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Kia Ora to our parents and whanau



As the term progresses, I know you will join me in saying it is great to hear how excited our students are to be talking about the brain and how the brain works. I know from the parents I have spoken with there have been some interesting conversations over the dinner table as our students share their learning through the year levels! We believe that all learning is a partnership between home and school, and we love working together with our whanau for the best for every child. A big thank you to all the parents who attended our math evening last night. It was great to see so many parents come along to hear about math. In the first session, we discussed what students need to know in order to be successful at high school and beyond, exploring how problems progress. In order to demonstrate this, we shared how the learning our juniors are doing grows and evolves into the work of our year 8's.



If you missed the evening, we are happy to send the presentation to you, and we will run a catch up in our next meeting for anyone suffering from regret. We have two more evenings planned.

21st March: How we develop mathematical concepts through math games

28th March: Family math challenge and sharing our parent's amazing ideas to support math at home. We look forward to seeing EVERYONE there!

Hello, I'm Chester!

You have probably heard about me, but I wanted to say hello and tell you about myself. I am an Australian Labradoodle, born in Tauranga. My parents and grandparents were labradoodles just like me, and we are a family of service dogs. I have brothers and sisters who are working with doctors and nurses, or with people who are unwell. I am 8 months old, and most people tell me how much they like my curly woolly coat, which as well as looking really good, is hypoallergenic. I like to come to Parnell School 3 or 4 days a week. I hang out most of the time in Dad's office, but you'll often see me walking around the school with him. I love hanging out with the students at school, and my favourite part of the day is when students come to see me and share their learning. I



decide who gets a sticker, but most people who are proud of their learning get a sticker from me. Now that I'm here, we need to make sure there are fair rules for all dogs who visit the school. The board has ratified a dogs at school policy. While the full policy is available to read at the office, the code of conduct states, which states:

- All dogs must be on a leash that keeps the dog reasonably close to the adult.
- Dog's leashes need to be held by adults only.
- Dogs can be tied up away from door entry on a short leash for brief periods of time (enough time to take a child into class)
- No dogs are allowed on the rubber matting in the junior playground as children have to feel free to be able to play away from dogs.
- Tie dogs away from entry ways so that children have a choice whether they want to come in direct contact with dogs.
- No dogs accompanying children to and from school are allowed inside any school buildings.
- Parents are responsible for any soiling by a dog on the school grounds and failure to do so will mean the dog will no longer be allowed in the school grounds.
- Dogs are not to be allowed to drink from the school water fountains.
- Parents when bringing dogs onto the site do so with an absolute understanding that their dog has no issues around children, has never displayed any aggression towards children and that the owner believes the dog is fully trustworthy in a school environment.



It is important that we remember that no dog should be on the school grounds without a lead. This applies at all times, so if you see anyone on our school with a dog off their lead, please remind them as this is both school policy and council by-law.

Before School Care:

We want to work together with our whanau in ensuring our students safety at all times. Our school policy is clear that students are not to be at school unsupervised prior to 8:30. Teachers are busy with meetings prior to 8:30 and final preparations for the exciting days learning ahead, and are therefore not able to supervise students prior to this. We have heard the comments from parents about how difficult it can be to wait with students up until 8:30 with other commitments. We have spoken to the Parnell Trust about our concerns and they have agreed to provide before school care for our students from 7:15 -8:30 every day starting from term two. The cost for this is \$5 per student per day. Parnell Trust have agreed to offer this programme as a trial for term two, but assuming this is supported by the community this will continue beyond this. If your students arrive at school before 8:30 without a supervising adult, it is likely they will be put into the programme to ensure their safety.

Richard George

Principal

From our students

CREATED BY STUDENTS IN ROOM 12



Sir Isaac Newton

Scientist and philosopher

By Jimmy Bell (Year 4)

Born in England

Over 300 years ago he studied at Cambridge

Smart at maths, he started 'The Theory of Gravity'

He said,

"What we know is a drop, what we don't know is an ocean!"

INTRODUCING EXPERT GEOLOGIST – SHAUN HAUNG (AGE 6)

Geologists have been doing expeditions and have worked out a few things, which means they have made new discoveries. A volcano's eruptions are sometimes made by earthquakes. Magma is called lava when it is outside the volcano, and inside the volcano there are rocks. These rocks are called minerals. When the lava comes out, the minerals come out with it. Volcanoes erupt a few times and then they die. Some volcanoes can become mountains with craters on top, even though they have died.

Volcanoes can be active like Mt Vesuvius, which is one of mainland Europe's most active volcanoes. In the Hawaiian Islands (USA) the volcano has erupted many times, but one day it will stop erupting forever.

