-8s for winning their Tag Rugby tournament and the Year 5-6s for not only winning their Eastern Rippa Rugby competition, but also coming 4th overall in Auckland at the tournament that took place in Eden Park. All students represented our school exceptionally – keep up the fantastic sportsmanship!



Bay Suburbs Rippa Rugby



In Term 2 we sent teams to football, Rippa and Tackle tournaments, as well as Hockey and Netball. The Year 7-8s came across some tough competition during their hockey games, but persevered and kept their heads held high. Congratulations to the Year 5-6 girls football team that came 1st in their B grade, as well as the boys Tackle Rugby team who placed 3rd in their competition. Also, well done to The Year 6 girls Netball teams that came 3rd and 2nd place in the A and B grade competitions respectively. Finally, both the Year 7-8 and Year 5-6 boys Basketball teams came first in their after-school Basketball competitions. A massive thank you goes out to all the coaches and managers who dedicate their time and expertise to helping our sports teams.



Bay Suburbs at Rippa and Tackle Rugby



Bay Suburbs Rippa Rugby Tournament

A couple of weeks ago, Parnell District School sent a team of eight girls to Mount Wellington War Memorial Park to compete in the Bay Suburbs Rippa Rugby Tournament. The girls placed well out of several different schools and they placed fourth in the tournament. The girls played several different games versus other schools including Glendowie School, St Thomas's and a few others. Each participant from Parnell's group brought a different skill to the table. They all collaborated extremely well and showed excellent sportsmanship, even when they played a game where they unfortunately lost. Everyone from the team worked well together and continued to grow throughout the competition, each person playing more impressively than what they did in their last game. Parnell continued to kindly approach their competition throughout the day, and each of the players should have been very proud of themselves. The team would also love to thank Miss Clancy, who coached them and helped them succeed in their games.

Jessica Walkinshaw, Room 30



Bay Suburbs Soccer Tournament – Year 5 Boys

The Year 5 team went to Glover Park to play soccer for our school! We were playing very hard teams. In our first game it was a tie. We were happy because we were down 2 goals but we scored 2 quick goals in 3 minutes! Amazing right!? In our second game we lost 1-0. We were all gutted but we did not give up, we played hard to the end. Our third game, finally we won. We won because we worked hard as a team and we played our best and scored and defended really well! We were happy and proud because we made the semi-finals! In the semi-finals we tied so we had to do a penalty shoot-out. The other team scored their last shot and beat us. When we played off for 3rd and 4th position we were very tired but we played our hardest and lost that game as well. We felt we did really well and were pleased with the effort we put in.

Stan Laycock and Xuheng Ding, Room 23



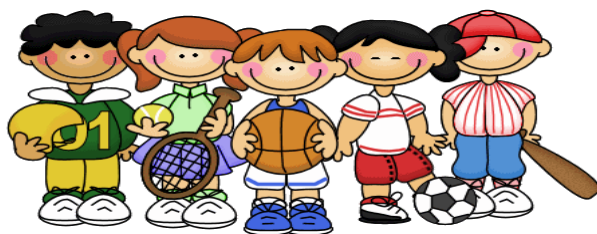
Some of our Bay Suburbs Football teams



Tristar Gymnastics Fun Festival

On Wednesday 26th June, we had 12 gymnasts represent our school at the annual TriStar Gymnastics Fun Festival. The girls have been training hard on Friday morning's before school with their coach Ashleigh and they all performed magnificently well on the day of the festival. All of the children received ribbons for their efforts and special congratulations go to Estelle Wright, Saffron Moaveni, Isabella Clarke, Anika Matthews and Natalie Johnson, who all received 1st prize ribbons. Well done to all those children who participated and who have trained so hard. Your next Gymnastics challenge will be the Eastern Zone competition next term. If you are interested in your child joining the gymnastics training sessions on either a Tuesday (Year 0-3) or a Friday (Year 4-8), please email Ashleigh at ashleigh.henry@tristar.org.nz.





Eastern Zones Hockey

Traveling to the hockey tournament alone was the most nerve-racking and exciting time. Once we had entered the gates, we immediately saw the grand artificial green field. It was time. We'd been practicing our hardest for the anticipated games, training hard. On the way, honing some valuable skills, teamwork and some casual friendships. It was a fun and thrilling tournament to participate in while also representing Parnell District School. Can't wait for next year!

Jeomille Macarubbo, Room 29

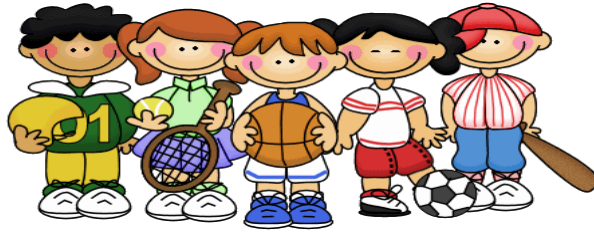


Bay Suburbs Netball tournament

We also have Netball teams representing our school at each Year level participating in after-school competitions at Windmill Park. This has started this term and will continue on into Term 3. A big thank you to all the coaches (students and parents) and managers who are organising practice times and games – all teams are doing very well!

Here are the sports and important dates coming up this term:

- Saturday 27th July – Futsal Begins (Central Zone)
- Tuesday 30th July – Eastern Zones Gymnastics Year 3-6
- Monday 5th August – Eastern Zones Netball
- Tuesday 6th August – Gymnastics Year 7-8
- Friday 9th August – Whole School Cross Country and Fun Run



- Friday 16th August – Cross Country Save Day
- Monday 12th August – Eastern Zones boys Basketball
- Wednesday 14th August – Eastern Zones girls Basketball
- Wednesday 28th August – Eastern Zones and Bay Suburbs Cross Country
- Friday 30th August – Eastern Zones and Bay Suburbs Cross Country Save Day
- Tuesday 10th September – Bay Suburbs Girls Basketball
- Wednesday 11th September – Bay Suburbs Boys Basketball
- Thursday 26th September – Bay Suburbs Hockey

Please keep an eye out for permission slips which will be sent home in the next few weeks!

Calling all Parents!

If we have any parents out there who would like to get involved with any of the above sports this term (in any way, big or small), please email:

laurenc@parnell.school.nz (Year 0 – 6)

peterk@parnell.school.nz (Year 7 & 8)

Any other queries: dang@parnell.school.nz

We are also hoping to organise Flippaball teams for Term 4 (dependent on interest). **If your child is interested, can you please email laurenc@parnell.school.nz**

