



Newsletter 3, 24th March

Kia Ora Whanau,

This year we introduce our new Friday programme, Opportunities for Excellence, or OE. While we remain committed to 4 days a week and eight weeks a term of uninterrupted learning around our inquiry, this new programme will further broaden our children's learning opportunities at Parnell District School. Our Curriculum Council has put together an introduction to the programme, [which you can see here](#). It explains what OE is all about and gives you all the information you need. The crucial next step is for whanau to start thinking about your areas of excellence and what kind of an OE would best develop your areas of excellence. Look out for a form **coming home in bags on Thursday** that you need to fill in and send back to your teacher

Enterprise market days!

As our Enterprise inquiry continues, our classes are getting closer to seeing their designed product or service come to life. To allow all businesses to get feedback from their consumers, we will have our first market day on **Tuesday the 30th of March from 2:30 – 3:30**. Our companies will be out in force to let you know what they've made! Some will be selling goods, so bring along some cash. All will want feedback about their product. Let us know what you love and what we can improve before our final market day.



Tuesday 13th April is our final market day. All classes will be out with their businesses selling their products and services and would love to see everyone there to hear about our children's work in building their brands.

Boost your school donation

Thank you to those families who have already contributed to their school donations. We appreciate your support for providing a high-quality learning programme from which every child benefits. This year we welcome tax gift to the PDS whanau. Tax gift is an organisation that helps schools and charities by allowing those who donate to capture the tax benefit from their donation easily and donate it to the school, which boosts your donation. Further information on tax gift can be found in the letter attached to this newsletter.

Reporting

It is almost reporting time at Parnell District School. As you may have noticed, we do things a little differently in reporting to parents. We introduced our new system for reporting in 2020, doubling the number of reports throughout the year from two to four. Twice a year, we will report to you how your child is working in class, give your child's reflection on their learning, let you know how they are going in showing the important learning behaviours and in a range of curriculum areas. The other report specifically lets you know how they are achieving in Reading, Writing and Math, giving you both their current achievement and graphing their rate of progress over time. These reports are generated from teachers gathering information over 6 months.

There will be a mixture of the two reports for families of students in year 0-3, as we report based on how many weeks they have been at school. Ten weeks can make a big difference in a child's achievement at this age, so the date they started influences the type of report each term. If your child gets a report about their achievement in Reading, Writing, and Math, we invite you to book a conference with your teacher, where they will further discuss your child's achievement and set learning goals.

For students in year 4-8, all students will be receiving a written report from their teacher letting them know about their performance in class and achievement in a range of subjects. You will receive your reports against achievement in Reading, Writing and Math next term.

Report info evening

For parents in year 0-3, if you'd like to better understand the reporting and your child's achievement, we invite you to an info session on Monday the 29th of March. You can attend virtually at 10:00 [via zoom](#) using the password PDS or in person at 5:30 pm in the staff room. If you already have specific questions, you can [let us know here](#) to do our best to cover them.

Farewell to our Luna Rosa Whanau

It has been a pleasure to have the Luna Rosa team's families with us for the last six months. They've been in our classes and part of our school since the team's arrival, and I have to say it has been a pleasure to see how completely the children have thrown themselves into the Parnell District School experience. As the team gradually depart over the coming weeks, we thank them for all they brought to our school and wish them well in their next adventures. Hopefully, we'll be seeing lots of you back when team New Zealand next defends the cup.

Important Dates: Term One

26/03	<i>Reports available, Assembly Room 25</i>
29/03	<i>Week 9</i>
30/03	<i>Market day – feedback market 2:30-3:30 pm</i>
31/03	<i>Intermediate Open Day</i>
01/04	<i>Assembly Room 29</i>
02/04	<i>Good Friday</i>
05/04	<i>Easter Monday</i>
06/04	<i>Easter holiday (no school)</i>
07/04	<i>Week 10, New Entrant Transition</i>
09/04	<i>Assembly Room 5</i>
12/04	<i>Week 11</i>
13/04	<i>Market day 2:30 -3:30pm</i>
16/04	<i>Assembly: Tokomaru</i>



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Hello everyone!

After the recent lockdowns, C4 is happy to be back and we're making the most of this lovely autumn weather!

Easter falls during term time this year and the school is closed on Tuesday 6th April following the Easter weekend. C4 is open and bookings can be made at [PDS.aimyplus.com](https://pds.aimyplus.com). Please use the "Special Day" button when you arrive at the "Booking In Your Child" page.

A friendly reminder to please book your children in well in advance to both before & after school care. We need to maintain safe staff/child ratios and it's difficult with last minute bookings or when children turn up without a booking.

