



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 16 2019

Kia Ora Whanau.

Parent helper morning tea

We look forward to welcoming our parent helpers to a special thank you morning tea Wednesday 25th of September, 10:30am. Some letters might still be crumpled up in the bottoms of bags, so please for every parent who's helped our school and our students over the year, we'd love to see you there!

A special presentation from our Kapa Haka group and Choir will greet our parents and helpers as we thank them for all they do to support our students.

25th of September, at 10:30am in the school hall!

Donations and Parnell District School

I find myself talking often about families paying their donations and the work of our PTA to support the school. I just wanted to take this opportunity to outline the funding our school receives, and why family donations are so important at Parnell District School.

In New Zealand, all schools are giving a rating on the 'decile' system, from 1A to 10. This rating has nothing to do with the quality of education or educators employed, but on the school's ability to generate funding from its local community. Parnell is a decile 9 school, meaning there is an expectation that the school can generate significant funding from the local community. We generate that funding through parental donations and the work of the PTA. Basic funding for teaching staff is calculated separately to this based on the number of students.

Using the Ministry of Education's funding calculator, we calculate that the difference in funding between our school and a decile 1 school with the same student numbers is \$513,780 a year. Now obviously our parental donations and PTA contributions still don't come near to this figure, but this does illustrate the point that although education is free in New Zealand, there is an expectation that communities support their schools in any way they can.

For 2019, we have a budget of \$170 000 from parental donations, and it is likely that we will be around \$30 000 short of that target. The donations provide for additional programmes that we cannot fund through our operational grant, specifically 2 additional teachers that lower the teacher: student ratio in all classes, and learning support teachers that work in classes supporting all learners.

All contributions to the curriculum are donations. This includes the \$480 per student annual donation and the \$40 annual curriculum contribution that provides trips for children to enhance their learning.

Extra-curricular activities, including optional camps, some Friday Fizz options, after school sports teams and additional programmes do attract a fee not a donation, but this only reflects the actual costs the school incurs in offering these options.

If you've not yet contributed towards your donation, we appreciate all contributions. If you can't pay the full \$480, it is a donation so any contribution is appreciated. For families who are not able to contribute financially, we always welcome contributions of time. We appreciate in class support from parents, and donations of skills and knowledge, and help in providing additional opportunities for students like gardening, reading with children before school, or providing Friday Fizz options.

In the future, if our community choose not to support us through paying their donation this will impact on every child in every class. Although we'll continue to do our best to meet our vision of growing great humans; fit for the future, class numbers will rise, and additional programmes like Friday Fizz and our focus weeks will have to stop.

I love working for our community, I love being able to provide a rich, exciting, child centred learning environment for our children, and appreciate every contribution our community make to enhance this.

Kind Regards

Richard George

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Kidney Kids NZ

RED NOSE DAY 2020

BE PART OF THE FUN AS WE WORK TO
SUPPORT CURE KIDS

DRESS IN RED MUFTI TO SUPPORT CURE KIDS: GOLD
COIN DONATION (PAY IN CLASS)

BEFORE SCHOOL:

Buy red noses \$3-\$5
Buy Slap bands \$3

MORNING TEA:

Listen to a special celebrity read in the Library: Gold Coin Donation
Red Nose day games \$2 per entry

LUNCH

Staff V Students Red Ball on the court: Everyone come watch
Red Nose day games \$2 per entry

AFTER SCHOOL:

Red Noses and Slapbands for sale \$3-\$5
Jaffas for sale \$3
Red Nose Picnic Raffle: \$10 per entry

OR BUY A PACK BEFORE SCHOOL \$20

Red Nose
Slap Band
Jaffas
Raffle ticket
Knowledge you've helped kiwi kids.
Entry to red nose day game
Special reserved seating for Red Ball
Listen to a celebrity read at Morning tea



Important dates: Term 3

23/9	Week 10
25/9	Parent Helpers Morning Tea 10:30am - Service Leaders Hosting
27/9	Te Arawa Assembly: Red Nose Day! Term 3 ends at 3pm

Important dates: Term 4

14/10	School begins 9am
18/10	Assembly Room 28
21/10	Week 2
25/10	Assembly Room 7
28/10	Labour Day
29/10	Week 3, PTA meeting 7pm
1/11	Assembly Room 30
4/11	Week 4
6/11	Whole School Athletics at Glover Park
7/11	Mufti and Sausage Sizzle
8/11	Assembly Room 25
11/11	Week 5
13/11	Athletics Save Day
15/11	Assembly Room 27
18/11	Week 6
21/11	Year 0-3 Goal setting 3-6pm
22/11	Assembly Room 26
25/11	Week 7 - EOTC week
29/11	Assembly New Entrants
2/12	Week 8
4/12	Bake Sale, New entrant transition morning
5/12	Auckland City Mission Mufti day, New entrant transition morning
6/12	Assembly: Room 24
9/12	Week 9, Year 4-8 reports available
10/12	School trip to the Parnell Baths
11/12	Celebration of Learning: Prizegiving. 3PM at the Cathedral
13/12	Aotea Assembly, School ends 1pm



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Our amazing school holiday
Programme is here!



