



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

29th January 2020

Newsletter 2

Kia Ora Whanau

What a great start to our year. It has been wonderful to see all our students arriving ready for learning and settling so quickly into class with their new teachers and classmates. Having spent the last couple of days in the playground chatting with our kids, it's been great to hear about all the adventures our students have been on over the break. It has also been clear that some children have lost or misplaced their hat over the holiday. Please check your child has their navy-blue bucket or wide brim hats. Hats with Logos or caps are not acceptable as part of our uniform.

Meet the Teacher picnic: Friday 6pm

We look forward to seeing all our community at the meet the teacher picnic this Friday. Meet your new teacher in their class at 6:00pm where they'll introduce themselves and talk about how their class programme is designed to ensure positive outcomes for every child. It is also a chance to build the positive home-school relationship that we know makes such a difference to every child's achievement in class.

From your class meeting, join us on the field for games and a fun community evening. If you have children in multiple classes and want to visit all classes, teachers will be in their rooms until around 6:30 for you to pop in and say hello.

Coronavirus update

As you will have seen in the media the situation is rapidly evolving internationally concerning the coronavirus. This is a new virus and its specific nature is currently unclear, however it appears that you can have the virus at an early stage and not be showing any symptoms. Thank you to those families who have contacted us to let us know their child is staying home to ensure they are virus free before returning. We'll be working with these families over the next week to discuss their return.

To ensure the safety of all children and staff the school has

- Informed all parents of the concern and recommended actions
- Briefed the staff as part of our teacher only days
- Provided additional resources for our sick bay and the staff
- Requested that families who have recently travelled / will be travelling to an effected region let us know of their travel plans.

As always anyone who is unwell should not be at school If you have a particular concern about your child, contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or your GP for medical advice. Healthline has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages and they do have Mandarin and Cantonese speaking staff available. Track the spread on this map

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Homestay

Our new Mandarin teacher's arrival has been delayed due to the Coronavirus, however when it is safe for them to travel, they will join our school, likely later in term one or the beginning of term two. We are still looking for a family interested in providing a homestay. If you have space and are interested in having them join your family, this does offer \$250 a week in remuneration for hosting them. Please email office@parnell.school.nz if you are able to help.

New Bell times

We have begun the term trialling new bell times. In our trial, children go from class straight to play, and then eat their morning tea or lunch at the end of the break. Reports from day one have been very positive, with children enjoying their play time, and then eating lunch. You may want to ensure that your child has plenty of fruit or nuts to snack on as brain food during learning time if you know they get hungry through the day. We will review this change at the end of the term and find out from our students which they prefer. Children are still welcome on site from 8:30am in the morning, with all children expected in class at 8:55am, and school still finishing at 3:00pm.

Important dates: Term 1

31/01	Meet the Teacher Picnic 6:00 pm
03/02	Week 2:
06/02	Waitangi Day (no school).
07/02	Assembly: Student leaders
10/02	Week 3: PAT testing week years 3-8
11/02	PTA meeting 7pm
14/02	Assembly: Room 20
17/02	Week 4: Inquiry "Change Our World"
20/02	Mufti and Sausage Sizzle
21/02	Assembly room 14
24/02	Week 5:
28/02	Assembly: Room 1: Swim Trials.
02/03	Week 6:
06/03	Assembly Room 8
09/03	Week 7: Midterm cohort entry for new entrants.
10/03	PTA meeting 7pm
12/03	0-3 Reports or conferences: 4-8 Reports
13/03	Assembly: Room 24
16/03	Week 8
17/03	New Parent Breakfast
18/03	Tokomaru Bake Sale
20/03	Assembly: Room 2
23/03	Week 9:
25/03	Intermediate open day
27/03	Assembly Room 27
28/03	Twilight Fete
30/03	Week 10
01/04	New Entrant transition days begin
03/04	Assembly: C4
06/04	Week 11
09/04	Assembly: Tokomaru: School finishes 3pm. End of term 1.

Twilight Fete Saturday 28th March

The PTA are organizing our Fete for the 28th of March. We will need helpers for class stalls and school stalls. If you can help, please email your teacher to let them know you can help, or email PTA@parnell.school.nz to help with the organization or on a school stall.

