



**PARNELL**  
DISTRICT SCHOOL

## Newsletter 20

Kia Ora Whanau

### Parnell District School Supports the Auckland City Mission

Our Christmas tree is up, and our first family have already added a present for a family, to be distributed through the Auckland City Mission. Our School has an ongoing commitment to help the mission through the produce we grow in our vegetable gardens through the year, and at Christmas through the gifting tree and our final mufti day food drive. **You can help the mission by:**

- Bringing an unwrapped present and placing it under the tree
- Bringing one (or more) cans of food to pay for Mufti day on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December.



### Celebration of Learning 2018

Our final celebration of learning is on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. We thank The Cathedral for allowing us to use the space, and remind our community that this is a non-religious gathering where we celebrate the achievements of our students. Prize giving takes place between 11:00am and 1:00pm. This is the culmination of a years work for our students, and we know our whole community will be there to celebrate the achievements of our students. *We welcome families to join us for a picnic on the field after prize giving. There will be a sausage sizzle available, where you can buy sausages for \$2.*

### Parnell Pools trip 11<sup>th</sup> December

The most hotly anticipated trip of the year, Parnell District School are heading to the Parnell Baths on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. Attached separately to this email is the permission form for the trip. Please complete and return to your class teacher. Because this trip has children in water, each class needs a ratio of 1 adult: 4 children to attend.

## Class placements 2019

Thank you to all the parents who fed into the placement process, and all the parents who've trusted us to make the right decision about the best place for their child to learn in 2019. Classes are now finalised. We go to painstaking length to ensure every child is placed with the teacher who can best meet their learning needs, and classmates who will help them focus at learning time.

We've heard from our parents about the flaws in our previous system in announcing classes at the end of the previous year. For 2019, you will receive an email on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, which will let you know your new class and new teacher. We will begin on the 29<sup>th</sup> with a full school day. All parents are invited to their class open morning on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February between 9 and 11, OR the class picnic on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February between 5:30 and 7pm.

## Staffing 2019

As we come to the end of the year, we take the time to thank our staff for all their hard work. Our children receive a high quality focussed learning programme, with targeted teaching alongside a wide range of exciting opportunities. Never is this more obvious than weeks like EOTC week where our staff have been working feverishly to ensure that every child has a rich and exciting programme. As we end the year, sadly we must also farewell some teachers who are moving on to other opportunities.

### *Milleey Hall*

Miss Hall joined us as a first year teacher and has made room 5 a bright and exciting learning environment for all her students. You hear Miss Hall's big laugh a mile away, and she has brought a great sense of fun and enjoyment to her class. We wish her well as she continues to work with junior students in another setting.

### *Lou Maguren*

Ms Maguren joined us at the start of 2018 also, working with the year one students in room 12. Ms Maguren's calm and caring nature have made her classroom a supportive and challenging learning environment for her children. She has chosen to explore the world in 2019, and we wish her well in her travels.

### *Jaydee Schmidt*

Miss Schmidt joined us as a student teacher finishing her final placement from the University of Washington through the Educators Abroad Programme. She loved Parnell District School so much, she stayed on as a beginning teacher working with our newest learners in room 12. I know every child and family will join me in thanking Miss Schmidt for making term four such an exciting time for these new learners, and wish her well as she returns home to family in the US.

### *Natalie King*

Miss King has been making room 1 an enchanting learning environment for the last two years, working with year 2 and 3 students. Always one to go above and beyond, as well as building an excellent programme for her learners, she has been our flipperball coach and manager. We wish Miss King well as she joins her family business and spends 2019 travelling the world exploring exotic gems and jewels!

#### *Grace Hessel*

Miss Hessel put down her backpack after travelling the world just long enough to join us for 2018 and take the learners in room 13 on an adventure through learning that helped every child grow and flourish in their focussed hard working class. Sadly travel calls again, and Miss Hessel is headed off on another adventure to gather up more stories to share with her next class. We wish her safe travels and good choices where ever the winds take her.

