



**PARNELL**  
DISTRICT SCHOOL

## Newsletter 7, the 9th of June

Kia Ora Whanau,

Whanau day was the perfect end of our Te Ao Māori 'storytelling' week. Having spent the week exploring traditional Māori stories, we came together to share the stories of our cultures. As is so often the case, sharing stories over food at our international food festival opened the conversations about both how we are special and how we are the same. I do want to thank every member of the community who again made whanau day a highlight for our students through their help and support. Our hard-working ESOL team of Annabel Holderness and Suzanne Parkinson led the charge on whanau day and community storytelling. I want to thank them and their amazing team of dedicated teachers for the work that went into making a seamless event.

We also made huge gains in our goal of a 0 waste event, with total waste for the event weighing in around 200 grams.

Thank you to the hard-working sustainability squad who made sure this event was in line with our sustainable ideals and our value of kaitiakitanga.

This photo captured by one of our teachers shows the sheer volume of support from our community for whanau day, and to me, captures the day that best sums up one of the true treasures of the Parnell District School community.



### *Understanding PaCT reporting*

In week eight, students in year 4-8 (and some children in year 0-3) will be bringing home their PaCT reports, showing the progress children have made in Reading, Writing, and Math. If you'd like to better understand these reports, we'd love you to join us for our parent meetings on the 28th of June at 10 am (via zoom) or at 6 pm in the staff room. We'll discuss how the information is gathered to inform the reports and what they tell you about your child's progress. We'll also talk about the PaCT tool as a whole and how it helps us focus our learning and teaching

programmes. If you have specific questions you'd like covered, please use this form so we can ensure we meet your needs.

***Have you got the skills to help the governance of our school?———  
- Property and Finance sub-committees are recruiting!***

The most recent board elections took place in 2019, for the term 2019 – 2022. As we look towards the next full elections in 2022, we wanted to ensure that, where possible there is a smooth transition of key portfolios. The board are currently working closely with the Ministry of Education to ensure a cohesive plan for roll growth to ensure we have learning spaces to meet the needs of our learners. With a growing roll and further development in the area, this programme will likely be accelerating over the coming years. If you have specific skills in project management, architecture and design, or property, it's likely you can help the school ensure positive outcomes in our dealings with the Ministry.

Oversite of the financial processes of the school is a key role the board takes in ensuring the strategic plan we set together is resourced to ensure accelerated academic outcomes for every student. The finance subcommittee involves a Treasurer, the Executive Officer and the Principal, who are supported by the school's accountants. We work to ensure a hand over between treasurers over time, so community members with a background in finance or accounting this is your chance to help by supporting the Finance subcommittee.

If either of these areas sound like somewhere you can use your skills to support our school, we'd love to hear from you. Let us know your specific areas of strength and interest in joining the Board of Trustees by emailing [kathyb@parnell.school.nz](mailto:kathyb@parnell.school.nz) by the 9th of July.

If these portfolios don't match your specific skill set, but you'd like to know more about the work of the Board of Trustees with a view towards the 2022 elections, please also email [kathyb@parnell.school.nz](mailto:kathyb@parnell.school.nz) and we can get you information about the role of the school trustees.

### **Important Dates: Term Two**

<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>Understanding PaCT Reporting – parent meeting</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: Book Character parade!</b>

# Holiday

JULY 12 - JULY 23

# Programmes

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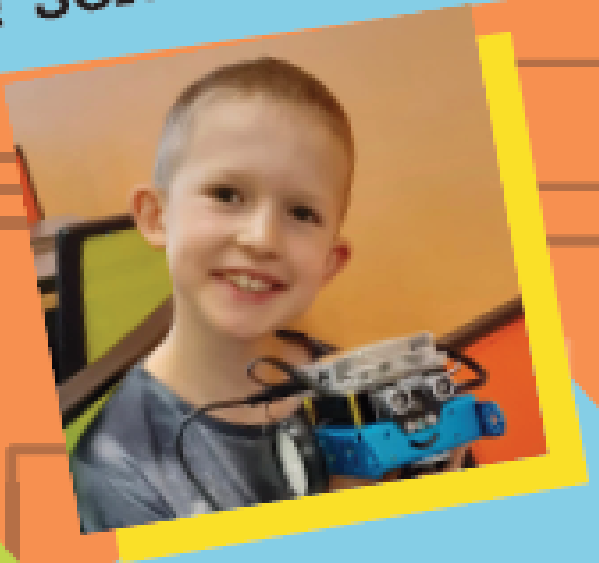
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