Which class will win?

Our school is fundraising by selling
Cancer Society sunscreen...
...and we need your help!

SIGN UP TODAY



The class that sells the most wins a prize!



- It's all online and really easy
- Ask your teacher for details
- Get your parents to sign you up
- Fundraising ends Sunday 9 Feb

<https://goodgive.co.nz/shop>

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AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES TERM 1 2020

CLASSES RUN FROM WEEK 3 TO WEEK 10

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Bricks 4 Kidz Model Building	Mandarin Level 2	Chinese Dance	Irish Dancing	Chess Power
8 Sessions \$200 3:30-4:30pm	8 Sessions \$200 3:30-5pm	8 Sessions \$200 3:30-5pm	8 Sessions \$120 3:30-4:30pm	8 Sessions \$120 3:30-4:30pm
8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$264 3-4:30pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$264 3-5pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$264 3-5pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$184 3-4:30pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$184 3-4:30pm
Fine Young Artists	Shine Speech & Drama	Kung Fu	Inflatable Hockey	Wynrs Soccer
8 Sessions \$275 3:30-5:15pm	8 Sessions \$230 3:30-4:30pm	8 Sessions \$200 3:30-5pm	8 Sessions \$127 3:30-4:30pm	8 Sessions \$132 3:30-4:30pm
8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$339 3-5:15pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$294 3-4:30pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$264 3-5pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$191 3-4:30pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$196 3-4:30pm

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For further information contact Claire on clairej@parnell.school.nz or 0272706810

Please note that after school classes must be paid in full at the beginning of the term!

Welcome to C4 2020!

We have some exciting new after school classes lined up for you.

CNSST (formally know as Chinese New Settlers Services Trust) are running three new programmes for us this term. Mandarin Level 2 on a Tuesday and Kung Fu & Chinese Dance on a Wednesday.

We're also adding Chess to the programme this term. This will be run by Chess Power who specialise in running classes for children.

The old favourites are returning including Fine Young Artists who are now under the C4 umbrella.

Please book as soon as possible if you want your child to attend one of these classes. Last term several families missed out as some classes were oversubscribed. We also need a certain amount of bookings for classes to proceed so get in as early as possible.

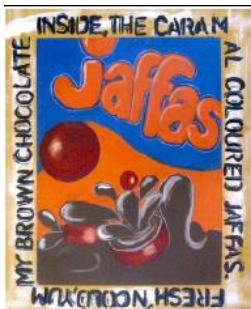
If you have any questions about any of the classes, please get back to me and I will endeavour to help. Otherwise I can put you in touch directly with one of the providers.

A couple of important notes to consider:

*Regular C4 After School Care is still on daily between 3pm-6pm.

*After school classes start in week 3 beginning Monday 10th February.

*Classes must be paid in full and there are no refunds/credits given once a class has started.



ART CLASSES

AT SCHOOLS, AFTER SCHOOL

Term 1 2020 @ Parnell District School

Fine Young Artists is an inspirational **fine arts programme** designed for children who are **passionate about art.**



FINE YOUNG ARTISTS
.....ARTISTS IN THE MAKING

Every term, children take part in an exciting new programme based on the works of well-know local and international artists. Our 8-week course is the perfect way to develop your child's artistic potential.

Term 1 2020: **ICONICKIWIANA**

(Drawing & Painting on wooden board)

Through a study of proportion & layout, you will transform the packaging of a famous NZ grocery brand/item into a painterly statement, using a text border to complete our homage to two great Kiwi artists – who are almost as iconic as the props we use. Role Model Artist: Nigel Brown & Dick Frizzell (NZ)

8 Weeks Monday 10th February to 30th March 2020
3:30pm-5:30pm (afternoon tea through school from 3-3:30pm)

ENROL NOW! www.fineyoungartists.co.nz P: 09 6341995 E: enquiries@fineyoungartists.co.nz

WELCOME HOME EVERYBODY

LET'S HAVE AN AMAZING YEAR!

"And don't forget to sign in at the office if you are running late." – Chester the Dood



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