In New Zealand we have a lot of earthquakes because we are next to The Ring of Fire which is like a really big 'crack' on the Pacific Ocean [floor]. Rangitoto is Auckland's largest volcano. Lake Taupo is New Zealand's biggest volcano and New Zealand's second deepest lake (the deepest lake is in Southland). Geology is not just about volcanoes though, it is about rocks!

In Room 12 we have been looking at 'Phobia', which is 'An extreme or irrational fear of something. Fortunately, most phobias any children have, they grow out of. Here are some of our favourite ones . . .

Alektorophobia – the fear of chickens

Gelotophobia – the fear of laughter

Genuphobia – the fear of knees or kneeling

Gymnophobia – the fear of nakedness

Triskaidekaphobia – the fear of The Number 13

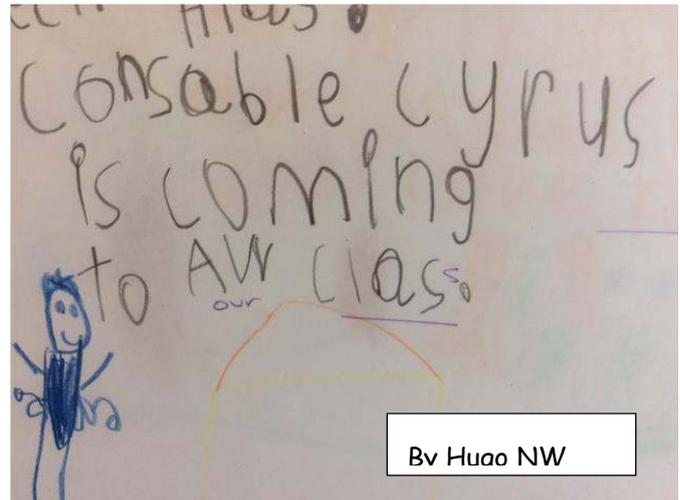
and our most favourite one . . .

Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia – the fear of long words

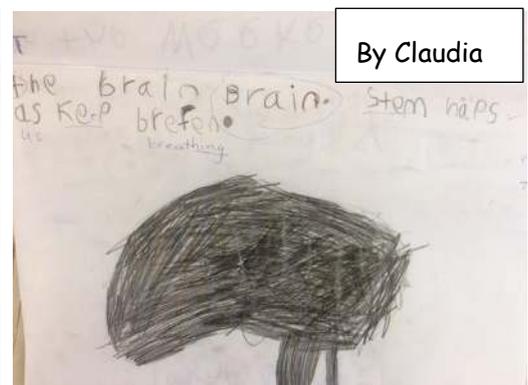
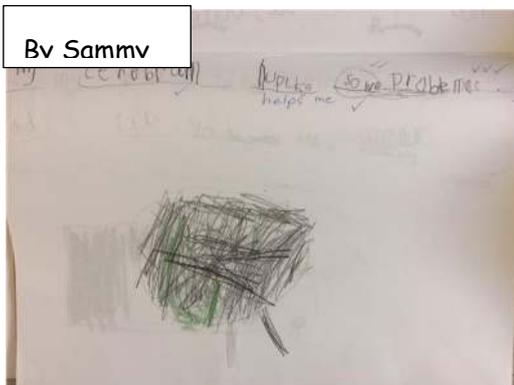
ROOM 8

This term Room 8 have been busy settling into the routines of school and having a lovely time along the way. Here are a few highlights of our first 6 weeks in Year One this year...

Constable Cyrus taught us about Road Safety.



We love learning about the brain.



In P.E. we are developing our soccer and cricket skills.



SPORTS UPDATE

Sports blog

All sports notices in full and photographs of PDS week of sport are now found on the school sports blog <http://parnellsport.blogspot.co.nz/>

Year 1-6 PE days

Please ensure that your child wears their school sports uniform, sports shoes and hat on their PE day and Syndicate Sports days.

Bay Suburbs and Eastern Zones Term 1 sports days-

Bay Suburbs -	Swimming Monday 20th March- Sacred Heart Aquatic Centre
Eastern Zones -	Swimming Friday 24th March- Sacred Heart Aquatic Centre
BS Softball -	Tuesday 28th March- Glover Park, St Heliers

PDS Swimming Trials results

Thank you to all the parent support last Friday. Fantastic venue and fun was had by all. The results are on the Sports Blog and notices for Bay Suburbs and Eastern Zones Swimming Sports need to be returned by Wednesday 15th to Ms Marra, Room 27.

Cricket Blitz

PDS v Pt England - well done to the team for a close game and to the parent team for supporting.

