



**PARNELL**  
DISTRICT SCHOOL

## Newsletter 1, 4<sup>th</sup> February

Kia Ora Whanau

Welcome back to what promises to be another fantastic year of learning at Parnell District School. It was such a pleasure to welcome our children back this week, and also have a large number of new families joining us for the first time. While visiting classes, it is wonderful to see everyone prepared for learning and how quickly our children have settled back into the learning routines of Parnell District School.

Recent events have reminded us that the looming spectre of COVID-19 continues to impact the world as a whole, and may continue to have implications for our children's learning. I want to assure you that we continue to take guidance from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health to ensure all reasonable precautions to keep our staff and students safe are in place. We have systems in place in case we find ourselves again forced to deliver the curriculum online, and teachers will be asking you about how we can support your child's learning if this were to eventuate over the year. Parents, you can help us by ensuring you scan in using the COVID tracer app when you're on site.

Our first whole school event for 2021 is the meet the teacher picnic, on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. Parents are invited into classrooms from 5:30 to meet teachers and hear about the classroom programme, followed by our community picnic on the field. There will be games and activities for children on the field from 5 pm, as well as a scholastic book fair also running from 5-7 pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

### Welcome!

We begin 2021 with two new teachers joining the team. We are excited to welcome Chris Joint to the middle team. Chris joins us originally from the UK but has been working at an Auckland Intermediate for the last year. Nic Coventry also joins us this year, teaching in year 7/8. Nic originally studied psychology, but after working in schools both in Auckland and Australia, returned to university to study education. Both teachers have already proven a great asset to the team, and we look forward to more people having the opportunity to meet them at the meet the teacher picnic.



The Parnell District School whanau has also grown a little as our Deputy Principal Dan George and his wife Rachel, welcomed their first son Archie on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January. Dan is enjoying the life of a first time Dad and back at work but also working remotely for the next couple of weeks, so any urgent contact is best via email.

### BYOD information session

We invite any interested parents to join us on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> hear about our BYOD programme, and how learning is enhanced through the use of BYOD tools. Key topics will be:

- The role of devices in the learning programme

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- Enhancements to learning through BYOD
- Key tools used school-wide
- Equity of access for students without a device
- Cybersafety for students

We will be running two sessions, either 10:00 – 10:45 am **via zoom** or 5:30 – 6:15 pm in person in the staff room. Join the zoom meeting [here](#), using the passcode BYOD

## Important Dates Term One

01/02	Mini Inquiry- Creating our Culture
05/02	Assembly: Richard
08/02	Waitangi Day Observed (no school)
09/09	Week 2
12/09	Assembly- Student Leaders <i>Meet the Teacher Picnic 5:30 – 7:00</i>
15/02	Week 3- PAT Testing Week
16/02	PTA Meeting
17/02	BYOD information sessions
19/02	Assembly: Room 20
22/02	Week 4, T1 Inquiry begins 'Enterprise.'
24/02	Immunisation Y8
25/02	Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle
26/02	Assembly: Room 24
01/03	Week 5
05/03	Assembly: Room 2
08/03	Week 6
10/03	New Entrant Transition Day
12/03	Swim Trials, Assembly Room 30
15/03	Week 7, Mid-term new entrant start
16/03	PTA Meeting
17/03	New Parent Breakfast
19/03	Assembly Room 12
22/03	Week 8, Eastern Zone Swimming
24/03	Tokomaru Bake Sale, Bay Suburbs Swimming
26/03	Reports available, Assembly Room 25
29/03	Week 9
31/03	Intermediate Open Day
01/04	Assembly Room 29
02/04	Good Friday
05/04	Easter Monday
06/04	Easter holiday (no school)
07/04	Week 10, New Entrant Transition
09/04	Assembly Room 5
12/04	Week 11
16/04	Assembly: Tokomaru



Hi there

Welcome back to C4 where it's going to be another amazing term and year!

Bookings are now open for after school classes. Please book at [PDS.aimyplus.com](https://pds.aimyplus.com)

A couple of important points to remember:

- After school classes start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February
- Classes must be paid in full at the beginning of the block, and there are no refunds or credits.

Please keep an eye on the days the school is closed over Easter as classes on Monday, Tuesday & Friday will end in week 11

We have two new classes this term – Yoga on a Monday & Brain Play on a Tuesday

The old favourites, Fine Young Artists, Shine, Chess & Wynrs, are returning this term.



*My name is Prim Moaveni, and I am the mum of 5 kids, three still at Parnell School. I have been teaching yoga to children for the last couple of years, and I am excited to offer your kids yoga classes starting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 3:30 pm-4:30 pm. The class is appropriate for any school-age child. No previous yoga experience is necessary. The cost is \$12.50 per child per lesson, so the whole term (8 sessions) will be \$100.*

*If you are interested in registering your child, please book at [PDS.aimyplus.com](https://pds.aimyplus.com)  
There are limited places, so be quick!*

***Brain Play is coming back to Parnell District School.***

Brain play loved being part of Friday Fizz so much the last term that they've made our classes permanent. Brain Play's after-school classes will run every Tuesday from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm teaching coding, robotics, 3D printing, and science to students aged 5 – 13. We'll be holding an open day at lunchtime next week so children can come along and see the exciting programme!

Please get in touch if you require further information or drop in and see me in my brand new office opposite room 12!

Kind regards

Claire

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**Term 1 2021: IT'S ALL ABOUT ME**  
(Mixed Media on Wooden Board)

Using contemporary graphic techniques from the world of advertising, comics and graffiti, combined with some fun new painting techniques, we create a bold modern and very personal statement.

8 Weeks Monday 15th February to 12th April 2021  
3:30-5:30pm  
\$305 materials included

# ART CLASSES

## AT SCHOOLS, AFTER SCHOOL

**Term 1 2021 @ Parnell School (Monday)**

Fine Young Artists is an inspirational fine arts programme designed for children who are passionate about art.



Every term, children take part in an exciting new programme based on the works of well-know local and international artists. Our 8-week course is the perfect way to develop your child's artistic potential.

**ENROL NOW!** [pds.aimyplus.com](http://pds.aimyplus.com) P: 09 6341995 E: [enquiries@fineyoungartists.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@fineyoungartists.co.nz)

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