



# PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

## *Newsletter 16 19th September 2018*

Kia Ora Parents/Caregiver and Whanau.

I seem to say this each term, but these terms keep racing by! It's been a jam packed term with cross country, zone sports, performance arts week, our school shows, goal setting conferences, and a teacher strike, all on top of our big inquiry 'what a disaster!' that framed our thinking for all our learning. Far from a disaster, I have been so proud of how our students have stepped up to every challenge that has been put in front of them, and worked to achieve success. Of course this is in big part thanks to our amazing staff, and I know you'll join me in thanking them for their hard work this term.

### *Congratulations!*

Our year 5/6 speech finalist Justina Maka and our year 7/8 finalist Maalika Natali represented our school at the Remuera Lions speech finals on Tuesday night against our local schools, both public and private. Justina spoke about the influence social media has on our youth, while Malika spoke about how important it is we welcome and support refugees in New Zealand. Both children represented our school exceptionally and we are very proud of you both.

A special congratulation to Maalika who was second place in the year 7/8 category. The judges commended her for the quality of her story telling and her presentation. The winner on the night was a young man from Dilworth who spoke about the importance of not squashing worms!

Also congratulations to Justina who won first place in the APPA French language speech competition.

### *EOTC week*

As we look towards term four, EOTC looms closely on the horizon. Remember, for our trips to be successful, we need to ensure we have enough parents to help with our trips. Details of EOTC week were sent out to everyone on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, however I have added the information to the end of this newsletter. As with all we do, we can't run such opportunities without the support of our community.

### *Red nose day*

Our last day of term is **red nose day**! We have two amazing nose designers in our school, so we look forward to seeing everyone dressed up in red, buying red noses, and donating to cure kids. Our assembly on red nose day is hosted by Te Aroha, and will have some very special cure kids ambassadors to help us celebrate and see how we support this amazing cause!

### *Class placement 2019*

As we move towards the end of the year, it is time for us to start thinking about class placement for 2019. We take this process very seriously, and really work to ensure every one of our 540 students are placed in a class where they will be successful.

If you have information that you think would help us in placing your child for 2019, we'd love to hear from you. You can email [placement@parnell.school.nz](mailto:placement@parnell.school.nz) to let us know anything pertinent. It may include

- Specific learning styles or learning needs of your child
- Curriculum areas you are concerned about or areas of excellence you would like extended
- If your child has friendship issues that we should be aware of
- Any other information that you think we should know.

**Any requests that state a specific teacher's name will not be accepted.**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the placement process, please email your deputy principal to discuss this further. Please do not put our teachers in the ethically compromising position of asking about other teachers or 'who would be best' for your child.

For children in year 0-3, email [emmaw@parnell.school.nz](mailto:emmaw@parnell.school.nz)

For children in year 4-6, email [wendyf@parnell.school.nz](mailto:wendyf@parnell.school.nz)

For children in year 7-8, email [dang@parnell.school.nz](mailto:dang@parnell.school.nz)

Equally, if you know your child is not returning to Parnell District School for 2019 and you've not let the office know, please email [enrolment@parnell.school.nz](mailto:enrolment@parnell.school.nz) and let us know. This information is very important as we base classes and staffing on the assumption of who will return, and we need to make sure our teachers are at the right year levels to ensure our desired class sizes can be maintained across the school.

Kind regards

Richard George

### *Important dates coming up:*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September: Room 12 assembly

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September: Parent helpers morning tea. Everyone welcome! Please come to help us celebrate how our amazing community has supported our school in 2018!**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September: Te Aroha Assembly, Red nose day (RED mufti, donations to cure kids, Noses for sale for \$3) School ends 3pm