The holiday programme has been released and there are plenty of exciting events taking place. Please book early as there are limited places.

After school classes are up and running. We will have classes to make up and the timeline will depend on the individual class. I will send reminders out and let you all know when the classes will end. Several classes will now run in to term 2.

Please get in touch with me if you have any questions or would like your child to have a free trial.

Kind regards

Claire



Holiday Programme

C4 Parnell District School

48 Saint Stephens Avenue, Parnell, Auckland,
New Zealand

School Day 8am-3pm \$55
School Day with care 8am-6pm \$75
Trip Day 8am-3pm \$75
Trip Day with care 8am-6pm \$95

Old School Games

Mon
19
Apr



Come and join the C4 team for a day of knuckle bones, elastics, hopscotch, twister and more! Spot prizes and competitions too!

Trip to the Movies

Tue
20
Apr



C4 is off to the brand new cinema in Westfield Newmarket to see Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway!

Sculpey Creations

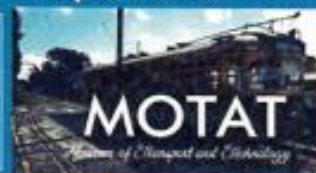
Wed
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Apr



Come and create models with sculpey, a coloured clay. You can make jewellery, small sculptures or figurines! The options are limitless!

Trip to MOTAT

Thu
22
Apr



We're going to visit the Museum of Transport & Technology and explore the fascinating exhibitions plus attend the Rad Robots workshop!

Anzac Day

Fri
23
Apr



Spend the day at C4 learning about this special day on our calendar. We'll make paper poppies and yummy Anzac biscuits!

ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

Mon
26
Apr

C4 Mini Olympics

Tue
27
Apr



C4 is running its own Olympics! We'll set up teams, make a flag and join in the fun with team & individual games. Prizes & medals too!

Trip 10 Pin Bowling

Wed
28
Apr



Come and play ten pin bowling with your C4 friends in Newmarket! Who is going to be crowned the C4 champion?

Italian Culture Day

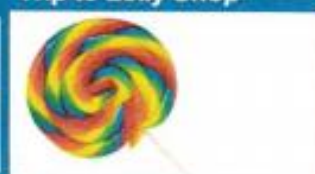
Thu
29
Apr



Let's celebrate all things Italian! We will cook pizza and spend the day making Italian crafts like a pasta picture or a cardboard Pisal lollipop!

Trip to Lolly Shop

Fri
30
Apr



We're going to Takapuna to visit the Old Lolly Shop where we'll watch how candy is made and have a go at making our own swirl lollipop!

Places are limited so book early!

For more information, call 093793008 Or 0272706810
or email claire.j@parnell.school.nz

Book now at pds.aimyplus.com



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PTA 2021 – We need your help!

The PTA is the fund-raising wing of the parent volunteer group at Parnell District School. Our primary objective is to fundraise to provide resources and activities to support all our children's needs.

We have done some amazing things over the years, supporting our children's learning and the wider engagement and spirit of our community. Through sausage sizzles, school Fetes, discos, parent events and more, we have fundraised to provide:

- Two all-weather sports turfs to ensure space for sports practice and play space over winter
- Playground equipment for students to use in the apex and on the field
- Funding for health and safety audit and maintenance of the school play equipment annually
- Support to staff the reading recovery programme for students
- Installed the new sound system in the hall
- New uniforms for sports teams.

However, to keep up the momentum, continue this fundraising for our children and strengthen our community, we ***desperately need more parents!***

A letter will come home in your child's bag on Thursday asking you to identify how you can help the PTA in 2021. We also want to know when the best time would be for meetings to allow as many interested parents as possible to attend. Please complete the form and return it to the school office so we can work to plan the events for the remainder of 2021 and beyond.

Holiday Programmes

APRIL 19-APRIL 30



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GIRLS & BOYS RUGBY



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Age 4-13 years registrations now open!

Rugby is great for developing fitness, team play and ball skills... and Grammar Juniors is one of the leading junior rugby clubs in the central Auckland area. Situated at Shore Road Reserve, we are fortunate to have some of the best fields in Auckland as our home grounds.

Grammar Juniors has a very proactive committee of parents, great coaches and our teams perform well in the competitions within their grades.

Grammar Juniors offers Rugby for girls and boys aged 4-13 years and Ripa (non tackle) rugby for girls and boys aged 4-11 years.



Register online: grammarjuniors.co.nz

Or for more information email: grammarjuniorsrugby@gmail.com

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