

### Newsletter 3, 2019

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau.

Student involved conferences are well under way for students in year 4-8, with our first day today. If you haven't already booked your appointment then make sure you get in quick as spaces are limited. We believe it is vital we form positive learning focussed relationships between home and school, and really value the opportunity to set new goals for our students. Parents of students in year 0-3, you will have heard from your teacher if you need to book a conference, which take place on Thursday

Remember, school finishes at 2pm on Thursday to allow for Goal Setting Conferences. If you need supervision for your child from 2pm – 3pm, please let the office know ASAP so we can ensure supervision for them in the hall by our staff.

## Your child's safety is our top priority

You will have seen our Senior Leadership team outside the gates this week, reminding our whanau that arriving before 8:30 is not safe. None of us want to see children unsupervised or unsafe in the school grounds before supervision is available. If you are struggling with care for your children before 8:30, remember you can contact <u>clairej@parnell.school.nz</u> to arrange before school care through our school care programme.

### Whanau Day is coming

If you've attended a whanau day before, you know this is a real highlight for our school. Sharing our culture by sharing our food is a great way to come together as a community and celebrate what makes us special. We need our community to help make this happen! Are you able to help by preparing foods that are special to your family or your cultural heritage? If you can help, please contact <u>annabelh@parnell.school.nz</u> to let her know. We are looking for families who want to share other aspects of their culture too – are you a vegetarian family that would like to share your vegetarian favourite? Health issues mean your gluten free? We'd love to share in your gluten free treats... We want our whanau day to celebrate every part of our community and every aspect of our whanau that makes us special, so I hope to see even more families involved as we grow this fantastic event!

Kind Regards

**Richard George** 

## Important Dates: Term 1 2019

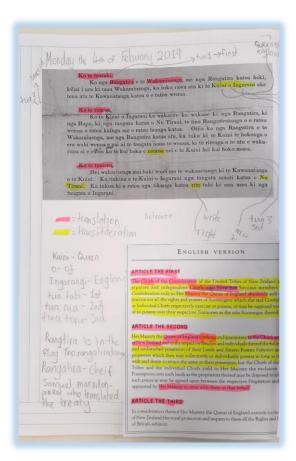
25/2	Week 5
26/2	Year 4-8 Goal setting conferences 3-6pm
27/2	Year 4-8 Goal setting conferences 3-6pm
28/2	Year 0-8 Goal setting conferences 2-6pm.
	School ends at 2pm today.
1/3	Assembly Room 13
4/3	Week 6
8/3	Assembly Room 20, Swim trials for zone swimmers (new confirmed
	date)
11/3	Week 7
12/3	PTA meeting 7pm
15/3	Assembly Room 6
18/3	Week 8
20/3	Bake Sale
22/3	Assembly Room 2
25/3	Week 9 begins
29/3	Assembly Room 25
1/4	Week 10 begins
3/4	New entrant transition begins for new students
5/4	Assembly Room 9
8/4	Week 11 begins
12/4	Tokomaru Assembly, Term one ends at 3pm
	Whanau Day!

## **Room 29**

Room 29 has been looking at the Treaty of Waitangi and did some transliteration of the Maori translation. Some of these transliterated words included Kuini (queen), Nu tirani (new terrain or new land), while Rangatira translated into chief and Rangatiratanga into Chieftainship or Governance.

We then read the official English version of the Treaty to get a better idea of what the Maori version said, while also picking up more Maori vocabulary along the way. Next, we looked at the English translation of the Maori version, which was very

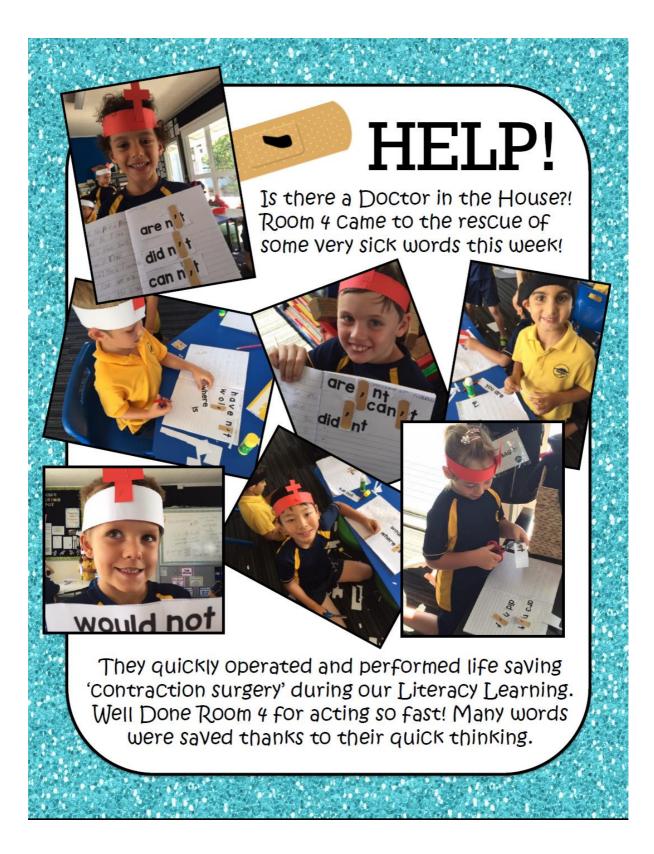
different to the original English Treaty. We also learned that the translated Maori version is the version that is now recognised as the official version under the United Nations Rights of Indigenous Peoples.





The **Tino Rangitiratanga Flag** was designed in 1990 as part of the Maori Sovereignty movement around the confused understanding of Rangatiratanga that was used in the Treaty. The flag is very symbolic as it represents the creation story; Papatuanuku (Earth Mother) and Ranginui (Sky Father) separating to allow light into the physical world, with the unfurling koru representing new life, rebirth, continuity, renewal (sustainability) and our hope for the future.

### Room 4







## **Community Notices**

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#### **Next PTA Meeting**

Come along on at **7pm on Tuesday, March 12** to join in the next PTA meeting in the staffroom. Many thanks!

#### Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzle

Many thanks to everyone who wore mufti and bought some food at one of our favourite PTA fundraisers! And an even bigger thank you to the lovely BBQ crew who gave up a few hours of their day and helped organise a fantastic lunch - hats off to Louise, Susanna, Lisa, Veronica, Fiona and Paul!



### Before and After school care program

Bookings available for WYNRS Football, Ponsonby School of Dance and Shine. Please visit. <u>https://pds.aimyplus.com</u> To BOOK NOW! Any questions please email Clairej@pamell.school.nz

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