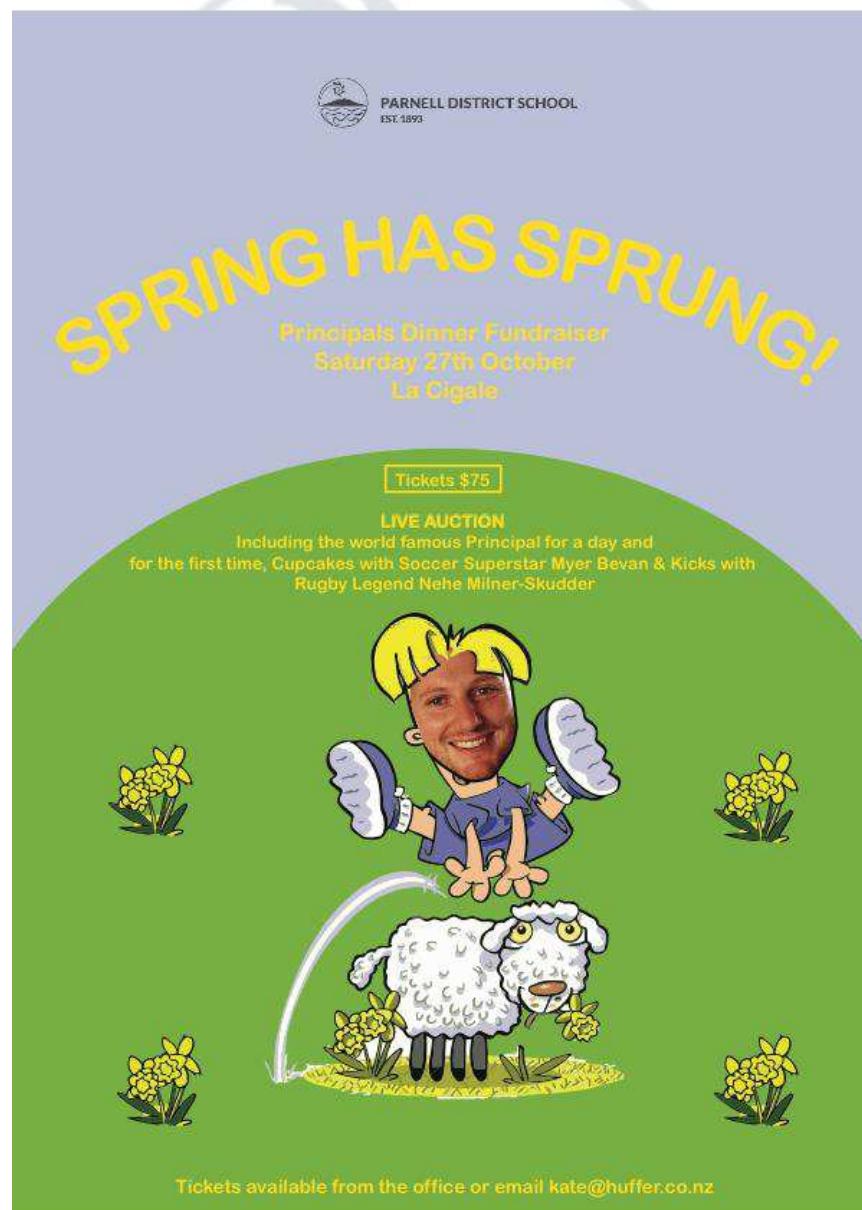
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October: Term four begins.

## *Notes from the Office.*

### SICKNESS.

Here at Parnell District School we take child health and safety very seriously. If your child has either hurt themselves, complained of an illness or been sent to the office by a teacher it is very likely that we will call you to come and collect your child(ren). Although our office staff have all been trained in child first aid, they are not healthcare professionals, and therefore do not have the ability to diagnose accurately. We feel it best to err on the side of caution concerning child illness and injury. We thank you for your co-operation and flexibility

If your child(ren) are complaining of flu like symptoms or stomach pains, we highly recommend that they stay at home rather than come to school. This will give them ample time and rest to recover fully, and stop the spread of illnesses such as the flu and the common cold.