**Week One
School Holiday Programme**

Date: September 30 - October 4
Time: 9am-3pm
Location: Parnell District School
Price: \$70 9am-3pm
\$90 7am-6pm
(Students can sign up for individual days or the whole week)

DAY 1	Olympics Day
DAY 2	Jurassic Park Day
DAY 3	Movie Characters Day
DAY 4	Superheroes Day
DAY 5	Magic Academy (Harry Potter) Day

Tap into your child's potential by **encouraging their creativity** with Bricks 4 Kidz® Holiday Programme, a fresh and fun way for kids to spend their school holiday!

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Come and join the professional team from M Sports for a fun filled day of sports & games at Parnell District School!

Week 2 of the school holidays

Monday 7th October to Friday 11th October

\$60 9am-3pm

\$80 7am-6pm

Book now at PDS.aimyplus.com

Single day bookings welcome!

Please contact Claire at clairej@parnell.school.nz if you require more information

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23rd September 2019

Hello everyone!

The holidays are fast approaching as well as the last term of the year - term 4.

Bookings are now open for before & after school care for term 4 as well as after school classes. Because term 4 is only 9 weeks all **after school classes will start in week 1**. Therefore it is essential that bookings are made as soon as possible. A friendly reminder that all after school classes must be paid in full and there are no refunds or credits once the class has started.

Next term we are adding a couple of new classes:

Firstly we are offering Irish Dancing for the first time hot on the heels of Miss Clancey's very popular Friday Fizz Irish Dancing class! We are very fortunate to have secured the services of Maire McCallion who was accepted into the world famous Riverdance at the age of 16 and has danced all over the world.

Irish Dancing will be held on a Thursday from 3.30-4.30pm.

Following on from our successful Bricks 4 Kidz programme in the last school holidays, we are offering two Bricks 4 Kidz after school classes next term. Bricks 4 Kidz build on the universal popularity of lego bricks to deliver high quality, educational play. Every class is a fun, enriching experience for your child, building new projects each week based on a variety of themes.

Junior Robotics Class will be held on a Monday from 3.30-5pm.

Motorised Lego Model Building will be held on a Friday from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Some old favourites are returning:

Shine Speech & Drama is ideal if you want your child to develop their communication, cognitive, social and language skills while having fun. Shine is owned and run by Nina Burchett who is an accomplished actress and very experienced children's drama teacher.

Shine will be held on a Tuesday from 3.30-4.30pm.

For the sports orientated children inflatable hockey and Wynrs soccer are returning for another term!

Inflatable Hockey will be held on a Thursday from 3.30-4.30pm.

Wynrs Soccer will be held on a Friday from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

For more information on any of these classes please contact Claire, C4 Manager on clairej@parnell.school.nz or 0272706810.

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Room 7 Learning

PATTERNS GALORE!

In Room 7 we have been exploring different types of patterns. These include repeating colours, shapes, numbers, sizes and images.





We had so much fun making colourful mosaics, necklaces and block towers that had repeating AB and ABC patterns!





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How Martin Luther King Jr Showed Heroism

Martin Luther King Jr. was a hero. He fought for what was right and succeeded. But for every success, there's a story.

Born 15 January 1928, Atlanta, USA, Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) was born as Michael Luther King Jr. His name was later changed to honor the German professor, Martin King. Martin Luther King Jr. grew up in a time where African Americans weren't allowed to mix with the white Americans. Restaurants and buses had different sections to sit in for different races and black Americans had poorly funded schools. Martin experienced this inequality when he was just 14. After winning a prize about a speech he made about injustice, he boarded a bus and was forced to give up a seat for a white American.

Later, in 1955, a black woman named Rosa Parks was forced to give up her seat for another passenger. The other people gave up their seats, but she refused. She later got arrested and fined. It was Martin who led the bus boycott that lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, the two races rode the buses as equal. During these days, King's home got bombed, arrested but at the same time, he rose up as an African American leader of the first rank.

In 1957, he and a group of civil rights activists founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). It's a group for achieving full equality for African Americans through nonviolent protests. Their motto was "Not one hair of one head of one person should be harmed." In his role as the SCLC president, MLK traveled across the country and around the world, giving speeches on nonviolent protest and civil rights. He also met up with different activists and political leaders.

"I have a dream." I have a dream was MLK's most known and powerful speech. On August 28th, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. gave a speech to an audience of more than 250,000 people, calling for an end to racism. It is one of the most iconic speeches in American history. According to many different observers, as Martin neared the end, the speech was failing to achieve the fullness of his more noteworthy speeches. Funnily enough, he didn't mention 'the dream' until singer, Mahalia Jackson asked him from the crowd, 'Tell them about the dream, Martin!' King abandoned his prepared text and improvised the rest. Without Mahalia's calling out, the speech might've not been as strong and impacting.

He sent a powerful message that changed history and the world forever. He also proved something important. That no matter who you are or where you're from, you can make a change.

By Jayden



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