



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

*Newsletter 11
27th June 2018*

Kia Ora whanau

What an action packed couple of weeks we've had! PTA Disco on Friday, What Now filming at school on Sunday, and our students continue to explore their history, myths, and culture in our term two inquiry. It has been fascinating to learn more about our community through our students' exploration of their history, myths, and culture, while also exploring our shared local history. It seems almost impossible that the term is about to come to an end, but sure enough we're just days away from holidays again.

Thankyou staff!

I'd like to join you all in thanking our teachers for their hard work this term. It has been so rewarding to visit all our classes and see the depth and quality of the learning taking place, down in large part to the positive learning relationships between our teachers and students. The role of a teacher is a varied and all-encompassing one, and we are so lucky to have our wonderful, committed team. I want to thank every member of our staff for their work over term two, and hope they all find time for some rest and relaxation over the term break.

Outstanding donations

We have a small number of school donations yet to be contributed towards. Earlier in the year, our Board of Trustees outlined how we invest our donations to enhance the learning opportunities for every child in the school (smaller class sizes throughout the school, additional resourcing, additional staffing commitments like our permanent in-school reliever, reading recovery and learning support). The simple reality is that without the continuing support of our families these commitments towards our children's ongoing, accelerated learning cannot be guaranteed in the future. We appreciate all support (financial or time) from our whanau. If you have not yet contributed towards to the running of PDS via your donation, please consider doing so. If you want further explanation as to how the voluntary donation enhances the core learning of every PDS child, I encourage you to talk with our Executive Officer, Adrienne Burns (adrienneb@parnell.school.nz or via the school office 379 3008). If you are more comfortable with making a donation of time (which is also hugely beneficial to PDS), please discuss with your child's class teacher (putting away books, class displays, school trips), Linda Gray-Brett - our fully released teacher librarian - (Parnell Readers Club, Library displays etc) or join the PTA (parnellpta@gmail.com).

Thankyou PTA

Between our Mufti Day, Disco, Sausage Sizzle at What Now, and Bake Sale this week, it's been a massive fortnight for our PTA. We are so fortunate to have a committed and hard working PTA who give up their time to run such events, and now we have a range of exciting new play equipment in our school for all to use as result of their hard work. Thank you so much to this amazing team for all you do!

EOTC Week Term Four

Attached to this newsletter is a separate letter about EOTC week for term four. Following on from the success of EOTC week in 2017 we've been able to make some small modifications to further improve the learning opportunities for all students through EOTC week. Students from year 3 to 8 will also have additional paid options for camp activities, from a camp day trip for year 3 students, to a three-day camp for students in year 7-8. We endeavour to get this information out to you as early as possible so you can ensure you arrange to be able to attend the events over the week that you'd like to attend. We cannot provide such options without the support of families. We are looking for parents to join us on camp, and attend our day trips with our children. For most trips we need at least one parents for every six children who attend the trip.

Reminder: Sign out form

If for any reason you need to sign your child out during the day, please ensure you follow our school procedures.

Go to the office first, and sign the child out using the tablet at the office. Paul will give you a sign out slip which you can then take to the class and hand to the teacher to take your child. Any parent who goes directly to the classroom and doesn't have a slip from the office will not be able to take the child from class. We have such systems to ensure your child's safety, and we appreciate your support with this.

Change of staff: Room 2

Sadly, for Parnell District School, Miss Everett has accepted a position at an international school in Dubai, and will finish with us at the end of term two. Nicola has been at Parnell for two years now, beginning around this time in 2016. She has always made her class a warm and inviting learning environment for her children, and I know the children of Room 2 will be sad to farewell her to her next adventure overseas.

We are excited to welcome our new teacher for Room 2, Miss Holly Southby. Holly has been teaching at a prestigious English private school in Cologne, Germany. Her current role is as head of literacy and teaching in the junior school. Holly is English and has family connections in New Zealand, and is excited to come and experience a great kiwi school.

Kind Regards

Richard George

Important dates coming up

29th June: Assembly Room 3, All welcome!

4th July: Bay Suburbs Netball

6th July: House Assembly Tainui, beginning at 9am. All welcome!

6th July: School ends at 3pm

23rd July: Term three begins

27th July: Assembly Room 1, All welcome!

PTA News.

Disco

Thank you to all the amazing helpers who worked at the Popstars & Rockstars Disco last Friday night. We are grateful to Prim, Georgia, Elizabeth, Kirstin, Jo, Lisa and Soizick for their work in the Hall. A big shout out to John and Joe on the BBQ and to Louise and Sam running the Parent Safe Haven in the staff room. Thank you to the kind parents who donated food or drink for the Parent Safe Haven too. A big high-five to our special Dad DJ Lo for spinning the decks and to the children who helped with the music selection! Thank you also to the wonderful teachers who made the disco so much fun with their presence. And we can't forget our Disco Queens Leena and Emma who orchestrated and organised such a fun event. Hats off to all of you!