# ROOM 5 ART



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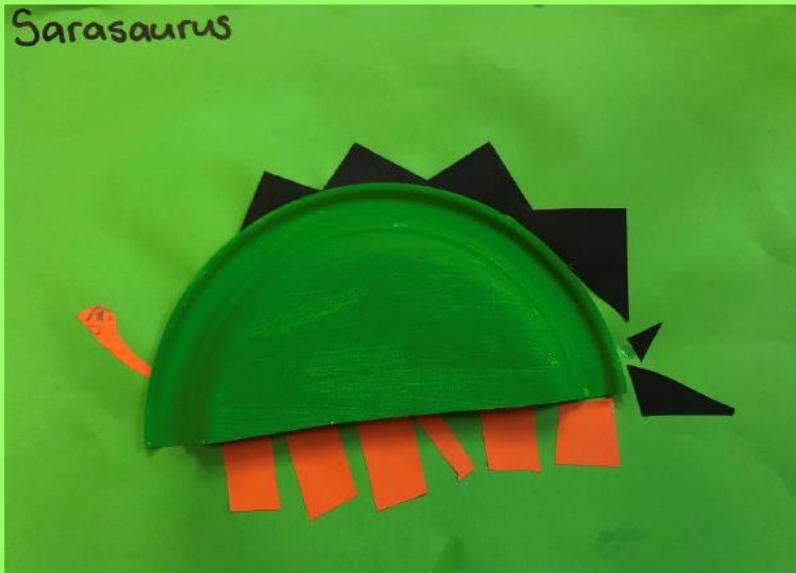


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# The eruption of Mt Tarawera

## *Dennis Law's story:*

It was a calm but cold night, I was feeling it even worse but I needed that cigarette. The cold was worth it. I was staring at the lake, wishing I could get my wife back. Looking down, I could see little sprats in the water, at times jumping out to escape from bigger fish. I wonder if god would like this view?

Directly in front of me was the striking outline of Mount Tarawera; almost reaching the sky, it looked beautiful. The sky was entirely filled with stars which were reflected in the lake directly in front of me.

My son Jack was fast asleep, so I woke him to show off the beauty around us. Just as his eyes opened, the ground shook and vibrated. I was struggling to grab Jack and move far away from the trees in case they collapsed on us.

I heard an ear-piercing scream coming from my home, so I rushed to protect Jack. My actions were interrupted by an explosion from the majestic mountain I loved.

At first I thought the Russians had finally reached my village to slaughter us all, but then I saw the fire blasting out of the top of Mt Tarawera. It was then that I realised that we were in big trouble. The eruption was scaring the life out of my ten-year-old son, and even I became frozen with fear! Huge boulders were being shot up into the air, just like the pebbles I used to throw into the sea back home in Napier. How I wish I was back there!

Jack and I had to escape or we would be burnt by the volcano's fury; the eruption caused the hot rock to mix with the molten snow and cascade down the slope, smothering all the people and their homes in its way. We could hear the screams . . .

and the cracking and splintering of their wooden house being engulfed by putrid mud.

Jack fell to the ground as the viscous mud enveloped him. I tried to pull him out from underneath, but I couldn't. Jack shouted that it was all over for him and told me to go!



## *Pat's story:*

I have heard this all before, Mrs Harding telling me off. I didn't mean to break that window. My father heard about the sin that had happened at school and now he's furious at me again. I told myself that this was the last straw - they will miss me when I'm gone!

I had the idea to run away to the slopes of Mt Tarawera, where no one would ever scream or shout at me again; Tarawera would become my new guardian, my kaitiaki!

I secretly took all of my clothes, hoping my mother and father wouldn't know what I was doing. I left the house thinking that I might have left something behind. I turned to go back but saw father searching for me.

Changing my mind, I turned and set off towards the shores of Lake Tarawera, with my kitbag and a smile. I plan to live in the trees and live off fish.

