



## Newsletter 6, 26<sup>th</sup> May

Kia Ora Whanau,

With the term well underway, It is fabulous to see our students thinking and acting like scientists as they explore earth systems and what makes up our living world. I've never heard so much about the biosphere or hydrosphere, or how the systems work together. As our children explore like scientists, they will be forming and testing a hypothesis, so I'm sure there will be lots of interesting scientific thinking coming to the dinner tables of Parnell too!

This week marks the 4 week of our new OE program. It is such a pleasure to see our learners enjoying their Friday in their area of strength and working with others who share their passion. It has grown from the idea of ensuring all children have the opportunity to develop their areas of strength, and has resulted in 35 different workshops running every Friday. Everything from dance to construction to sports to math and everything in between takes over the school, and it is wonderful to see our children producing amazing results through their OE. Talk with your children about what they've been learning in OE, and what they're working towards.

**Storytelling week and whanau day are coming!**

Week 5 is our Te Ao Māori focus week with the focus of storytelling. We will be exploring the role storytelling plays in continuing traditional Māori stories and culture. Children in the middle and senior school will be venturing to the National Library as part of story telling week The celebration at the end of storytelling week is whanau day!

Whanau day is back and better than ever! It has long been a highlight of the Parnell District School calendar. In 2020 COVID delays forced us to incorporate whanau day into our Twilight Fete, but this year it reclaims it's spot as arguably one of the best days of the year! We have had lots of offers from families to contribute the food of their culture. We do want all families and cultures reflected in our day, so if you've not yet offered to help, please let Miss Holderness know via email on [annabelh@parnell.school.nz](mailto:annabelh@parnell.school.nz) . Friday will be a day of telling the stories of our cultures. As such, we would love to see our students in their favorite cultural outfit or an outfit that is linked to a story that is important to your family.

*Whanau day: 4<sup>th</sup> June, food festival from 12:30*

To support our students in their goal of running a zero waste event, where possible we ask children who are taking part in the food festival to bring a container (with a lid) and cutlery to use throughout the event.

### **Important Dates: Term One**

<b>28/05</b>	<b>Assembly Room 14</b>
<b>31/05</b>	<b>Week 5- Te Ao Maori "Storytelling"</b>
<b>02/06</b>	<b>New Entrant Transition</b>
<b>04/06</b>	<b>Whanau Day</b>
<b>07/06</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Observed</b>
<b>08/06</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day C4 operating day programme</b>
<b>09/06</b>	<b>Week 6- New Entrant Mid-term Start</b>
<b>11/06</b>	<b>Assembly Room 28</b>
<b>14/06</b>	<b>Week 7</b>
<b>15/06</b>	<b>PTA Meeting.</b>
<b>18/06</b>	<b>Assembly Room 1</b>
<b>21/06</b>	<b>Week 8</b>
<b>23/06</b>	<b>Tainui Bakesale</b>
<b>25/06</b>	<b>Reports out. Assembly Enviro</b>
<b>28/06</b>	<b>Week 9</b>
<b>29/06</b>	<b>Conferences</b>
<b>30/06</b>	<b>Conferences, New Entrant Transition Day</b>
<b>02/07</b>	<b>Assembly ESOL, DISCO</b>
<b>05/07</b>	<b>Week 10</b>
<b>09/07</b>	<b>Assembly Tainui</b>

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Hello everyone!

Term two is off to a great start and we're making the most of the good autumn weather.

Just a friendly reminder that C4 is open on the Teacher Only Day after Queen's Birthday – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Please book now at [PDS.aimyplus.com](https://pds.aimyplus.com) if you require care. Bookings must be received by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.

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

Kind regards

Claire

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## PTA news

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who attended our last PTA meeting; it was fantastic to see so many new faces! We really appreciate support from our parents and caregivers to help organise social events and raise funds for additional resources at the school. Being involved in PTA activities provides a great opportunity to meet other parents and families and to make a real difference to Parnell School.

As a PTA, we like to support the staff and students in any area possible. Recently our fundraising efforts have helped fund activities such as the reading recovery programme, playground maintenance, sport team uniforms and equipment and the hall sound system.

What's coming up this term:

- **Thursday 27 May - Mufti day and sausage sizzle**
- **Tuesday 15 June – PTA meeting 8.45am**
- **Wednesday 23 June – Tainui bake sale**
- **Friday 2 July - Light it up! disco. Save this date for the school disco with more details to follow in the next newsletter.**

We hope to see you at our meeting on Tuesday 15 June.

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