



# PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

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Kia Ora whanau

Healthy community week is in full swing and another example of what makes Parnell such a great community of learners. I'd like to thank all the parents and whanau who gave up their time to share their skills and knowledge with our students about how we build a healthy community. It has been such a pleasure to get to sit in on some sessions and see the joy and wonder from our students as our parents have been presenting.

### *Healthy community week ends with whanau day June 1<sup>st</sup>*

Friday is our big day when our community comes together. Whanau day, and eat around the world were a huge success in 2017, and we look forward to replicating the success this year. We have started selling passports last week, but they will be for sale on Friday morning from 8:30 again. We love having our families join us for the event, so if you'd like to join us from 12:30 we'd love to see you. Again, a big thank you to all the whanau who've agreed to help us by providing food and sharing their culture with our students. We love to celebrate our rich and diverse culture, so thank you for helping to make this Friday another successful celebration.

*Remember, all students are invited to dress in their cultural dress or an outfit that is special to them for whanau day. There will be time in class to share what makes their outfit special to them and their culture, and this is another opportunity for our students to share what makes them special, and a unique part of our school.*

### *Winter Uniform*

As the temperatures drop, I wanted to take the opportunity to remind our whole community of uniform expectations. When walking to and from school, we understand that children may want to wear a jacket or additional jumper to keep warm. When at school and in class or the playground, only school uniform should be worn. School Jackets or fleece should be worn at school. They are available from the uniform shop and second hand uniform. Failing this, a plain, unbranded navy sweatshirt is acceptable however students will be asked to remove any other non-uniform clothing. Students may also choose to wear thermals under their uniform, either black or navy are acceptable. We all know the uniform expectations, and this is one way we take pride in our school and our environment, so let's see those perfect uniforms like we did on photo day!

### *Thank you SOHO much!*

I'd like to thank Rachel Carter and the SOHO team for their support of the Parnell District School wine fundraiser. Led exceptionally by Sam Bassett and Kate Berry, the wine fundraiser has been a phenomenal success. We'd like to thank every family or family friend who has purchased wine, as half of the cost of every bottle you buy is donated back to our PTA to support their projects around the school. Soho is a small family owned wine company, and we really appreciate their generosity in working with our school. If you'd like to know more about the Soho range, check out [www.sohowineco.com](http://www.sohowineco.com)

### *Safety around the school gate*

We all know that Auckland Transport have made changes around Parnell District School with the introduction of the resident only parking around Gladstone road. We have communicated our concerns about the safety of our students with increased commuter parking on St Stephens Ave, and with more cars dropping students off on Gladstone road. Please abide all road markings and signage. When you park on yellow lines, across driveways, or block in other parents, you put everyone in danger. You make it difficult for our road patrollers to keep children safe as they cross the road, and you annoy other motorists.

If you share our concerns about the safety of our children resulting from the changes AT have made, I encourage you to make contact with AT and share your concerns, so they understand the impact their changes are making for our students.

Kind Regards

Richard George

### *Important dates coming up*

- 1<sup>st</sup> June – Whanau Day! All welcome
- 4<sup>th</sup> June – Queens Birthday (no school)
- 7<sup>th</sup> June – Eastern Zone Rugby
- 8<sup>th</sup> June – Assembly, Room 8
- 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 0-3 goal setting conferences\*
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – Assembly, Room 24

\* If you didn't come in for a conference for your child in year 0-3 in term one, this term is your turn. All students in year 4-8 have interviews only in term 1 and 3, with written reports in term 2 and 4.

# Healthy community week in Room One

What a wonderful week we have had learning about how we can be healthier and work together to create and ensure we keep our environment clean. Room one would like to thank all the wonderful guests who came into share their knowledge and experiences with us. Here are some of our summaries of what we learnt from each of the workshops we attended which include Orthodontist Rachel, Whaea Celeste from Orakei Marae, Nikolai from St Johns, Joe from Kelly Tarltons and Dr Abby from Auckland Hospital.



On Monday a lady called Whaea Celeste came into school. She taught us about Maori culture. She also told us about the importance of family, whakapapa and the Maori history of Parnell. Long ago Maori tribes had wars over land. She also taught us a song in Maori and taught us Maori names of places.

