



NEWSLETTER NO. 5

12th April 2017

Dates: School term finishes tomorrow Thursday 13th April at 3.00pm
Term 2 starts Monday 1st May

Kia Ora Parents and whanau

What an amazing term it has been! As we enter our eleventh week of term one, I look back on all we have achieved in our first term of 2017. Our weekly assemblies have been a showcase for the exciting things that we've been doing in classes, and gave our students an opportunity to develop our performance skills with a captive audience of friends and whanau. The learning that has been on display in assembly is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of what children have been doing in classes! Our classes are exciting and purposeful learning environments and it is fantastic for me to be able to visit so many classes to find out about what our kids are learning now, and what they want to learn next.

We have also been lucky to have the continued support of our amazing community. Our PTA are again hard at work preparing a range of activities for the year that not only raise money, but bring us closer together and give us opportunities to have some fun. In term one Sam Bassett spearheaded our wine fundraiser that alone raised \$15 000 towards our new sports turf. A massive thankyou to Sam for leading this project, and everyone who supported the fundraiser by buying wine.

Our community continues to support us through their voluntary donations. To date we have received donations from 50% of our community. These donations directly impact every child's learning, helping us to fund a teacher to reduce class sizes across the school. In addition to this, donations from our families help to fund our teachers who provide reading recovery and support/ extension programmes to year 0-2, and our math support teacher who works with support and extension programmes for year 3-8. If you have not yet contributed towards the donation, we appreciate any support. If you are unable to contribute financially, there are many ways you can contribute your time. Joining the PTA, supervising road patrol, helping us tend to our gardens or coming before school to the Parnell Readers are all examples of ways families in our community support our school.

Term two brings a new inquiry topic, where we start to wonder about secrets of the world. Our students were inspired by questions like what happens when a lost civilisation is discovered or the secrets the pyramids hold, along with some classic unsolved mysteries like Loch Ness monster when they developed this inquiry. Also starting in term two is our new options programme 'Friday Fizz'. This means students from year 0-4, or 5-8 will each have 15 different options to choose from, allowing us to offer a broad range of exciting learning opportunities. This programme runs from 1.50 – 2.50 every Friday.

Some important dates to note down:

Tuesday 9th May – Year 7-8 info evening. All parents welcome (6-7 pm)

Wednesday 17th May – Year 0-2 parents morning tea with the Principal (10 am)

Tuesday 23rd of May – Community meetings: What achievement matters to our community? How can we better meet the needs of our students? (9-10 am) or (6-7 pm)

Remember, from the start of term two, we will be offering before school care from 7am – 8:30am for any students who need to be on the school grounds before 8:30 unsupervised. While you are still totally welcome to come along to school with your kids and enjoy the playground before 8:30, any students who are not supervised by an adult will need to be in before school care. We are excited to be able to offer this to our families, as we know this means we can offer greater flexibility for parents who are unable to wait with their children until 8:30. Parnell Trust have kindly organised for the service to be provided for a discounted rate of only \$5 a day. To book a place contact Jenny on 555 5195 or jenny@parnell.org.nz

Wishing all our whanau a safe and enjoyable holiday, I look forward to seeing everyone back on the 1st of May for another exciting term of learning

Richard George

From our students

CREATED BY STUDENTS IN ROOM 25

Room 25's Awesome Term

How Our Brain Works

This term, room 25 has been presenting our inquiries about the brain. We have been researching all term and have come up with really interesting questions. There were four main stages of inquiry that we used to help guide us in this process: Questioning, Researching, Connecting and Understanding. These steps enabled us to create presentations that were engaging and informative to share with the class.



Here is Meryl presenting her inquiry on 'How does alcohol affect the brain?'. It was a super engaging and informative PowToon. She has created a super smoothie for her product to help keep people away from alcohol.

We have also been working on products that link with our research. We did this because we wanted to open up the different perspectives and awareness of our inquiry.

This is Angelina making bath bombs to aid restless nights. Her inquiry is on 'What happens to the brain when we dream?'. She used special ingredients in her bath bomb that helps you get a good night's sleep.

In Term 2, the intermediate department will be having a 'Dragons Den' Market where you can invest in products that we are making for our brain inquiry using Parnell dollars. This supports us in career opportunities, financial literacy, math- percentages, interest, compound interest, and leadership opportunities. We are so excited to see what Term 2 will bring.



Maths

In maths, we have been working on workshops and learning different strategies. The cool thing is, we get to choose what workshops we go to so it helps us manage our own learning. We also do fun class activities. Today we learnt how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages with M&M's. It was delicious and educational!



