



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

30th November 2020

Kia Ora Whanau

As we look forward to the last two weeks of term, there is still a lot happening for our learners and we continue to make the most of every learning moment. It has been a pleasure to have students sharing the culminations of their 'my learning my way' inquiries where they've been able to inquire into an area of personal interest. The range of presentation methods has been a particular highlight for me, with children demonstrating their knowledge of multi-literacies in finding increasingly inventive ways to share their growing understanding of their subject.

I spoke at Assembly on Friday about the way our whole school needs to work together in order to continue to be the amazing school and community we want to be. For children it is as simple as standing quietly when asked for the National Anthem or picking up that piece of rubbish on the ground. Individually these may seem like small actions, but when amplified by all 542 students in our school, everyone choosing to (or not to) do it has a significant impact. This is a message we'll be focusing on in our final two weeks of the year, with a special focus on the link to our school values of Kaitiakitanga, Innovation, and Truth, and how we demonstrate these when working together as a team.

One remaining opportunity for our team to come together, is our Christmas support for the Auckland City Mission. Parnell District School has a long association with the Auckland City Mission, and in addition to providing them with vegetables all year from our gardens, we try to help each year at Christmas. On Wednesday the 3rd of December we have our city mission Mufti, where students can wear non-uniform but instead of paying with cash, you bring along canned food for the city mission. Also our school Christmas tree has just arrived, and we will be collecting gifts for the Auckland City Mission. These should be **unwrapped**, and any gifts you'd like to contribute can go straight under the tree, which can be found in the office.



For our teachers, we've had three significant events this term, in the form of our Movie Premiere, the Fete, and EOTC week. Without every member of the team working together, these events would not be possible, and I want to thank our amazing teachers for ensuring every child gets to take part in these exciting learning opportunities. I'd also like to especially thank our amazing Deputy Principals; Dan George, Felicity Gamby and Anna Sephton who are always working hard behind the scenes to ensure all such events go off without a hitch.

We also owe a huge debt of thanks to our parent community for their support in 2020. The vast range of opportunities on offer at Parnell District School could not continue without the support of our parents. From groups like the BOT and PTA, to individuals who help in classes to those parents who attend school trips and events, we really appreciate you. We missed our parent thank you morning tea, but please enjoy the [attached thank you to our community!](#)

Below are four important documents to help ensure everyone knows what's coming up between now and the end of the year. You'll find:

- 2021 term dates
- Important dates T4
- Parnell Baths notice and parent help sign up
- C4 December Programme

2021 Term Dates

18th January – 2nd February: C4 open for childcare and holiday fun

Term 1

2nd February: Teacher only day

3rd February: First day for students.

16th April: Term 1 ends

19th April – 30 April: C4 holiday programme

Term 2

3rd May : Term 2 starts

9th July: Term 2 ends

12th July – 23rd July: C4 holiday programme

Term 3

26 July: Term 3 begins

1 October: Term 3 ends

4th – 15th October: C4 holiday programme

Term 4

18 October: Term 4 begins

17 December: Term 4 ends

20th – 23rd December: C4 holiday programme

Important dates: Term 4

30/11	Week 8:	
01/12	Year 0-3 parent conferences	School finishes at 1:30 pm for students in year 0-3 only, and parents who have received a PaCT report, book conferences via school interviews.
02/12	Bake Sale	Aotea bake sale, children who would like a cupcake (provided by Aotea families), bring your gold coins! The last PTA event of the year.
	New Entrant Transition days begin	New entrant students starting day 1 2021 have their school visit.
03/12	City Mission Mufti (No Sausage Sizzle)	Wear your mufti clothes and donate canned food for the Auckland City Mission.
	Year 0-3 parent conferences	Second afternoon for conferences for parents in year 0-3 who have received a PaCT report.
04/12	Assembly: Room 9	
07/12	Week 9:	
08/12	Whole School Trip: Parnell Baths	This trip requires all children to complete a permission form. If you can help as a parent helper, please indicate this on the attached form. We need 1 adult for every 4 children for each class to go.
09/12	Celebration of Learning: Prizegiving	Children walk to the Cathedral, and the ceremony starts at 3pm. Certificates and cups presented for effort and achievement, a very special guest speaker and performances from our Kapahaka Group and Choir. Expected finish 4:15 pm, and children are to be picked up from the Cathedral. Any children signed up for C4 will be brought back to school.
10/12	Year 8 Graduation	Evening event for Year 8 students celebrating their end of Primary School and marking their transition to High School. Start 7pm.
11/12	Final Assembly: Aotea: School Finishes at 1 pm	9:00 Aotea Assembly, all parents welcome. Additional sports and achievement certificates will be presented here. 1pm school finishes for 2020. Children are able to book into C4 from 1pm.