It was a long walk, two days on the side of the muddy road, but I finally reached the lake. I hung my damp clothes up to dry, so I could wear them again later. Walking down to the lake I saw the sprats in the water and wanted to swim with them, but the water was beastly cold. As the sun began to set, I tried to make a

bed for myself out of dry grass and fern fronds, but even with this natural mattress, the ground was hard and uncomfortable. It took me ages to get to sleep . . . When suddenly around midnight I was woken by the ground shaking and vibrating furiously - after a couple of seconds I realised that I'm experiencing an earthquake - something that's happening to me for the first time in my life. I was desperately trying to get away from trees that could collapse on me, but it was difficult when the ground was jumping, rocking, and rolling! After a few minutes the earthquake ended and I thought about running back home, however I was worried about seeing my mother and father again. I really wanted to stay at Mt Tarawera because I was scared of my father, but now this beautiful place was in ruins. Then the mountain exploded; Tarawera shot lava high up into the sky. Red hot boulders, rocks, and mud fell back down, wiping out everything beneath them. I had to run for cover but there was nowhere to go. Everything was dying around me - would I be Tarawera's next victim?

*These events of 10<sup>th</sup> June 1886 have been put into a fictitious narrative from the perspective of two different people living at that time, by ROMEO BELL (Year 7 - Room 29)*



## Engineering the Future

The engineering expo open to everyone

**Saturday 22 Sept'18**

**12 to 5pm**

**The Cloud, Auckland**

**FREE admission**

[www.EngineeringTheFuture.co.nz](http://www.EngineeringTheFuture.co.nz)  
[info@EngineeringTheFuture.co.nz](mailto:info@EngineeringTheFuture.co.nz)

Come along and celebrate how civil engineering has shaped our world past, present and future.

- Get hands-on in Cardboard City, a creative space where visitors can help build a scale model city
- Have a look at the future of our city using virtual reality
- See how survey drones and new technology are changing the construction sector and the work engineers do
- Learn about the future of water treatment and diversion
- Get up close to a 2.5m tall 3D model drop shaft in operation, simulating how water will enter the Central Interceptor wastewater tunnel being built in Auckland
- Compete in a rocket launch game
- Build the highest free-standing structure

....and more fun for the whole family!



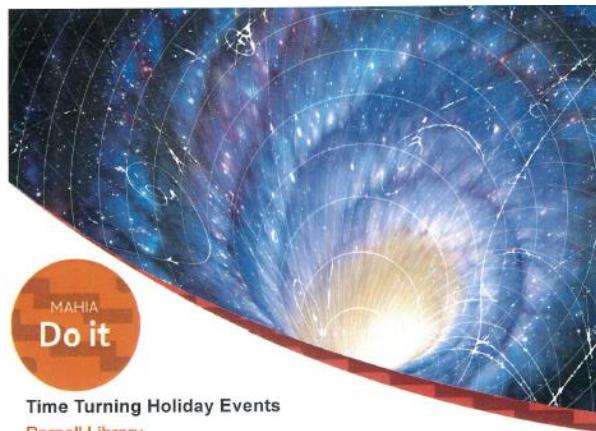
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### Time Turning Holiday Events

Parnell Library

CubeeCraft

Date: Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October

Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am

Time Turning biscuit decoration

Date: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

InKahoot! With Harry Potter and Dr Who!

Date: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

An Evening with Doctor Who

Date: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Time: 6:15 – 7:30 pm

Tick Tock Pendulum Clock

Date: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Hogwarts Movie Night @ Leys

Complete hunt in our holiday booklet

to receive train ticket invitation.

Stars wars reads!

Date: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Find out more: phone 09 377 0209 or visit [aucklandlibraries.gov.nz/](http://aucklandlibraries.gov.nz/)

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## Ready for Swimming?

Get a head start on Term 4

**Join September for \$40**

OR

### October School Holidays

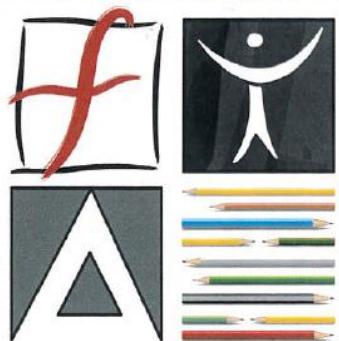
Monday 1st-12th. Classes between  
8.00am-11.00am, all levels.

