



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

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Kia Ora whanau

Welcome back to term three! It was great to visit all our classes this week and see our kid's excitement about being back to school. Our new inquiry this term is 'What a Disaster!' In this inquiry, students will be exploring past disasters in New Zealand and around the world, and will likely move into exploring how we can try and be as safe as possible in the event of a disaster. I'd be expecting lots of questions about floods, storms, volcanoes and earthquakes over the dinner table.

How did you find the new reports?

Our new reports following the removal of National Standards have been developed to address the feedback we received from the parents who attended our reporting consultation in 2017. The design of the report should see a greater focus on you hearing about how your child is working at learning time, their achievements and next learning steps. Children in year 0-3 receive these reports around their anniversary of when they started, while children in year 4-8 have just received their reports at the end of the term. How were the reports for you? If you have any feedback we'd love to hear it. You can email enrolment@parnell.school.nz to let Kathy know.

Learning Conferences 22nd and 23rd of August

All students in year 4-8 have their second learning conference on the 22nd and 23rd of August. On the 22nd, teachers will be available from 3:30 – 6pm.

On the 23rd of August, classes will not be operating as teachers will be meeting with parents for their goal setting conferences for students. Students attend only in the time of their conference. All students in year 4-8, and the students in year 0-3 who did not have a conference in Term 2 will meet with their teacher on this day. These conferences are a really important opportunity for parents, students and teachers to work together to discuss progress to date, especially in relation to the goals that were set in the reports sent out in term two.

To book your conference, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code **pnvv9**. For students who cannot be supervised at home, **there will be supervision available in the school hall on the day of the 23rd, however this will not be a normal class programme.**

Community consultation: Health and PE

Every two years, schools seek feedback from the community about the health and PE programme. We'd really love to hear from you about your thoughts on our health and PE programme. To help us, please complete [this six question survey](#) by Friday the 10th of August.

IT Parent Meetings

We have a range of parent meetings coming up over term three. Each of these is designed to help us work together in partnership between home and school as positively as possible. We have two parent meetings focussing on IT and our blended learning programme. The first will be on the 9th of August, run by our own Microsoft expert educator, Morgan McKeen. This session will focus on how we run the blended learning programme, and the key programmes we use to support the learning programme. If you have questions about the blended learning programme or BYOD that runs in year 4-8, this is a great place to find out more. We especially recommend this session for parents of students in year 3, who will move into the BYOD programme in 2019 when their children are year 4. The second session on the 16th will be run by Netsafe, and focusses on the systems we have at school to keep our kids safe, and how you can help to keep kids safe online at home.

Blended learning and BYOD: 9th August, 9am OR 6:30 pm. 1 hour session

Netsafe- Keeping kids safe online: 16th August 9am Or 6:30 pm. 1 hour session

Other parent information sessions coming up:

Spelling : How do we teach spelling and how can you help at home?-

23rd August (Conference day)

ESOL room (up stairs in the Leonard block)

8.30-4.30pm drop in to chat with Miss Jagersma any time

Maths : What are we learning and how can we help at home?

31st October

Staffroom

2-3pm or 7-8pm

School Life Q & A

Term four, Date TBC

Staffroom

2-3pm or 7-8pm

Fun run and cross country

Thank you to all the families who are out seeking sponsorship for the upcoming fun run.

This is a great project from our PTA which helps us provide and maintain resources like our new turf and play equipment. Remember, our fun run is on the 10th of August, with a cancellation date of the 17th of August.

Kind Regards

Richard George

Important dates coming up

27th July: Assembly Room 1, All welcome!

30th July- 3rd August: PAT testing over this week for students in year 3-8

3rd August: Assembly Room 16, All Welcome!

Student Writing challenge!

Do you love writing? Do you wish your writing had a bigger audience? Each newsletter, there will be a writing challenge for our students. The best writing we receive from year 0-3, 4-6, and 7-8 will be published in the next newsletter. To be in the challenge, you need to do most of the work yourself. Although your family might help with a couple of tips here and there, it should be your own writing. **Get your writing to Mrs Franklin-Smith by 3pm Friday 3rd of August** to be in the challenge for the next newsletter.

Challenge: Tell us about the **funniest** disaster that's ever happened in your family.
EG – When I helped dad cook dinner

The three things we're looking for this week are

- An attention-grabbing introduction, and a story that keeps our engagement
- Details that build a picture in our mind
- Limit of 500 words

This week entries can be electronic, or hand written.

