



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 7
2nd May 2018

Kia Ora Whanau

Welcome back for another action-packed term! Our inquiry focus this term is 'My History, My Myths, My Culture'. As part of this exploration, students will be investigating their own culture, as well as the culture of Parnell as our own special place together in the world. Expect lots of questions about the myths and traditions of your culture, as well as finding out about others in the class.

A big thanks to those parents who were able to come to our year 7/8 open morning to see our intermediate department in action. If you missed the open morning but are still interested in hearing about our year 7/8 programme and visiting our classes, please email the office to make an appointment for a tour with Mr George.

Whanau day is on the 1st of June

After the huge success of whanau day in term four of 2017, it is back and better than ever! We are looking for help from our community for the 'eat around the world' lunch. Below is more information from our organising teachers, so if you are able to help please be in touch with them ASAP! Whanau day will also be cultural dress up day, so time to start hunting out those amazing cultural costumes.

School photos are coming up on the 16th and 17th of May.

We have all sibling photos in the 16th, and class photos on the 17th. Remember all students must be in their formal uniform, meaning white polos for our year 7/8's, and yellow polos for our year 0-6 students. If your school photo envelope got lost on the way home, there are spares at the office.

As our school continues to evolve, some notable changes have taken place over the holidays. We have extended the security camera coverage around the school to ensure our environment is safe. Our cameras run throughout the day and night to protect our beautiful learning environment. We also had the team from Park Supplies in installing the new play equipment in the apex! Our new climber and swing are in, with the slide still to come. A big thanks to our PTA for funding the play equipment through their tireless work. Our turf continues to progress and will likely be finished in the next two weeks!

School arrival time is 8:30

We thank our parents for supporting us in ensuring every child is safe at school. Staff are not able to supervise any students at school before 8:30 each day. Any child on school grounds before 8:30 must either be supervised by a parent or caregiver or go to the hall for before school care provided by Parnell Trust.

Kind Regards

Richard George

Upcoming dates.

- Friday May 4th : Assembly Room 20.
- Friday May 11th: Assembly Room 9.
- Wednesday May 16th: Sibling Photos.
- Thursday May 17th: Class Photos.
- Friday May 18: Assembly Room 29.

A graphic for PTA Notices featuring a stylized sun or flower icon in the center, with the text "PTA Notices" in blue, bold, italicized font overlaid on it.

PTA Notices

Next PTA Meeting:

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday May 8th at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome!

A graphic for Old Newspaper featuring a stylized newspaper icon in the center, with the text "Old Newspaper" in blue, bold, italicized font overlaid on it.

Old Newspaper

Miss Crocker from room 28 would love some old newspaper you might have lying around. She needs it for her clay modelling Friday Fizz activity. Just drop it off to the office any time.

WELCOME BACK

WHANAU

Whanau day is coming soon, Friday 1st June 2018, and we are excited to invite our school whanau to celebrate and enjoy a shared lunch from 12.30-1.45pm. This shared lunch will be in the style of "eat around our world" where students can try bite-sized tasters of worldly cuisines, made by members of our wonderful community.

We are looking for families who can help us by providing bite-sized tasters of food from their culture for our students to try. The school will happily reimburse you for any ingredients you need to buy, but we need your help in providing delicious, authentic cuisine from around our world. We would like the food to arrive at school by 12.10pm, ready to be served at 12.30pm. If you need the schools cooking facilities, food to be reheated, someone to serve food, or any other support please indicate on the below form.

We believe it is important every student in our school is globally aware, and that all the cultures that make up our school are celebrated. We can't wait to see you there!

If you can help, please complete the below form and return it to the school office by Friday 11th May. You are welcome, and encouraged, to work together with others for this event. If you need help connecting to other families, or communities, please ask.

You can email me at katrinaJ@parnell.school.nz for more information.

This year whanau day comes at the end of healthy community's week. Look out for more information about this soon.

Kind regards,

Katrina Jagersma and Masina Gagamoe

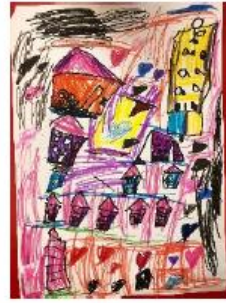
Room 4 had a fabulous holiday!



In the holidays I went to the house and car. I went outside to play.
Jory



In the holidays I went to the party and the pools and we saw a rat at the pools.
Isabella



In the holidays I went to the Maker Space. Fun! I went home. I like reading.
Lili



In the holidays I went to the toy shop and I choose a good toy and I paid it and I went to my home.
Kerr



In the holidays I went to my Grandma and Grandpas. I stayed the night and I watched Grandma read to me.
Camilla



Bang went the balloon. Vrrm vrrm went the car. I went to play with my Daddy.
Stella



Kling kling went my bike. Ding ding went my bike. Bang boom went the gun on my video game.
Joah



La la went the ballerinas music. Thump thump went the boots. Tweet tweet went the bird.
Phoebe



Ding dang dong went the song. Tik takt ok went the clock. I wet to my church and I played with my friend.
Surran



Bang bang went the firecrackers in Australia. I was asleep. It was night.
Ava



In the holidays I went to Fiji. The most hot place ever! I heard a boom boom.
Evie



I went in the temple La la la sang the people. I went down to eat, chomp! Then I went home to sleep.
Shreya