#### *Morgan McKeen*

Always an exceptional leader in the world of blended and digital learning, we managed to lure Miss McKeen back from Microsoft in 2017. Her classroom has been a learning laboratory where her students grow in agency and explore their passions through inquiry. Sadly the call of the corporate has come again, and Miss McKeen is headed to an exciting new opportunity to work with Noel Leeming supporting all their school educators. While we are sad to lose Miss McKeen, we are excited to know she will be sharing her skills with educators all over New Zealand.

#### *Kathryn Tulloch*

Everyone who's attended an assembly or watched an episode of Waipapa streaming has seen the handiwork of our talented artist, Kathryn Tulloch. All our children know Kathryn's kind and calm demeanour when working in the studio or preparing for assembly, and we thank her for all her work in helping us share our learning over the last two years, as she moves on to explore her artistic talents.

#### *Glenn Wood*

Our senior students have gotten to know the calm, caring and always witty work of Glenn Wood, our Teacher Aide. He has worked alongside our learners with care and kindness while always ensuring children produce nothing but their best. We thank Glenn for his work as he moves into the world of semi-retirement, but look forward to seeing him pop back from time to time as he ensures no student goes without support.

#### *Jo Ballagh*

Jo is one of our longest serving support staff members. The amazing library that our children enjoy every week is largely down to Jo's hard work and dedication. We've managed to convince her that retirement would be boring for the last two years, but finally the call of rescuing Kauri in the Waitakeres and spending time with her family became too much, and she has decided to retire. We will miss Jo greatly, and while we know the library is in good hands, we are deeply grateful for all her work to create the gem that is our library!

#### *Suzanne Parkinson*

**Don't worry, Suzanne isn't leaving us!** Suzanne has taken an exciting internal promotion to become an across school leader in our community of schools. This role sees Suzanne spending two days a week sharing her considerable skills and knowledge to support and develop the abilities of teachers across the 12 Auckland Central Community Of Schools (ACCOS). We'll still have Suzanne with us three days a week, but in this time she will be working with our ESOL learners and in support and extension programmes in the middle and senior school.

And welcome to our new team members!

**Rangi Ropati**

Rangi joins our team as our new Learning Leader in year 7/8. An experienced teacher, she is a current across school leader in her community of learning, Mrs Ropati brings a wealth of skill and knowledge to her teaching of year 7/8.

**Vanessa Sharplin**

Miss Sharplin joins us from Australia to teach in our year 7/8 team, while also leading our school in digital technologies. Vanessa will be the fourth teacher in the growing year 7/8 team!

**Annabelle Drew**

Annabelle joins us in the year 2-3 team, a first year teacher from the University of Otago.

**Sarah Curtain**

Sarah is a beginning teacher who recently graduated from AUT, who will be working in the year 0-1 team.

**Rowan Throp**

Rowan is an experienced teacher from England who brings a range of experience into her new role working with year 5/6 students.

I want to take this opportunity in our last newsletter of the year to thank our community for their support over 2018. We could not do it alone, and without your support the opportunities our children receive would quickly disappear. From paying the school donation, volunteering on class trips and in classrooms, to those amazing members of the PTA, you make our school a much richer place.

When we start to look back on all we've done and all we've achieved, none of it would be possible without our phenomenal staff. We have an exceptional team of Deputy Principals supporting our teachers, and some of the best teachers in New Zealand working with our kids, and I know you will join with me in thanking them as we come to the end of the year. Our teachers come to school every day because of their commitment to your children, and as a result our students flourish in our innovative and inspiring school.

We also farewell our year 8 students who are heading off to the excitement of Epsom Girls and Auckland Grammar. These students have given so much to the school over the years, and have shown us all what it means to be an enabled learner. Their support of their fellow students and leadership across the school are a testament to what it is to be a Parnell Learner, and we are so proud of them all!

Have a safe and happy holiday, and I look forward to seeing you all back for another exciting year in 2019.