After school netball

Thank you for attending the meeting on Monday 13th. Teams have been organised and Managers will be in touch to confirm training days, fees and games begin in Week 2 of Term Two. If you would like to register your child in a team, Year 2-8 please email valeriem@parnell.school.nz

PDS Skiing season 2017

If you have a child/children in Years 3-8 who are competent skiers and you would like to trial for the PDS Ski team please attend the meeting on Monday 27th March at 3:10pm in Room 27.

Year 3-8 Sports Assembly – Tuesday 11th April 12.15-1.00pm in the school hall- all parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL EVENTS

2017 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS ICAS exams

Students at Parnell are given the opportunity to sit these external exams. While they provide information about student achievement against peers in the above countries, these are not specifically designed to assess the New Zealand Curriculum. ICAS provides an opportunity for students in Years 4 to 13 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation.

These tests are highly language based so are not recommended for new learners of English.

Participation in these exams is parental choice and there is a fee payable in order to take part. If you are interested in finding out more about these exams please follow the links on the enrolment letter.

All enrolments are to be submitted on the attached form and returned to the school office.

Please return the permission slip and entry fee by: **Friday 24th March 2017.**

Full payment is required prior to enrolment.

SCHOOL NOTICES

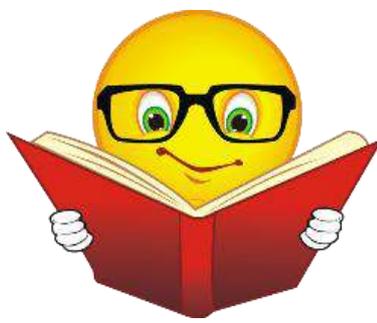
Lucky Book Club

Lucky Book Club orders and payment are going online this year! Your child/ren will continue to bring a paper catalogue home but to place your Lucky Book Club order, simply go to mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz, register your child/ren, choose Parnell School and Room Number and then place your order. **Please do not bring Order Forms or cash to your teacher or to the office - simply order your books online.**

The books will be delivered to the class per normal and your child will bring them home. Parnell School will not be accepting any cash or paper order forms - it is all online now! For any families without internet access or credit card, please come to the office and Adrienne will help you place your order.

Please place your orders online for Issue 2 by Friday, 31 March.

A big thank you to Veronica Thu for offering to be our school's Lucky Book Club co-ordinator this year.



BOOK WEEK NEWS

BOOK WEEK is approaching fast and our school literacy team has been preparing an exciting programme to look forward to. Our goal is to promote an enjoyment of the magic of stories and to encourage life - long reading habits.

Week 9 - 27th -31st March

To help your child get the most out of the experience, it would help you to know some of the things we have planned:-

BOOK SWAP

This is an opportunity to swap one or two books that have already been read and enjoyed for some fresh ones. Children will bring their books to Ms Bridgeman or Ms Bonniface on the Monday 27 or Tuesday 28. They will be given tokens to 'spend' on books with a similar value to the ones they've brought to swap. The Swap will happen on Thursday 30th in Rm7 at lunchtime.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

On Friday 31st we would all students (and teachers) to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters. It's time to start discussing this now so that you can choose a character that is easy to create with things you already have at home or can make together easily. You are not expected to hire costumes. We would much prefer that children used their own creativity to come up with ideas. We will parade around the courtyard before going to assembly.

We will also have a large outdoor picture frame installed where children can get together with their friends to create "selfies."

We will also run a house event that day where students across all age groups, create and share dramatic stories which they will create based on the characters they've come dressed as. You will be able to share some of these if you come in the afternoon.

BOOK QUIZ

Each syndicate team of teachers is preparing a quiz based on 10 books that will be read at school by all the students in that group.

Each class will play off against each-other and a finalist will take part in the final round on Friday. The quiz final will follow our assembly and the winners will receive book voucher prizes. We are hoping to run it like The Chase TV quiz programme, with experts from The National Library as "Chasers".

HELL PIZZA CHALLENGE

We have registered for this reading challenge that many of our students enjoyed last year. It is however, voluntary to enter.

On reading seven books and having their wheel clipped by their teacher to verify they've actually read the books, students will bring their pizza reading wheels to me in the library to have them stamped with the school stamp. They can then redeem their free mini pizza at any Hell Pizza outlet. There is no limit to the number of wheels they can have clipped but only one at a time can be redeemed. We can continue this all year if there is enthusiasm for it.

MULTI-CULTURAL STORIES

We would love those of you who can spare the time, to come and read stories in your own language in the library during lunchtimes during Monday to Wednesday of Book Week. It is wonderful for the children to hear the magic of different languages

If you can take part in this, come and add your name to the whiteboard which will be outside the library or email lindab@parnell.school.nz.