Meet Colin the bearded dragon

Most of you will have met our Class pet Colin! Colin is a super friendly bearded dragon. He loves kids and eating blueberries. If you would like to meet Colin to say hello, come to room 25 before school or during morning tea.



Colin loves the adventure stories that Roman is creating.

Here is Colin learning more about the different sides of the brain. The left side is the more logical side and the right-side controls most of our creativity and imagination.





100 word stories are one of Room 30's favourite literacy tasks!

We get a simple picture but a very creative one and we have to write about it in 100 words, not 99 and not 101. All of us write incredible stories and it gives us a chance to practise using figurative language, like adjectives, similes, adverbs and personification. Sometimes we get gold stars if we do great work on our stories but in the end, they are all wonderful!

Lawrence Zhao.

I flung open my suitcase... expecting to find the crabs I contained. Instead, I found an ominous staircase leading down. I saw an immense green claw reaching out. Something must have mutated the crabs! So I dashed down the staircase that seemed to lead to hell. Finally, the crab led me to the other crabs. They were glowing a sickly green, they must have eaten some radioactive bananas. Those bananas make all that eat them, glow green and become radioactive. I decided to leave the crabs in there. I learnt a lesson that day. Never let your crabs roam wildly!

Harrison Lloyd.

Slowly, I tiptoed over the slippery, slimy bridge covered in seaweed. I got to the other side of the bridge and walked down a rocky path towards a small beach. I walked to the end of the beach covered in sand as yellow as the sun, and I saw something! It was a dark green suitcase, I opened it and saw some gooey stairs, I wondered where they led to? I looked around to see if anyone was watching then I hopped into the suitcase. It was then I saw a bunch of snakes. I sprinted away! Far, far away.

Eva Mitchell.

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Alice. One day she walked out of the house into her beautiful, fresh garden. She went to play fetch with her cute dog Milly. Alice threw the ball and then suddenly noticed a small suitcase in the distance. Alice walked slowly over to it and carefully opened it.

"BANG!" Alice got a huge fright. She had discovered a secret world. Alice carefully walked down the stairs and discovered a room full of fluffy kittens. She was so excited! Alice spent the rest of the afternoon cuddling the cute, friendly kittens.

Amira Wilde.

I was going on an amazing adventure. I was bubbling with excitement and joy that I could finally go on holiday. I grabbed my empty suitcase and headed out the door. The sun was perfect as it shone on my shoulders. I headed into a forest and lay my case down. A magical case. I opened it and a mile of glitter went in my face! It grew and I stepped inside. I shut the case and headed down the stairs. My assistant told me to get in the door on the left. I was off on an amazing adventure.

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 2 sports days-

23rd May EZ Girls Football

24th May BS Yr 5-6 Football

30th May EZ Yr 7 Boys football

1st June EZ Yr 8 Boys Football

14 June BS Rugby and Ripa Rugby Tournament

25th June Gymnastics Funday at TriStar

26th June EZ Boys and Girls Hockey

4th July Year 5-8 Sports Assembly

Bay Suburbs Softball Tournament

Thank you to all the parent support last Tuesday at Glover Park for the Bay Suburbs Softball Tournament.

Results are as follows;

Year 6 Girls - First Place

Year 6 Boys - Third Place

Year 5 Boys - Only Year 5 boys team in full softball league

Cricket Blitz

Thank you to all the parent support for transporting, scoring and supporting this very short season of Cricket Blitz.

St Johns and Windmill Road Netball Teams finalised

The following teams are playing after school netball for Term 2/3

Windmill Road

Parnell Sportilicious - Yr 6 Team

Parnell Panthers - Yr 6 team

St Johns

Parnell Gold

Parnell Poppies

Parnell Pineapple

Parnell Yellow Ferns

Parnell Professionals

Registration forms to be emailed to Auckland Netball and fees to be paid to Adrienne Burns before the end of Term 1.

PDS Skiing season 2017

Trials start in Term 2 at Snow Planet- 11-2.30pm 5th May, 12th May, 19th May and 26th May-time trials.

Mini Basketball- if you are interested in playing after school basketball please contact Mr Kaho, Yr 7-8 Teacher.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dental van dates for term 2: Date: 01/05/17 to 05/05/17

To All Parents –The Mobile Dental Van will be visiting School this term to examine children who are due to be seen. If you wish to discuss further, please ring your local Dental Clinic on 095200603

If you wish to check the schools scheduled to be visited this term go to the ARDS website www.ards.co.nz

EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 2nd May

Epsom girls is holding meetings for students interested in 2018 intake and on Tuesday 2 May we will hold our Open Morning.

Parnell Students are asked to attend the session at 10.45 please.

This is for the girls and a parent or parents to attend.

We expect to see the students back at school after lunch.

