



**PARNELL**  
DISTRICT SCHOOL

## Newsletter 8

### *Kia Ora Whanau*

This week saw the start of the Parnell District School winter speaker Series. Our first speaker was Dwayne Rowsell, Former New Zealand Hockey Player who's also just set up a new fitness studio 'Studio Box'. It was inspiring to hear him speak about his own experiences in school, and what an important role sports played in his learning journey, and the life skills he's learnt on the sports field. A former Auckland Grammar student, he had some words of wisdom for our future Grammar boys, as well as teaching the students a little boxing! The speaker series is the brain child of Emma Williams and Gen Mora, and we have an incredible schedule of speakers and guests lined up for term two.

If you would like to share your talents or have an inspiring story to share with our students, please email Emma or Gen to discuss the possibility of joining the schedule.

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## School closure for NZEI Teacher Strike

You will have heard a lot about the upcoming teacher strike in the media. Attached via email separately is the letter from our Board of Trustees to inform all parents that Parnell District School will be closed for instruction on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. We ask that you keep your children home for the day, as teaching will not be taking place. In the event that you are unable to arrange any alternative child care, children can be supervised at school, as we have a small number of staff who will not be part of the union action. We understand that this is a difficult situation, however we thank our community for supporting our teachers in negotiating their collective agreement as they work to improve the conditions for all teachers to allow them to provide the best learning opportunities for every student.

We were made aware that alternative providers were contacting parents without the school's knowledge and suggesting that parents should have to pay for care on days that the industrial action was taking place. Please be assured that for families who have no other option, children can be supervised at school, and this does not have a cost associated. If you require supervision for the day of the 29<sup>th</sup>, you must email the office by the 24<sup>th</sup> of May so we can ensure provision is in place. Email [office@parnell.school.nz](mailto:office@parnell.school.nz)

## Important Dates: Term 2 2019

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
29/5	<b>TEACHER STRIKE – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION</b>
31/5	Assembly Room 26
3/6	Queen's Birthday - No school
4/6	<b>Teacher only day - No school for students, C4 programme available</b>
5/6	Week 6
7/6	Assembly Room 5
10/6	Week 7
11/6	Intermediate open day: Q & A 9:30 – 10:00, tours 10:00 – 11:00 Intermediate open evening: Q & A 6:30 – 7:00pm 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



**SOHO  
WINES**

Look out for the PTA Soho Wine fundraiser coming soon! After a successful fundraiser raising over \$20 000 in 2018, the amazing team from Soho Wine Co have agreed to support Parnell District School again with this venture. Think about which of your contacts would love some delicious wine at a great price, so support the best community school in Auckland provide programmes towards our vision of growing great humans.

## PTA Update

It's a busy term for PTA activities!



**Mufti Day – Thursday 23 May.** We are pleased to announce that in support of PDS's sustainability goals, we will no longer be selling juice tetra packs and instead selling pieces of fruit. Healthier, and more sustainable!

Also, this term our Mufti Day sausage sizzle is being supported by the Hellers' Sausages in Schools Program – a fantastic initiative that means we can provide even more of the funds raised straight back to our school.

Remember, food items (sausage, fruit and muffin) are \$2 each and please also bring a cold coin donation for mufti day.



**Disco, Friday June 28.** We have a theme! This year our Disco will be emoji themed, meaning bright, colourful and lots of fun. Your child can get creative and come as their favourite emoji, or wear a bright colour and a big smile on their face. We can't wait!

More information will be coming out about the disco soon so watch out for it and save the date. And, if you are keen to help please email [parnellschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:parnellschoolpta@gmail.com)



**Parent's Film Night Fundraiser, Wednesday 3 July.** It's not all about the kids, save the date for our parent's film night! We have booked a private screening of Yesterday at Rialto Newmarket on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm.

This rock-n-roll comedy from Academy Award winning director Danny Boyle is about music, dreams, friendship, and the long winding road that leads to the love of your life...

The film night is in the last week of term so a good excuse for a night out before the holidays. There will be limited tickets so don't miss out. Check out the trailer on [www.yesterdaymovie.com](http://www.yesterdaymovie.com) and more details will follow in June.

**Parent Rep Get Together, Tuesday 21 May** – Reminder to parent reps that our annual get together is on Tuesday next week (21 May). For more info email [parnellschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:parnellschoolpta@gmail.com)



AUCKLAND GIRLS'  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

PER ANGUSTA AD AUGUSTA

# OPEN DAY

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
9.30am – 12.30pm

We invite you to visit our school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Our senior students will lead school tours throughout the morning and our Principal will give short talks at 10am, 11am and 12 noon.

**Information Evening – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm – 8.00pm.**

All prospective students for 2020 and their parents are very welcome to attend this evening. The evening will be useful for students who are interested in enrolling into Ngā Tūmanako o Kahurangi, our Maori Whanau Unit. Auckland Girls' Grammar School welcomes enrolments from throughout the Auckland region and we hope that you will take this opportunity to find out more about us.

Parking at Gate 2, Howe Street, Freemans Bay

For more information please phone (09)307 4180 or email [enrol@aggs.school.nz](mailto:enrol@aggs.school.nz)



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### **PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL**

In the Performing Arts Room

Monday 3.30-4.20pm	DANCE   SING   ACT	4-6 years
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