We hope you'll find it helpful to know what's coming up and that you and your family will enjoy getting into the spirit of Book Week.

Linda Gray Brett

On behalf of the Literacy team:-

Wendy Franklin Smith, Susan Bridgeman, Jill Boniface, Enchante Chang, Morgan McKeen

PTA NEWS

Wine by the Case Fundraiser:

This year Babich Wines are back on board as the wine provider for our Wine Fundraiser and a great selection of wine for the winter months will be available to purchase from both their Classic and Premium ranges. There is a minimum purchase of 6 bottles (in any combination) and **Babich will generously donate an outstanding \$90 per case to PDS.** This will assist with fund-raising for new Astro Turf in the apex and to upgrade the senior playground. Ordering is easy:

Every child should have received a hard copy order form. For more copies of the hardcopy please contact the Office.

- If using a manual order form, please fill out and email to Sam Bassett (sam.bassett@markhams.co.nz)
- Deposit the amount into the school Fundraising Account (including your name and wine in the reference field)

Click here for the online order form - <https://goo.gl/forms/vZr7v5w46Kbxf7E2>

Please forward it onto to friends, family and work colleagues.

Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzle

Next Thursday, March 23 (week 8!), there will be a mufti day and sausage sizzle at school. This means your child is allowed to come to school on this day in clothing other than their school uniform. We have two mufti days each school term and this is a PTA fundraising activity. The children pay a gold coin donation for this privilege. Barbecued sausages (including halal), drinks and muffins are for sale on mufti days for \$2 each.

親愛的家長們,

我們週四將會有便服日。我們一個學期內會有兩天的便服日。這是一個家長會主辦的活動,目的是為了幫學校籌措校園運作款項,如果您想要知道更多關於家長會的訊息請查看我們學校的網站。想要參與便服日的學生們需要捐一塊或兩塊錢(Gold Coin Donation)。學校會出售烤香腸、飲料和滿福(類似杯子蛋糕的甜點),每份單品\$2。

We are also looking for some more regular helpers to join our fun sausage sizzle team. Please email parnellsschoolpta@gmail.com if you can help out on the fourth and eighth Thursday of each term.

Next PTA Meeting:

Our next **PTA meeting is held in the staffroom on Wednesday, March 22 at 7pm.** Everyone is welcome to come along. The best entrance is from the stairs in the courtyard.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Notices Please be aware that the school's acceptance of advertising in the school newsletter does not constitute approval and/ or endorsement for any product or activity.

Gymnastics Holiday Program

Eastern Suburbs Gymnastic Club

89 Apirana Avenue, Glen Innes,

Please contact on ph: 528-0941 for details and timetable

Highwic School Holiday Fun this Easter holiday.

On both Wednesday 19th and 26th and Thursday 20th and 27th during the Easter school holiday Highwic has some great activities for school age children from making a kite to baking on our coal range. So visit Highwic, step back in time and have some fun. Check our website for more details: www.highwic.org.nz

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES AT AUCKLAND NETBALL

APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Netball, Multi-Activity and All Sorts of Sports

Boys & Girls | Ages 5-13 years | Tues 18 April – Fri 29 April

Come join us this April at Auckland Netball. We are offering a wide variety of programmes where children can learn new skills, make new friends and have lots of fun!

Where: Auckland Netball, St Johns and Epsom Girls Grammar, Epsom

INTENSIVE NETBALL PROGRAMME

School Years 6-8 | Wednesday 26 – Thursday 27 April | 9am-3pm

Come along for 5 days of skill sessions designed to increase your playing level for the winter season.

Focusing on movement, attack, defence, shooting, umpiring and game play.

Where: Epsom Girls Grammar, Epsom

For further information email development@aucklandnetball.co.nz

or phone 09 280 4129. For registration forms please visit our website www.aucklandnetball.co.nz

Save the date!

WE ARE ONE - A Concert for Autism Sat 13 May

In true Play It Strange fashion enjoy some of New Zealand's iconic entertainers performing along side our talented youth and emerging talents. The concert will feature 2 PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL past pupils, Zane Hawkins and Sam Montgomery, both of whom are studying music at a tertiary level.

ST. HELIERS SCHOOL FAIR

SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2017 10AM-2PM

A FABULOUS DAY FOR ALL.
FUN GAMES FOR ALL AGES
SCRUMPTIOUS FOOD
A SHOWCASE OF CHILDREN'S TALENT
SECOND-HAND BOOKS, CLOTHES, FURNITURE & TOYS