By Esther Moison Yr. 3

Monday was the start to healthy communities week. In the morning we met an orthodontist she started with introducing herself and teaching us about teeth. Teeth can be different sizes and shapes because they are made for so many different things. Carnivores have large flesh-eating teeth to take big chunks of meat to eat. Herbivores have fat but short teeth to grind out leaves and grass. Omnivores eat either one, like us and we have different types of teeth. Our molars are the ones that grind up our food. Our incisors, their the teeth that rips our food.

It was surprising to see how much sugar a raisin has. Then it was time we go and head back to the class room.

By Otis Humphrey Yr. 3

Today in the hall there was an orthodontist. She came in to talk to us and it was so fun. She was talking about tiger and sheep teeth. She was also talking about healthy things. I was so surprised that raisins had more sugar than everything else she showed us. I couldn't believe it! Water had no sugar at all.

By Sammy Berry Yr. 2





### Ocean Turtles

Today at nine clock we went to another fact assembly so we could learn about turtles. First we learnt about how we can keep our ocean clean and how we can keep our underwater animals safe. Secondly we learnt about littering and throwing plastic bags into the ocean because the sea turtles think plastic bags are jellyfish.

By Louis Mani Yr. 3

On Tuesday Joe and Jo talked to our class about turtles. Some turtles eat jellyfish but a lot of people put plastic bags in the ocean. Turtles think that plastic bags are jellyfish so they eat them. When they eat them the turtles get sick so they need to go to the vet (Kelly Tarltons). Turtles get fix then they get back to the wild.

By Jack Yang Yr. 2

### Doctor Abby

In the morning we went to a lesson with Doctor Abi. We learnt about health and safety. We learnt how doctors at the hospital work and help patients. Some people dressed up as patients and doctors. They work as a team to help patients like how they have to work as a team in rugby.

By Hugo Neville-White Yr.2



**Are you up for the challenge?**

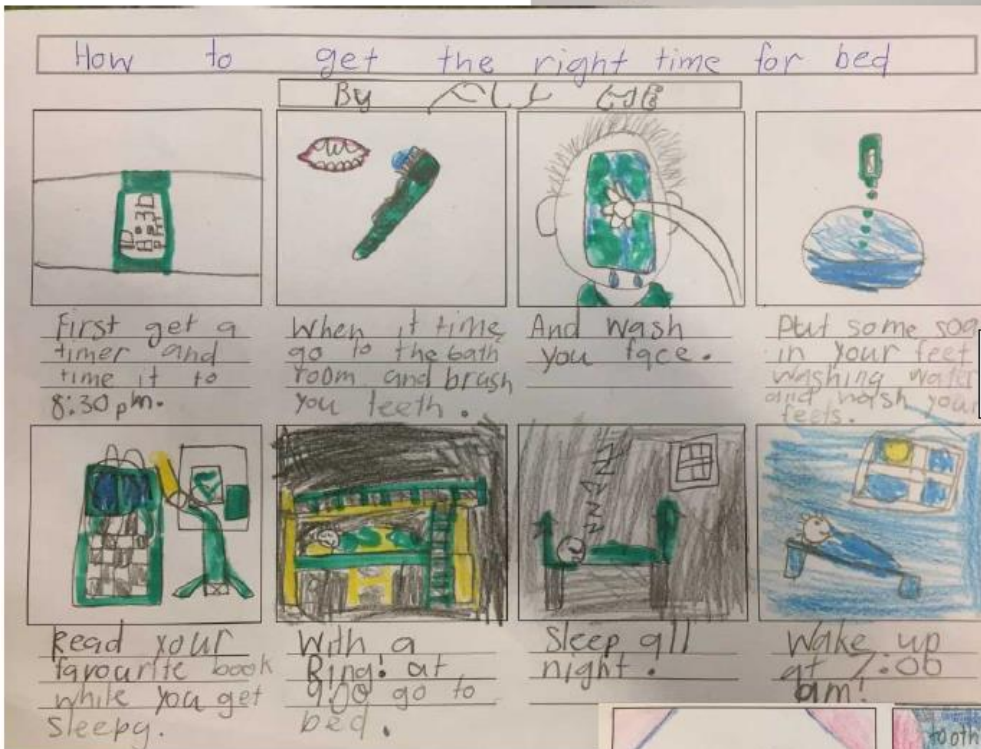
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<http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