Cross Country and Fun Run:

Kia ora Parnell Whanau,

Our tamariki are currently training very hard towards the school cross country day that will be held on Friday 10th August. For this day to run very smoothly we NEED your help. We are seeking parents that can assist with being course marshals so that this event is a success. Benefits of being a marshal include; fantastic views of the action, multiple opportunities to offer support and a vibrant, fluorescent vest to look great in! If this sounds like you please email through to the office and let us know.

Event: Parnell ADIDAS Cross Country

Where: Thomas Bloodworth Park

Date: Friday 10th August 2018

Time: 9:45- 1:00pm (approx)

Room 9

Year 1

We have started off our Inquiry topic this term 'What a Disaster!' by exploring dinosaurs!. We are having lots of fun pretending to be palaeontologists and examining dinosaur bones, as well as looking at lots of different types of dinosaurs and their features. We can't wait to explore the theories around what



disaster caused dinosaurs to become extinct!



Digging for dinosaur bones!



Sketching different dinosaurs



Sorting dinosaurs into groups

Check out some clever writing from Room 9 about fossils:



Ivy



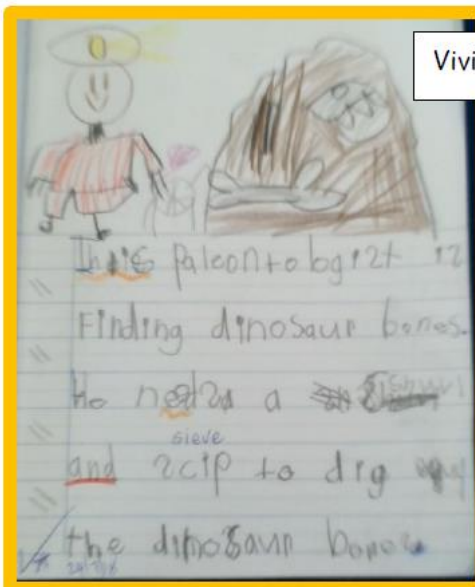
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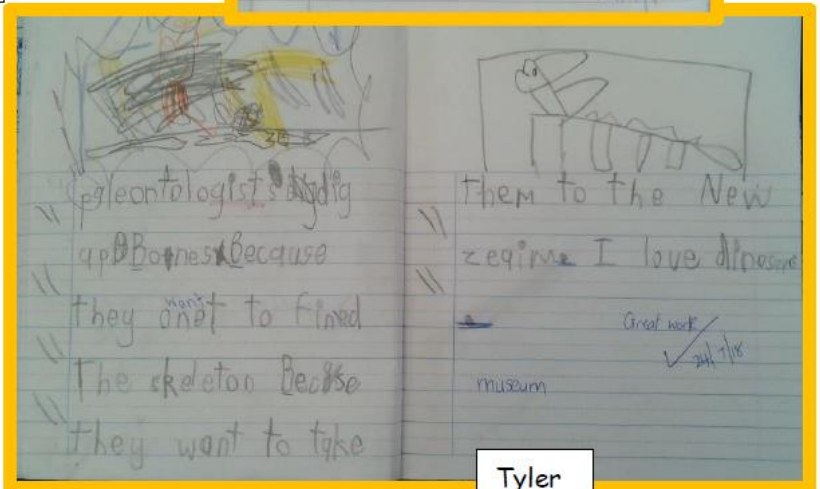
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Yiyan



Vivian



Tyler

Room 24

Dear Mr George (og)

Hello Mr George, I hope you're doing well.(and Chester). Today I would like to talk about the school uniforms. I think they are quite tacky and I strongly believe we could upgrade them now!!! I know what you're thinking "oh no this will be a lot of money, and a lot of work I don't want to do it" well just listen here because I have got some great ideas that will blow your mind.

Personally, I think we should have a summer and winter uniform. (if not where own cloths from home / no uniform) for example for summer, we could have shorts and t- shirt and with sandals, jandals and normal running shoes. For winter, long pants and pds jumper with boots but if you want to where summer uniform in winter and in summer you can where the winter uniform.

Now for my favourite, we should have a pds sweater. the ones we have are heavy and unconfutable.