Monday 30th November 2020
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Parnell Baths 8th December

On Tuesday 8th December our students will be swimming at Parnell Baths. This is an opportunity for our whole school to enjoy our end of year celebration.

Year 0-3 will be at the pools 9:30 – 11:00 (depart school at 9:00)

Year 4-6 will be there 10:30 – 12:00 (depart school at 10:00)

Year 7-8 will be there 12:00 – 3:00 (depart school at 11:30)

We have booked space under the umbrellas and picnic tables. The children will walk with their class down to the pools. For our class to attend, all we need is 1 parent for every 4 children. Please indicate below if you are able to help on the day.

Children bring:

- Sunhat
- Sunblock
- Towel & Togs
- Packed lunch and water.

All permission forms need to be returned to class teachers by Monday 7th December

Students name _____ Class _____

Circle YES or NO for each that applies to your child.

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| • My child is comfortable having water splashed on his/her face | Yes / No |
| • My child is not able to float on his/her front or back unassisted | Yes / No |
| • My child can swim any stroke 25m (1 length of a public pool) | Yes / No |
| • My child is confident in deep water | Yes / No |
| • My child is confident in shallow water | Yes / No |
| • My child will/may need assistance in the water | Yes / No |

Medical concerns to be aware of _____

I give permission for my child to attend and swim at the Parnell Baths Yes / No

I can help on the day ***Yes / No***

Parents name _____ Contact _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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CHRISTMAS C4 Holiday Programme

MONDAY

14TH

DECEMBER

SPORTS, GAMES AND TREASURE HUNT

JOIN THE C4 TEAM FOR A FUN FILLED DAY AT SCHOOL PLAYING A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. WE'LL FINISH THE DAY WITH A TREASURE HUNT!

TUESDAY

15TH

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS BAKING FUN

TODAY WE'LL BAKE A VARIETY OF CHRISTMAS TREATS, HAVE A 'TASTE TEST' AND PACKAGE UP THE LEFTOVERS TO TAKE HOME TO YOUR FAMILIES

WEDNESDAY

16TH

DECEMBER

TRIP TO THE ZOO

C4 IS OFF TO THE ZOO!! MAKE THE MOST OF THE SUMMER WEATHER AND SPEND THE DAY AT AUCKLAND ZOO.



CHRISTMAS SEWING

DOES YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE NEED A NEW LOOK FOR 2020? COME AND MAKE NEW AND EXCITING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WITH JACKIE AND THE C4 TEAM.



C4 CHRISTMAS PARTY

ON THE LAST DAY OF C4 FOR 2020 WE WILL; EAT CHRISTMAS TREATS, PLAY CHRISTMAS GAMES AND EVEN HAVE A LUCKY DIP!



Day 1: Monday 14/12/20
 Day 2: Tuesday 15/12/20
 Day 3: Wednesday 16/12/20
 Day 4: Thursday 17/12/20
 Day 5: Friday 18/12/20

Cost:
 8am-3pm \$55
 8am-6pm \$75
 EXCEPT Trip to the Zoo
 8am-3pm \$75
 8am-6pm \$95

Book at
PDS.aimyplus.com
 Contact Claire for more information at
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"Please book early to avoid disappointment!."

"Places are limited"