One week \$65

Two weeks \$110

Bookings also being taken for Term 4  
For enrolment and more information contact:

**Michelle White**  
Diocesan Aquatic Centre Manager  
09 520 9373  
[mwhite@diocesan.school.nz](mailto:mwhite@diocesan.school.nz)



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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

### AT PARRELL TENNIS CLUB

Maunsell Street, Phone: 373-2733 Club, 373-4205 Office

Email: [Pltc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Pltc@xtra.co.nz) Website:

[www.parnellawntennisclub.co.nz](http://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 (1, 2, 3, 4, 5 October 2018).

**SECOND WEEK:** from Monday to Friday (8, 9, 10, 11, 12 October 2018).

#### TIME & COST:

**9:00 am to 12 noon** (Morning Clinic)

**\$180 or \$45 per day** (Afternoon Clinic)

**\$180 or \$45 per day** (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 |

**JUNIORS CLUB COACHING** is FREE for the club members. Membership fee is 220 + \$35 Entrance fee. Coaching is on Saturdays (during the Tennis season, but not during the school and public holidays).

Time: 9:00am – 10:30am (4 – 9 years old), 10:30am - 12:00pm (10 – 18 years old).

**COACH:** Goran Marsic NZPTCA (Level 2) TCNZ  
(Competitor Coach) 27 yrs exp.

**ENQUIRIES:** (021) 1677-460, (09) 377-9393, e-mail:  
[gmarsic@gmail.com](mailto:gmarsic@gmail.com)

New  
for Term 4!

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## Learn to code after school

To support school studies? For a career of the future? Or just for fun?

Whatever the reason, if your daughter or son is interested in coding, join our new after-school courses at Parnell District School on Wednesdays. Classes are for Years 5-8 students. Computers are provided. Places are limited.

Coding is a fundamental part of modern learning, especially with the introduction of the new Digital Technologies Curriculum. Get your child on the front foot with one of the most important digital skills to have in today's hi-tech world.

To find out more and register your interest go to <https://codechampions.nz/pds/>

Or contact us at [info@codechampions.nz](mailto:info@codechampions.nz)



### Gymnastics Holiday Program October 2018

Eastern Suburbs Gymnastic Club  
89 Apirana Avenue, Glen Innes, 528 0941



If you have done gymnastics before or if you haven't, we will have a class to suit you. In this programme you will be taught cartwheels, handstands, rolls, walk the beam, have a go on the parallel and uneven bars, vault, rings, tumble track. You will do basic mat work and have games, challenges and fun. Anything for anyone at any level will be covered. You are sure to have a great time. Plus we run after school gymnastics (ages 5+) for all levels and Playgym for the pre-schoolers. For more info and to enrol, please visit our web site: [www.esgc.co.nz](http://www.esgc.co.nz)

#### Dates and Times:

Option	Age	Days	Dates	Time	Price
A	5-6 yo	3	1 - 3 Oct	9.00 - 11.00	\$90
B	5-6 yo	4	1 - 4 Oct	9.00 - 11.00	\$115
C	5-6 yo	3	8 - 10 Oct	9.00 - 11.00	\$90
D	5-6 yo	4	8 - 11 Oct	9.00 - 11.00	\$115
E	7+ yo	3	1 - 3 Oct	9.00 - 11.30	\$111
F	7+ yo	4	1 - 4 Oct	9.00 - 11.30	\$140
G	7+ yo	3	8 - 10 Oct	9.00 - 11.30	\$111
H	7+ yo	4	8 - 11 Oct	9.00 - 11.30	\$140



# PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

27<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Kia Ora parents and caregivers

## *EOTC Week 2018*

All parents and students who were at Parnell District School will fondly remember our first EOTC week in 2017. It is a week where we focus on Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC), and enhance our curriculum with a range of exciting learning opportunities. While it is a highly enjoyable week, it remains focussed on high quality learning for students, while remembering that learning doesn't stop when we leave the classroom.