If you would like to see some pics of the disco, here's the link to the Classic Photo Booths gallery:

Website: <http://gallery.classicphotoboosts.co.nz>

Password: PS2018 (lowercase, no spaces)

Parents can click on the photos and save to their downloads if they want a digital copy.

Fun Run Organisation Help

The PTA is looking for some helpers to fold and bag 500 Fun Run forms. This little working bee will take place in the **Community Room today, Wednesday June 27th at 3pm**. If you can help, please come and join in the fun. Students are welcome to help too!

From the Office Team

Lost Property

The office team has recently gone through the lost property items and returned the named items to the class rooms. Your child's teacher will let you know if anything has been handed in. The un-named items will be displayed over by the Friday café until the end of term, after that they will be donated to charity.

We can only return items that are clearly named. So, please take the time to name your child's items clearly.

Room 27

This term Room 27 has been doing a variety of writing. We have been learning to write entertaining pieces, narratives, descriptive pieces and poems. Some enthusiastic writers below have given you amazing examples to show you the level of learning that is happening in room 27.

By Aston Ingram and Maxwell Clarke

The Door

Pepper was always curious. She was trudging up the steep hill of Mount Eden, frost on her cheeks and her green hair dancing in the wind. When she reached the top, a thin drizzle had started. Through the rain she saw a door just standing there in the middle of the field. It had a weirdly carved handle and was made of a rich dark wood. Pepper looked around to see if anyone was looking, took a deep breath and opened the door.

The first thing that Pepper noticed is that it was cold, freezing cold. The second thing was that it was pitch dark. She continued down the gloomy hallway and soon stumbled over another door. Pepper cautiously open it and was greeted with a burst of light. Once she got used to the light she found herself standing in an enchanting garden with plant and trees she had never known existed. There were giant plants taller than a house, and tiny little ones that she carefully stepped over. Bright bursts of color everywhere and trees with multi-colour leaves. A breeze blew over her carrying a beautiful scent of roses mixed with pine and lavender; Pepper had never felt so peaceful or so calm.

In front of her was a gorgeous bird with dazzling plumage of every color you could think of, and in its beak was a note.



*"Look, dance, search where you wish,
But whatever you do don't eat the
Forbidden fruit."*

Wandering what that meant she ambled on and soon came to a magnificent tree. It had giant oranges hanging from it, or what might have been apples as they were red with a tinge of yellow. Thinking that these must be the fruit in the message she walked under the tree admiring the delicate branches and leaves of the tree. She started to grow hungry, looking up longingly at the fruit she plucked one out and took a giant bite, and then she gasped as she remembered at what she had been told.

Then suddenly out of nowhere wild lions appeared, teeth bared. Frightened she turned around and dashed towards the door. Giving a great roar the lions leapt up and ran after her. Scrambling for the door handle her whole body trembled as the lions were quite near now. When she finally found it, she breathed a sigh of relief and with a trembling hand opened it.

When she had firmly closed the door, she ran in the dark hallway and crashed against the other door. Once outside and the door closed, Pepper found herself back on the top of Mount Eden soaking in the rain. She still had the apple with her and cautiously ate the rest on the way home. She planted the seeds in her garden and they grew to be a stunning tree with multi-colored leaves and luscious, mouth-watering fruit. Pepper never found the door again even though she spent hours on the top of Mount Eden, but she would never forget that garden and the memory stayed with even after she was gone.

By Nia.

The Beach

*The beautiful sight of the sun slowly lowering, and the colour was perfect.
I felt as if I couldn't be disturbed or taken away from this fascinating gorgeous
moment.*

*The sand tickled my feet as I stood and watched the sun set.
Waves crashed against the rocks, seagulls squawking in the air and the wind
gently whipping at my ears.*

The thought even came to me, will I ever leave this beautiful trance?

By Justin

The Devil Coaster

*Screams of fear and excitement echoed through my ears as nausea hit me from endlessly spinning round and round...
I moved my eyes around to look at peoples' expressions. There was sickness and happiness.
I felt worried as well as joyful as I shivered with horror and the fear of falling.
I wondered when this never-ending train of emotions would end.*

By Zoran

Wellington

*The smell of the sea was salty as fries. The wind played with my hair as I sat on the edge.
As the sun shone on me and made me feel warm, soft, glad. Sights of happy kids playing
with no drops of water insight. I wonder if life could be better.*

By Andrew

In the Meadow

In the meadow where magic dances and prances through the thick leaves,
where the children learn and play.
They play fairies and hide and seek all day.
But when the bell rings it is now dinner time and they must fly away.
But now will the magic stop for the day?
No, now it's the Billy Bong's and Gruffalo's turn to play.
All through the night they jump and frolic.
But soon they must stop.
When the night is almost at its end both beasts and children fast asleep.
The only thing in the meadow is the sound of sleep.