In the holidays I went to the park. My brother screamed like a girl. I laughed out loud, he was funny. I loved my holidays.
Poppy

Woosh, woosh went the water. In the holidays I went in the Hamster Ball.
Shanelle

On the holidays I went to my friend's home. It had so much space. We played with our Bey's.
Bardia

In the holiday I went to the rock climbing. I climb on the dinosaur wall.
Ewan



Waa waa waa! Went the baby. Sh sh! Went my mum. Boom went the shoes. Bang bang! Went the hammer.
Farrel

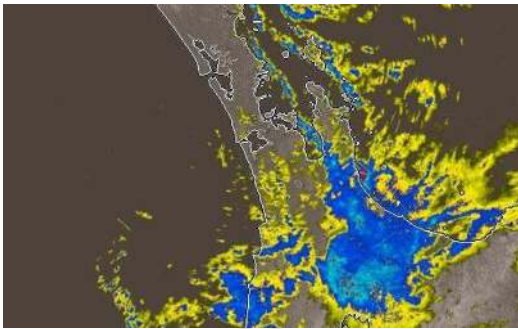
Wrr wrr. In the holiday I went to the beach and I brought lots of toys.
Mario

In the holidays I went to Australia. There was snakes but I didn't see any. If I saw a snake I would say "help!"
Amelia

Now we are ready for some more fun and learning!

ROOM 28 THE STORM

In the last week of term, one morning we came to school in a terrible storm! We watched the rain radar as it showed us the heavy downpour that was coming over Auckland.



After we talked lots about the weather we used white crayons, dye and photos of ourselves to make this amazing colourful art!

Once our art was created we talked a lot about poetry. Miss Crocker showed us three different types of poems, a Haiku poem, an imagery poem, and an acrostic poem.

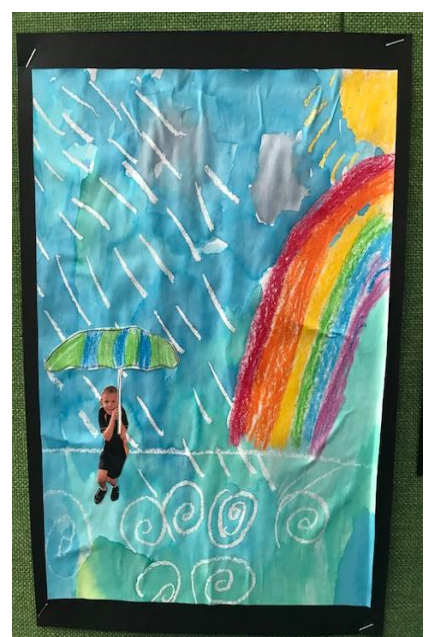
A Haiku poem is really interesting because you are only allowed 5 syllables on the first line, 7 syllables on the second and 5 again on the third line! There was a lot of clapping!

An imagery poem is where you have to create an image in the readers mind using all sorts of different language features, we talked about similes, metaphors, personification and onomatopoeia. We used some in our poems to describe the weather.

An acrostic poem is where you choose a word and each letter of that word is the start of our line.

We wrote each of these poems and then we chose our favourite one, published it so it can be displayed on our classroom wall.

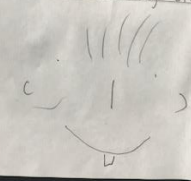
Come and have a look!





Can have many shapes
 Looks light or heavy
 Often grey, black or white
 Usually effects the weather
 Days filled with delight with
 clouds

The sun!
 After a very crushing
 and heavy rain, a very
 calming and gentle light
 warmed my soaked back,
 agh there is nothing better
 than the sun. By Genya

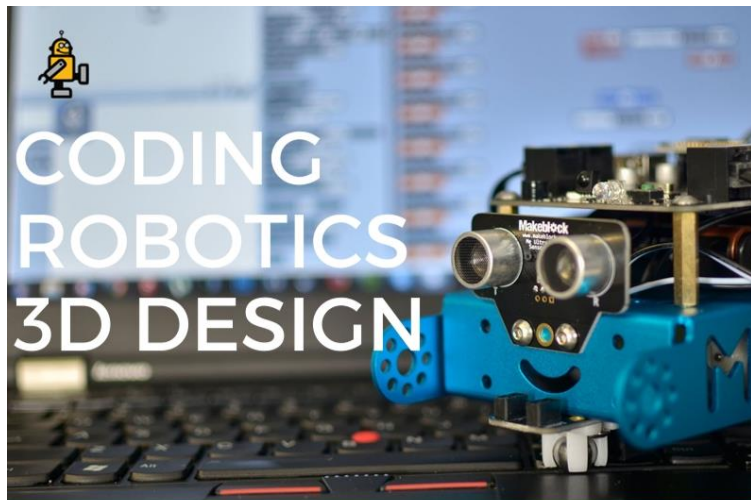


The downpour
 The rain showered down over the ground
 Thunder was screaming
 puddles formed and the wind howling
 Clouds as black as a pitch black dungeon
 A warm shining sun rises in the sky
 drying the downpour
 Rainbows as quite a shimmering meadow
 hovered in the air that smelled like a garden of
 roses.

IMAGERY POEM

Haika
 5 Lightning Flashing Bright
 7 here the rain, go Pit Pat Pat Pat
 5 then crashing thunder

Community Notices



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