(black, blue, red, white, pink and purple) you can choose out of these colours for the colour of the sweater/background. with a rainbow or colour of above for big bold letters. saying pds and of to the side the pds logo.

third of all, A choice of clothing. (tops) you can where clothes from home or you can where clothes from a variety of styles

and colours. (colours above in 2.) maybe we can include customisable designs in gold, white and black or all of them now I know you're thinking " who will do all this and when we are on trips how are the teachers and parents meant to know whether we are a part of Parnell school " well we can have a Friday fizz option to design the tops, and when we go on trips we can wear things like hivers vests in bright colours like yellow and orange.

In my opinion, I think the track pants, pinafore, collets and shorts are crazy ugly, you know what, putrid!!! and they need to go crazy fast. we can wear pants from home like denim shorts, jeans and leggings. now with mufti day we can just have the sausage sizzle and no mufti, and for school photos we can have a day where we all where the same. same pants and the same tops (or normal school uniform we have now. or same

style but in different colours, or where any of the new options I have come up with).

Now for the hats. there absolutely revolting plus they could choke you and the most horrible thing is when people chew on the

strings it so gross yuck and its super distracting (for example when you at things like teacher time and people chew on them it's so disturbing and distracting) so I think we should have a wide range of choices (styles of hats) now I think that caps are very fashionable. but they don't protect your neck and ears so the caps could be on slightly less sunny day and on really sunny days you could where a



bucket hat or a normal school hat (no strings) but have a colour range.

Personally, I think we should have a summer and winter uniform. (if not where own cloths from home / no uniform) for example for summer we could have shorts and t- shirt and with sandals or jandals or normal running shoes and for winter long pants and pds jumper with boots, (these are just examples) but if you want to where summer uniform in winter and in summer you can where the winter uniform.

Now Chester needs a uniform that is NOT brown and NEEDS to have a bow tie so he looks smart.

Lastly, I think the school should have active wear because it will be really good for school sports and very comfortable, plus look super cool and on the pants we should have pds down the side of the pants in bold writing in a colour that has been mentioned above.

Thank you for reading, I hope you liked these ideas and I hope you liked my ideas and I hope you will agree with me. I hope we can get this in action as soon as possible (asap) and remember that they could all be Friday fizz options.

From Isabella/Bella dix
Room 24
Year 5
Age 9



Arist's interpretation of Chester in a Bowtie.

News From our Esteemed PTA

PTA Meeting Dates for Term 3:

The PTA meeting dates for Term 3 will be at 7pm on **Tuesday 7 August & Tuesday 11 Sept**. The meetings are held in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially any parents new to the school who would just like to find out more about the PTA.

Amazing Term 2 Bake Sale:

An enormous thank you to all the Year 0-3 families who created the most delicious and beautiful cupcakes for the Term 2 Bake Sale! We were amazed at the effort that had been put into these tasty treats. We raised \$1035 from the event which is absolutely fantastic - thanks to all the bakers and to the children who enjoyed a cupcake on the day.

2018 Funds Raised to date

Through a range of activities like the Twilight Fete, the Wine Fundraiser, Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzles, the Friday Cafe, Disco and Bake Sales, the PTA has raised \$37K so far this year! These funds have completed paying for the new pieces of play equipment that have been recently installed on the field. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents to be involved with these fun PTA activities. We have had a great first half of this year and are looking forward to more activities in Terms 3 and 4!

Fine Young Artists term 3 Programme at Parnell School Beachcombing — mixed media painting & drawing on 9 canvas boards.



What do you find when you beach-comb the tide line? A mixture of man-made and natural objects randomly placed by the tide. Textures borrowed from the patterns of nature underlie your artwork. Natural beach objects form the second layer and these in turn are overlaid by found man-made objects to form your third layer. This work is completed on 9 separate canvases that come together to form one masterpiece in the gridded style of John Reynolds.

Influenced by: John Reynolds & Juliet Peter (New Zealand)

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Join our wonderful "Women in New Zealand Politics" event and hear special guest speakers Chlöe Swarbrick MP; Jeanette Fitzsimons, former co-leader of the Green Party; and Tessa Berger, Auckland Council Elected Member and entrepreneur – all EGGs alumnae – talk openly about their journeys and experiences in politics. Rawdon Christie, award-winning TV presenter and journalist, will facilitate the engaging panel discussion. You'll be set for a thought provoking and inspiring evening!

Delicious finger food will be provided at the event and special raffle prizes will be up for grabs too. All funds raised from this event will go towards transforming L Block into an innovative learning space.

MONDAY 30TH JULY @ THE RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE

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