By Aston

THE WAVES

The waves shuddered to the breaking point. I listened to their voices, screaming as they threw themselves against the daggerlike rocks, screaming as they impaled themselves repeatedly. The searing light of the sun burnt my skin. " I'm getting more than a tan then...
" I thought sadly as I watched the sun going down, touching my skin with its gentle rays

by Iris

Room 7

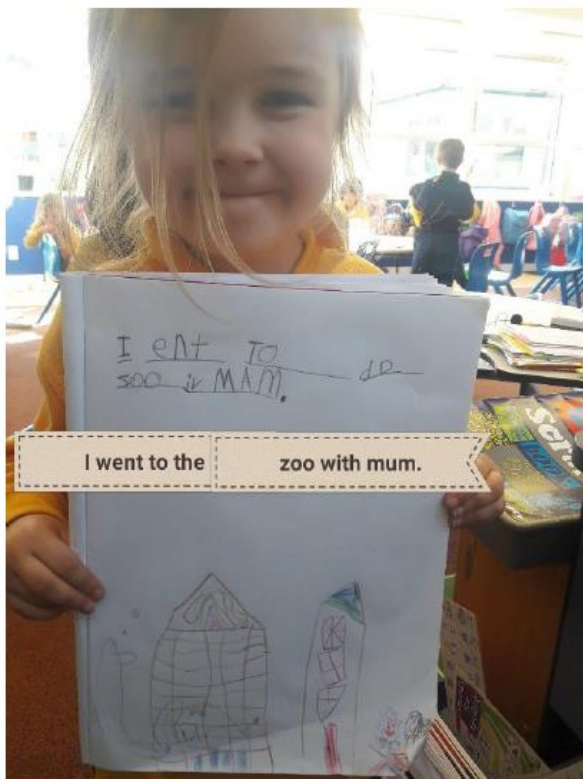
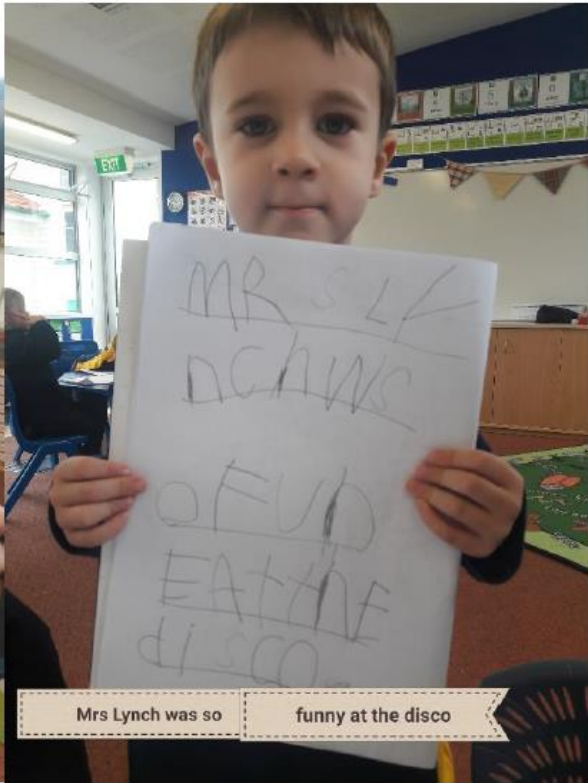
Though our Healthy Communities Week was a month ago, we've continued on with the learning in Room 7 as we've explored Road Safety with Constable Cyrus, who came to teach the class basic safety skills over 3 separate visits. We learnt a poem for crossing the road, practiced putting seat belts on in his Police Car and then practiced crossing the road with his guidance. The class has loved having Constable Cyrus visit!



We also explored a lot around Fire Safety thanks to very informative teaching packs supplied to schools by the Fire Department. Here are some of the impressive Escape Plan maps that Room 7 students did at home with their parents. It's a great idea to talk about safe routes out of the house in case of a fire, and where to meet up.



Do you remember back to when you first learnt to write??? Well it's an exciting adventure figuring out how to put your ideas onto paper. Room 7 have been at school for 42 days and the students are very excited to start seeing themselves as independent writers, using their knowledge and listening for as many sounds in words as they can hear and recording these down. Check out these budding young writers!



SUSTAINABILITY SQUAD

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Whanau and friends:

The Parnell sustainability group has been granted a small amount of money for materials to help create a school waste transfer station. We are trying to make our school more sustainable and reduce the amount of waste leaving our school. We also need help making a frame for our worm farm.