Kind Regards  
Richard George



### Important dates coming up!

10<sup>th</sup> December – Prizegiving 11 am – 1 pm

11 December – Parnell Baths Trip 9am – 1 pm

13 December – Mufti and Sausage Sizzle

14 December – Aotea Assembly. **School finishes at 1 pm**

### EOTC WEEK IN ACTION











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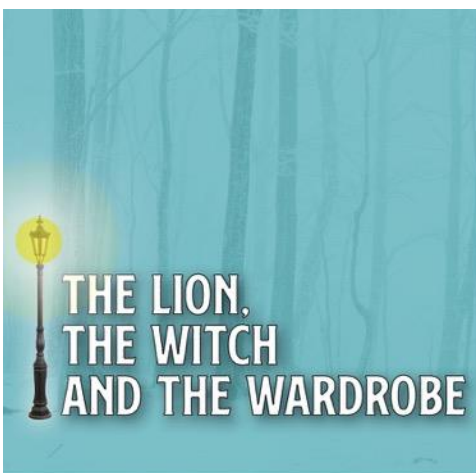


## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD-

### CENTRAL AUCKLAND FUTSAL ACADEMY

My name is Callum Christopher and I am looking at creating a futsal training academy for primary-age players attending schools in the Eden-Albert-Epsom area. This would be based at the Maungawhau Primary futsal courts. I would like to see how much demand there would be for this and ask that any players/parents interested in a comprehensive futsal development programme (to run alongside players' existing club football commitments) email me at [callum.e.christopher@gmail.com](mailto:callum.e.christopher@gmail.com) or text **021 238 7431**. Please provide player name, year level, date of birth, and typical club football/other commitments during the year. I will then assess the level of demand and feasibility to start next year or perhaps this year with some ages. The idea is to offer trainings rather than competition leagues (more valuable for development + players already involved in leagues so can continue in these). The training curriculum would be the same one used by Brazil's top clubs.

**ABOUT ME:** *I have spent the last decade observing and learning in the futsal and football departments of Brazilian Serie A clubs such as Santos FC, Fluminense, and Atletico Paranaense. I have been running a futsal academy for boys from Mt Roskill for a number of years and have recently begun to incorporate some guest players into the programme. A number of my players have trained in Brazil and other countries in both futsal and football. My main interest and passion is using futsal as a tool to develop players for football long term.*



#### **Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop**

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

14 - 18 January 2019, 9 am – 4 pm daily

Held at Raye Freedman Arts Centre,  
Epsom Girls Grammar School

**View our website; [www.artzonshow.co.nz](http://www.artzonshow.co.nz)**

**or contact Hayley on either**

**[artz@artzonshow.co.nz](mailto:artz@artzonshow.co.nz) or 0800 667 469**

**ARTZONSHOW.**



## Diocesan Swim School Holiday Programme

Mon 14 Jan - Fri 25 Jan  
Swim Classes \$75 per week,  
or \$130 for both weeks.

or

**Fitness Squad:** 9am-10am \$50pw.  
**Dive Starts:** Wed 23 Jan, 9am \$20.

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



### *PARNELL LAWN TENNIS CLUB*

**OPERATING THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTMAS BREAK 10 Dec- 1 Feb, 7 weeks. Time: 9am-12, 12-3, 9-3. AUCKLAND DOMAIN, NEXT TO MUSEUM. Flexible Enrolments choose whichever days suits your child the best!**

P. (021)167-7460

EMAIL: [gmarsic@gmail.com](mailto:gmarsic@gmail.com) ask for Goran Marsic

FOR MORE DETAILED PROGRAM INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT  
<http://www.parnellawntennisclub.co.nz/junior-programme/>





## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Dec 17th 2018 - 1st Feb 2019

Our Programmes:

Robotics Using Edison • Minecraft Modding  
Android Apps • Graphic Design • 3D Printing •  
Python • HTML/CSS • Robotics Using MBot •  
Roblox Programming • Let Us Code

After School, Weekend, Virtual and  
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# Parnell Primary School Gym Club

*Tuesdays 7.45 – 8.45am*

Gymnastics is a great way for your child to improve coordination, strength, balance and develop self confidence.

*Tri Star Gymnastics* is bringing their awesome, high energy gymnastics programme to Parnell Primary School in Term 1, 2019.

To register your interest, please contact Ashleigh:

**[ashleigh.henry@tristar.org.nz](mailto:ashleigh.henry@tristar.org.nz)**

**09 625 4354**



*Jump into it!*

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