For 2018 we have a range of exciting opportunities for all students, many of which link to our term four inquiry "evolving lifeforms". Below you will see a range of activities that are planned for all students for the week, broken up into year levels. We are endeavouring to give as much notice as possible so all parents who would like to attend as parent help and supervision are able to make arrangements to do so. Each activity indicates the ratio of parents required to allow the trip to go ahead under current safety guidelines in red. In the event there is not adequate parent help for any trip, the trip will be cancelled and an in-school replacement devised.

On the next page you will see there are also optional camps being run for children in year 4-8. These camps are extracurricular and therefore have a fee associated with them.

Programmes like EOTC week and the opportunities available for every child are made possible through the school donation and curricular activity contribution, so thank you to every family who has paid those to make such opportunities a reality at Parnell District School.

## *EOTC week activities*

Year 0-1				
Insect study Parnell Rose garden walk and picnic <b>1:6</b>	Nature Walk Local Gully <b>1:6</b>	Close Encounters Ambury Farm <b>1:6</b>	School sports day	Camp on the field <b>All parents welcome</b>
Year 2-3				
Clean up Judges bay and picnic <b>1:6</b>	R1, 2, 6: Close Encounters Ambury Farm <b>1:6</b> <b>R8, 11, 13: School sports day</b>	Nature Walk Local Gully <b>1:6</b>	R8, 11, 13: Close Encounters Ambury Farm <b>1:6</b> <b>R1, 2, 6: School sports day</b>	Camp on the field <b>All parents welcome</b>

<b>Year 4-6</b>				
Tennis, Community challenge, team building, or Stream study <b>1:6</b>	Big foot biking adventures, Rose Garden Scavenger hunt <b>1:6</b>	The amazing race! <b>1:6</b>	Museum trip <b>1:6</b> Community contribution day	Maritime Museum <b>1:6</b>
<b>Year 7-8</b>				
Tent building and menu construction	Mangrove study <b>1:6</b>	Camp cooking and snorkelling at the Parnell Baths <b>1:4</b>	Virtual workshop (marine Biology) Careers caring for the environment	Waterwise and beach clean-up at Okahu Bay <b>1:6</b>

## ***Optional camps***

### *Year three*

#### **Day trip to Long Bay**

*7<sup>th</sup> December, Children leave at 8:30, return by 4:30pm*

Children will travel to long bay by bus, and work with local rangers to put up tents, go on bush walks, cook over a camp fire, and learn what it is to explore our outdoors safely. No overnight component. Required Parent : Child Ratio **1:6**

**Cost: \$29**

### *Year four*

#### **Karakiki Camp, Raglan**

*4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> of December*

Two day one night camp where children work with expert instructors to undertake a range of exciting EOTC experiences like kayaking, tree climbing, Archery, and indoor rock climbing. Required Parent : Child Ratio **1:6**

**Cost: \$140 Deposit of \$50 required by the 10<sup>th</sup> of August to secure your place**

### *Year five and six*

#### **Karakiki Camp, Raglan**

*5<sup>th</sup>– 7<sup>th</sup> of December*

Three day, two night camp where children work with expert instructors to undertake a range of exciting EOTC experiences like caving, archery, rock climbing and a variety of team building activities. Required Parent : Child Ratio **1:6**

**Cost: \$250 Deposit of \$100 required by the 10<sup>th</sup> of August to secure your place**

### *Year seven and eight*

#### **Goat Island**

*4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> of December*

Three day, two night camp where children stay close to the goat island marine reserve, and learn about our aquatic environment, including snorkelling, glass bottom boat rides, and the marine discovery centre. Required Parent : Child Ratio **1:6**

**Cost: \$240 Deposit of \$100 required by the 24<sup>th</sup> of August to secure your place**

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# School Holiday Programmes

Starts from 1st - 12th October

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