To make this possible we need help to build a shelf and a small roof to cover our waste transfer station, so we can work in all weather conditions. If you think you could spare some time helping us make a shelf and roof sometime in the next few months that would be great, please contact us via Sue Lyons.

suel@pds.school.nz

Thank you



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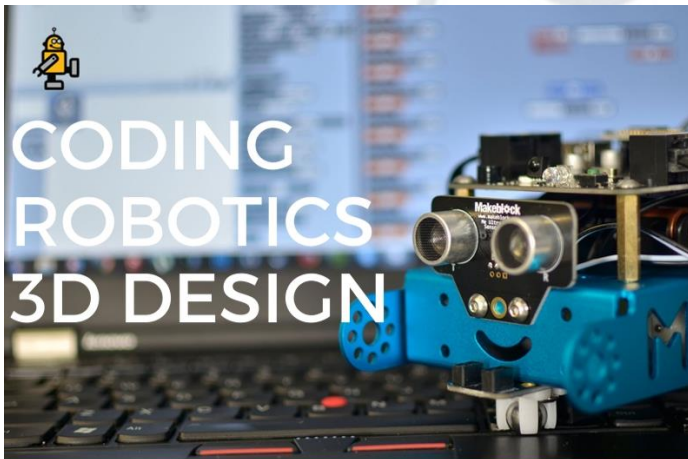
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Monday 16th to Friday 20th July

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You will do basic mat work and have games, challenges and fun. Anything for anyone at any level will be covered.

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For more details and to enrol, please visit our web site.

Dates and Times:

Option	Age	Days	Dates	Time	Price
A	5-6 yo	3	9 - 11 July	9.00 - 11.00	\$90
B	5-6 yo	4	9 - 12 July	9.00 - 11.00	\$115
C	5-6 yo	3	16 - 18 July	9.00 - 11.00	\$90
D	5-6 yo	4	16 - 19 July	9.00 - 11.00	\$115
E	7+ yo	3	9 - 11 July	9.00 - 11.30	\$111
F	7+ yo	4	9 - 12 July	9.00 - 11.30	\$140
G	7+ yo	3	16 - 18 July	9.00 - 11.30	\$111
H	7+ yo	4	16 - 19 July	9.00 - 11.30	\$140

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC AT PARNELL TENNIS CLUB

Maunsell Street, Phone; 373-2733 Club, 373-4205 Office
Email: Pltc@xtra.co.nz Website: www.parnellawntennisclub.co.nz

Come and join us for some great tennis and fun at Parnell TC, NZ's premier club.

An exciting holiday programme for juniors who are keen to improve their tennis over the school holidays. We endeavor to structure groups according to player ability from beginner to advanced standards.

FIRST WEEK: from Monday to Friday (2, 3, 4, 5, 6 July 2018).
SECOND WEEK: from Monday to Friday (9, 10, 11, 12, 13 July 2018).
THIRD WEEK: from Monday to Friday (16, 17, 18, 19, 20 July 2018).
FOURTH WEEK: from Monday to Friday (23, 24, 25, 26, 27, July 2018).

TIME & COST:

9:00 am to 12 noon (Morning Clinic) \$180 or \$45 per day
12:00 noon to 3:00 pm (Afternoon Clinic) \$180 or \$45 per day
9:00 am to 3:00 pm (FULL DAY CLINIC) \$320 or \$75 per day

(Payment on arrival)

AGE: 4 – 16 years old

BRING: Tennis racquet, sports clothing, tennis shoes, water bottle and morning tea.
Coaching is on rain or shine. **Certificates & Prizes** on the last day.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

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| * stroke analysis & correction | * fitness & exercise |
| * match tactics | * sportsmanship |
| * fun games | * drills for practice |

COACH: Goran Marsic NZPTCA (Level 2), TCNZ (Competition Coach)
27 years coaching experience.

Phone: (021)167-7460, (09)377-9393, **E-mail:** gmarsic@gmail.com

A NEW 8 WEEK COURSE AT PARNELL TENNIS CLUB

Due to demand please pre book!!!

DATES: **Saturdays:** August (2018) 11, 18, 25. September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.
Sundays: August 12, 19, 26. September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

TIME: **9:00 – 10:00 am** for **4-16 years old**
All basic tennis strokes will be covered. Coaching is on rain or shine.

DATES: **Tuesdays:** August 7, 14, 21, 28. September 4, 11, 18, 25.

TIME: **7:45 -8:45 am** for **4 – 10 years old**

DATES: **Fridays:** August 10, 17, 24, 31. September 7, 14, 21, 28.

TIME: **7:15 – 8:15 am** for **11-16 years old**

Fridays classes are designed for the Juniors who already have some tennis experience.
This is ideal way to fast track improvement for inter school and inter club competition.

TENNIS FOR ADULTS!!! (BEGINNERS ONLY). If you want to have fun and learn tennis come on **Saturdays:** August 11, 18, 25. September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

TIME: 8am –

9am.

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