



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 7

Kia Ora Whanau

Thank you to every family who helped to make whanau day such a massive success for everyone involved. I truly believe that the best thing we can do for our students is to help them to understand their place as a global citizen. In putting on events like whanau day, we help to ensure that every child sees themselves and their culture reflected in their school, and work towards our goal of growing great humans who are committed to ensuring inclusiveness for all. Events like whanau day are truly special and unique to Parnell District school and reflect our place in the world, and our community. Thank you to our community for coming on board to make the day such a success.

If you enjoyed being able to help on the day and are looking for more ways to be involved in driving our school forward, please contact your class teacher or Dan George to talk about opportunities to volunteer at Parnell District School.



School closure for NZEI union meeting : 10th May

You will be well aware that the teachers are still negotiating with the government over the teachers collective agreement. As part of this process, school will close at 12:45 on Friday the 10th of May for union member to attend a meeting regarding this. If you are unable to pick your child up at 12:45, please email office@parnell.school.nz so we can ensure those children can be supervised until 3pm. C4's After school care programme will run from 3pm as usual.

Important Dates: Term 2 2019

29/4	School begins 9am
3/5	Assembly Room 23
6/5	Week 2
10/5	Assembly room 16. School closes at 12:45 for paid union meeting
13/5	Week 3
14/5	PTA meeting 7pm
15/5	Family Photos
16/5	Class Photos
17/5	Assembly Room 4
20/5	Week 4
21/5 + 22/5	Year 0-3 Motat Trip
23/5	Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle
24/5	Assembly Room 28
27/5	Week 5 Focus Week: Te Reo Kori
31/5	Assembly Room 26
3/6	Queen's Birthday - No school
4/6	Teacher only day - No school for students, C4 programme available
5/6	Week 6
7/6	Assembly Room 5
10/6	Week 7
11/6	PTA Meeting 7pm
13/6	Year 0-3 goal setting 3-6pm
14/6	Assembly Room 24
17/6	Week 8
19/6	Bake Sale
21/6	Assembly Room 30
24/6	Week 9
26/6	Year 4 - 8 reports available, Transition begins for new students
28/6	PTA Disco
1/7	Week 10
5/7	Tainui Assembly: Book Parade. Term 2 Ends at 3pm

School Photos

- May 15 Family and Sibling
- May 16 Class and Individual

If you would like a sibling or family photo please get an order form from the office. *Please note all orders will be online and the office will not accept cash or EFTPOS.*

Parent Election Notice

Parnell District School Board of trustees' election

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 24 May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on 7 June 2019.

Signed *Adrienne Burns*
Returning Officer

Room 9 are jumping into Term 2 like.....



We have hit the ground running with this term's Inquiry topic 'Make Me Move' and are exploring lots of different ways we can move our bodies. We practiced jumping as far as we could and measured who jumped the farthest.



We have also been comparing and ordering objects from shortest to longest and measuring the length of different objects around our classroom.



In Physical Education we are focusing on animal movements (kangaroo jumps, frog jumps, bear crawls and more!) to strengthen our core muscles, improve hand-eye coordination and balance.

We are excited to see where our learning will take us this term!

MAKE
ME
MOVE

PIC-COLLAGE

Make me Move

By Room 25

Scan the QR codes below to see our Mixed Reality creations



Can Hippo's swim?



Here's what we thought about how they move in water

Even though hippo's are semiaquatic water beasts, they can't technically swim. *Felix.* A fleshy bristly nose emerged suddenly through the dark blue water. A Nile River hippo barrelled toward the shore with a croc in its mouth. Upon reaching the river bank, the hippo shook frantically – miniature drops of water flew everywhere. *Sam.*

First came the large ugly head, then its ginormous barrel-shaped body and lastly the short stubby-like feet. I thought, how on earth does it go so fast in the water with such a huge weight? I don't think it could float with such an enormous mass and if he's heavier than water he will stay on the bottom of the river, fully submerged for quite some time.

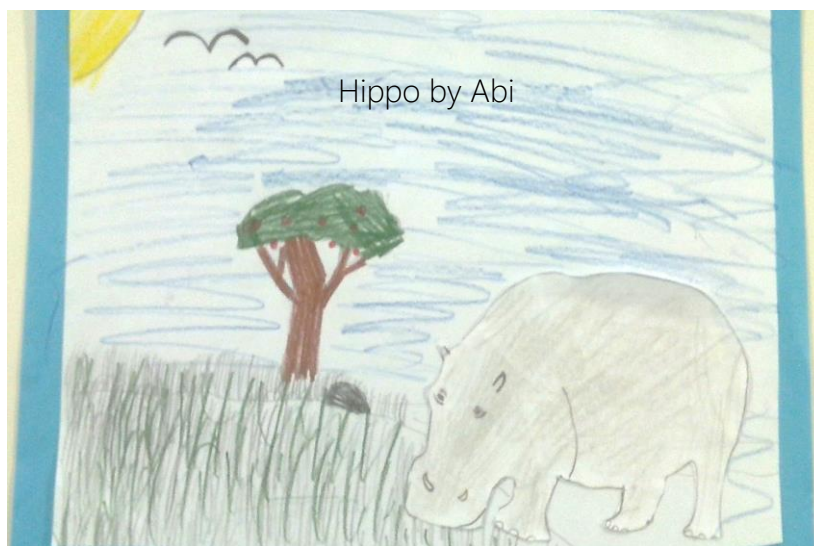
Zander.

Underwater hippo's travel along 'hippo paths' on the bottom of rivers and lakes. The reason they don't float back to the surface is that gravity keeps them grounded as well as the weight of their heavy bones. *Isabella*

Hippo's have thick rubbery skin and lots of whiskers. *Caleb*

Hippos' are murky coloured mammals with short stout legs and hairy noses. They weigh about 3 to 4 tonnes and can move very fast underwater compared to a speed boat. They use their strong muscles to push off or leverage their weight so they can almost gallop through the water.

by Clara Rois Nodar



Hippo by Abi

Community Notices

PTA Notices

The next PTA meeting is **Tuesday 14 May at 7pm** in the staffroom – new members are always very welcome so if you are interested in coming along we would love to see you! No commitment is needed and it is a great way to meet more parents at the school. If you have any questions about joining or helping out the PTA just email us at parnellschoolpta@gmail.com

Term 2 is our highly anticipated **Disco** term so remember to lock **Friday 28 of June** in your children's diaries, it is always a fantastic evening! More information will be coming soon. We are after Disco helpers so if you'd like to help in any way (set up, decorations, stalls etc), then please email parnellschoolpta@gmail.com

Other key PTA events to remember this term are the Mufti and Sausage Sizzle on Thursday 23 May and the Bake Sale on Wednesday June 19. It's going to be a great term!



<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/94164y>

Plunket Fun Run 2019



The Auckland Plunket Fun Run
Sunday 5th May at Western
Springs Lakeside Park

Get involved today:
funrun.plunket.org.nz
[#plunketfunrun](https://twitter.com/plunketfunrun)



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Schools need
us all to step
forward

Nominate yourself or someone
you know to be a school trustee.

Contact your local school for a
nomination form.

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