



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

22nd January 2020

Newsletter 1

Kia Ora Whanau

Welcome back to another exciting year of learning at Parnell District School. There are some minor changes that we want you to know about for the year ahead.

Be ready for learning!

All stationary lists are online, so if you've not organised stationary yet please ensure this is ready for day one.

Make sure your school uniform is ready to go, and remember **hats are compulsory** in term 1 and 4 for children to play outdoors. It must be a navy bucket or wide brim hat (no caps), with no logos or insignia on it. These are available from the uniform shop and Gladstone Pharmacy.

We are a community school, and **we need the support of our community** to continue to provide the high quality programmes that our children currently enjoy. We need you to

- Contribute to the school donation. If you can't afford the entire donation, you can make part payments through the year, and we appreciate any contribution families make to the school towards their donation.
- Help the PTA in their initiatives through the year
- Attend class trips and camps to support our programme
- Make regular contact with your child's teacher, and visit the class to help and see how your child's learning is progressing
- Donate your skills and knowledge to help the school. You are a super talented group of parents and caregivers and if you can share your skills with groups or in Friday Fizz, we'd love to hear from you!

School leadership

We continue to be supported by our amazing Deputy Principal: Curriculum, Wendy Franklin Smith, and our Deputy Principal: Operations Dan George. We welcome Felicity Gamby to the role of Deputy Principal: Student support.

In addition to each of their specific school wide portfolios, each heads up an area of the school with the support of a Learning Leader.

Our learning leaders are our best tool in ensuring high quality practice by every teacher in every class. They, along with our Deputy Principals help us ensure no matter which class your child is in, they get the best deal every day. Learning Leaders support their team and meet regularly with their teachers to ensure accelerated learning for every student. Our learning leaders are

Rangi Ropati in year 7-8

Masina Gagamoe in year 4-6

Ava Crocker in year 2-3

Lauren Clancey in year 0-1

School teaching teams for 2020

	Year 0-1	Year 2-3	Year 4-6	Year 7-8
Deputy Principal	Felicity Gamby		Wendy Franklin-Smith	Dan George
Learning Leader	Lauren Clancey Room 9	Ava Crocker Room 1	Masina Gagamoe Room 16	Rangi Ropati Room 20
Additional teachers	Kate Lynch Room 8	Enchante Chang Room 2	Dean Wittaker Room 13	David Cowlrick Room 26
	Holly Southby Room 6	Khamin Bhana Room 24	Rowan Throp Room 14	Vanessa Sharplin Room 28
	Sarah Curtain Room 5	Rebecca McKee Room 25	Susan Bridgman Room 12	Gianluca Watson Room 29
	Matisse Begg Room 7	Annabelle Drew Room 4	Anna Sephton Room 27	
Peter Kaho Room 23				
Khine McCann Room 30				

We are also lucky to have our exceptional additional teachers who teach in other Programmes; Linda Gray-Brett, Suzanne Parkinson, Sue Lyons, Louise Mann, Annabel Holderness, Martina Schmitt, Sarah Figgins, and Val Marra.

Enhanced STEAM programme

The quality of our year 7-8 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) programme has long been a strength of our school. In 2019 it was on display with our year 7-8 innovation fair, and our technology marketplace in term four. To build on the success of this programme for 2020 we have appointed Louise Mann to run a similar programme for students in year 0-6. Students will work with Miss Mann through the term as she delivers a specialist programme in room 19, and she will be working alongside our class teachers to ensure the learning that takes place in her programme is used across the curriculum. This is an exciting innovation for Parnell District School, and one opportunity we are able to provide through the family donations all our community contribute to.

Mandarin Learning Assistant

We have a new Mandarin Learning assistant joining our team for 2020 building on the programme Xuan has developed over the last two years. **Our new Mandarin Learning Assistant is looking for a homestay in the community.** If you have a room available and can welcome someone into your family for a year, this is a great opportunity to learn more about the Chinese culture, and to share your culture with a fantastic person who will be working with all the students in the school. There is remuneration to cover the costs incurred as part of hosting our guest.

If you can provide a homestay for all or part of the year, please contact office@parnell.school.nz

Twilight Fete Saturday 28th March

The PTA are organizing our Fete for the 28th of March. We will need helpers for class stalls and school stalls. If you can help, please email your teacher to let them know you can help, or email PTA@parnell.school.nz to help with the organization or on a school stall.

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES TERM 1 2020

CLASSES RUN FROM WEEK 3 TO WEEK 10

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Bricks 4 Kidz Model Building	Mandarin Level 2	Chinese Dance	Irish Dancing	Chess Power
8 Sessions \$200 3:30-4:30pm	8 Sessions \$200 3:30-5pm	8 Sessions \$200 3:30-5pm	8 Sessions \$120 3:30-4:30pm	8 Sessions \$120 3:30-4:30pm
8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$264 3-4:30pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$264 3-5pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$264 3-5pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$184 3-4:30pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$184 3-4:30pm
Fine Young Artists	Shine Speech & Drama	Kung Fu	Inflatable Hockey	Wynrs Soccer
8 Sessions \$275 3:30-5:15pm	8 Sessions \$230 3:30-4:30pm	8 Sessions \$200 3:30-5pm	8 Sessions \$127 3:30-4:30pm	8 Sessions \$132 3:30-4:30pm
8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$339 3-5:15pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$294 3-4:30pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$264 3-5pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$191 3-4:30pm	8 Sessions + afternoon tea and care \$196 3-4:30pm

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For further information contact Claire on clairej@parnell.school.nz or
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**Please note that after school classes must be paid in full at the beginning of
the term!**

Fundraising with Cancer Society Sunscreen

To kick off the new year, we're excited to partner with GoodGive and Cancer Society sunscreen to help raise funds for Parnell District School. For each bottle sold, our school will receive \$2.00. With a late Kiwi summer setting in, and school about to start, everyone needs some sunscreen!

Fundraising with GoodGive is super easy. It's all online so it's a piece of cake to reach out to family and friends and there's no cash handling or time-consuming admin. Prices are the same as the supermarket. Not only do we have a great opportunity to help our school, but each purchase also benefits NZ Cancer Society, who do great work helping Kiwis battling cancer.

The campaign starts today and runs until midnight Sunday 2nd February.

How to participate:

- Please take a moment to register yourself and your child/children at the following link where you can then make your purchase: www.goodgive.co.nz/register/parents. Using the code 1002
- At the end of the campaign, individually packaged and labelled orders will be delivered to your child's class to take home.
- Please also remember to spread the word to your family and friends. When you register you will receive information to help you easily pass it on – every bottle sold helps our school so thanks for your support!