Poster made by Lulu

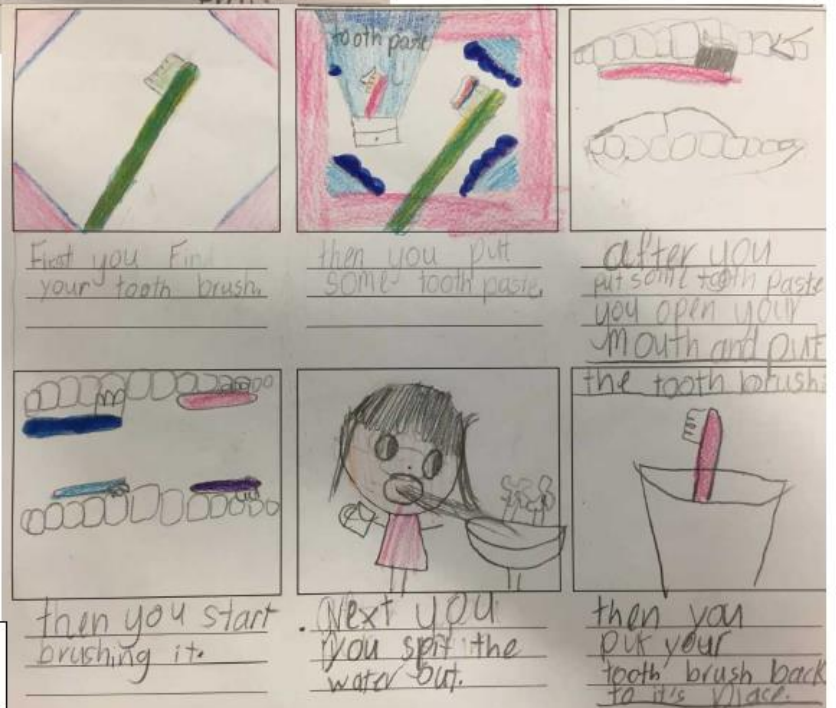
To help inspire the Parnell community to be healthier, we have created short comics to help you be happy and healthy!



Claudia Worth Yr 2



Fly He Yr. 3



Michaela Sun Yr. 2

## Whanau Day – Eat Around Our World – This Friday

Join us this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 12.30 pm for a delicious lunch, with foods from all over the world being prepared by members of our amazing community. Passports to 'eat around our world' cost \$5 and can be bought from the middle court, before school, on Friday morning. **Please bring your own container and cutlery to be a sustainable superstar! Students who bring their own container and cutlery will earn house points too!**

### *News from Our PTA*

#### *Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzle News*

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the last Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzle. We raised an amazing \$1449 from the event. These funds are going towards paying for the new play equipment being installed on the field and in the Apex. A special thanks to Georgia, Fiona, Dan and Louise, who are the fantastic new Sausage Sizzle Team, and make the time to come to school twice a term and organise a tasty fundraiser for us.

#### *Disco - Friday June 22nd*

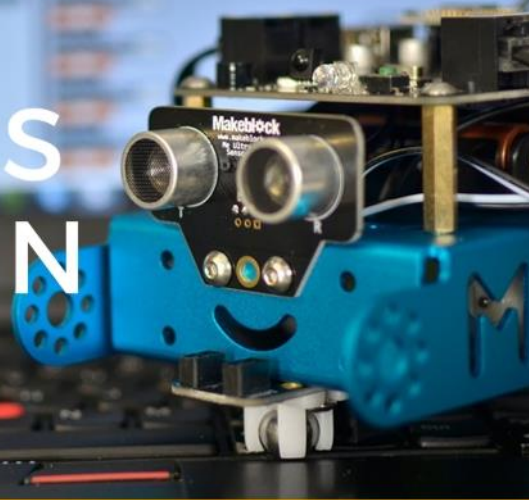
Please mark your diaries and save the date of Friday June 22nd for the amazing annual Parnell School Disco. Keep your eyes open for ticket sales and we will send out more information closer to the day!!

THANK YOU, PARNELL COMMUNITY

HAVE AN AMAZING TIME AT WHANAU DAY!



# CODING ROBOTICS 3D DESIGN



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