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Parnell District School is raising funds. Here's how you can help...

Help us raise funds for our School by buying an Entertainment Membership from us. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!



The Entertainment Book is such a great way to try new restaurants. It's also a great opportunity to help community organisations. – Ali M

Digital Yearbook

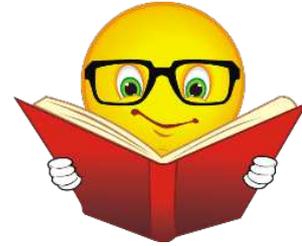
Any videos photos or pictorial shots from sports events, book week or any school related event – please send a copy to

WendyF@parnell.school.nz for our digital yearbook. Thanks

Mufti Day 23 March - Collected \$1943

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Starting term two: kids photography group running after school. This group is limited to 15 students so if you are interested we suggest you get in quickly. You can register at www.kidsphotographyworkshops.com, or by calling Stephanie on 021491116.



Book Week Thanks

Enormous thanks to the mum's and students who came to the library in lunchtimes to share stories in your own languages. You had me and the children enthralled!

Each day there were from 15 to 20 children and often the same ones came back for more. It didn't matter that it was not their own language; such is the power of stories.

I was so impressed with the way you had chosen and prepared your stories. We had French, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Portuguese, Slovenian, Croatian, Hungarian, Korean. I hope I haven't missed anyone out!

Thanks also to all parents who helped make the Book Week so much fun by ensuring their child came in costume on Friday. We tried something new and made up plays in our House groups using the characters we'd come dressed as to create new stories. It was great fun.

We are grateful to The New Zealand Book Council for financial support for our author visit from Janice Marriot.

Linda Gray Brett

PTA NEWS

Bake Sale

Thank you to all the children and parents who bought a cupcake or cookie at our Bake Sale last week. We made \$893.60 which is wonderful and helps us towards our goal of installing Astroturf in the Apex area.

Next PTA meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. The easiest entrance is to come up the stairs from the courtyard.

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

Part-time board needed

I have a Great-Niece who is a Reg Nurse, paediatric specialist. Very quiet early 30's, lives in Hamilton with her parents. Has a position at Starship, Auckland, in NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) 2-3 days a week. Works 12 hr shifts 7am - 7pm or 7pm -7am requires a room on those days. Has her own car.

Please ask interested parties to contact myself (Grandma of school gardening)

ajmac@internet.co.nz and I can pass on her contact details.

Many thanks

Brenda

TAPAC APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Join us these School Holidays for exciting, challenging and educational programmes for kids aged 5 and up. No experience required! Come ready to learn and have fun.

All enrollments at www.tapac.org.nz through the holiday programmes tab, or by calling 09 845 0295



COMEDY & IMPROVISATION CLASS
11 - 14 years
26-28 April, 9am - 3pm
Teaching Artist: Marlon Eraso
\$180

Do you love to have fun and make people laugh? Develop your comedic and improvisational skills through theatre games and exercises.



FILM MAKING
11 - 14 years
18 - 21 April, 9am - 3pm
Teaching Artist: Hank Snell
\$250

Ever wanted to make your own Films? Now you can! Experience the collaborative process of filmmaking, whether your role is in front or behind the camera.



CIRCUS ARTS
8 - 13 years
18-21 April & 26-28 April, 9am - 3pm
Teaching Artists: Circability
\$250 & \$200

Learn techniques used by professional Circus performers. Tumble on the ground and Fly through the air



OUTER SPACE ADVENTURE
5 - 7 years
18-19, 20-21, 27-28 April, 9am - 3pm
Teaching Artist: Shine Tutor Rhema Sutherland
\$120

Through drama, movement, improvisation and voice the children will develop their dance, acting and speaking skills in a creative collaborative environment.



SHOWTIME
8 - 12 years
18 - 21 April, 9am - 3pm
Teaching Artists: Nancy Schroder & Andy Manning
\$250

Jump into the spotlight and let your superstar shine! Sing, Dance, and Act your way through a popular musical.



Term 2 Parnell soccer Program

Do you want to be the next Ronaldo!

- Weekly Friday training:
- 10 weeks soccer coaching program, beginning May 5th
- 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Cost: \$130 (per child)

What to bring:

- Soccer Ball
- Drink bottle

Free Wynrs t-shirt for first time registrations

Term 2 Holiday Programme

- First week: 18th - 21st April
- Second Week: 24th, 26th, 27th and 28th April
- 9:00am – 12:00pm each day

Cost: \$130 (per child) or \$220 both weeks

What to bring:

Lost and Found

Found – 1 Black Holden Key in a little black waterproof sheath found outside Parnell District School. If this is yours please see School reception.