



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 8, 17th June

Kia Ora Whanau,

After the excitement of Te Ao Māori storytelling week, we are now well and truly back to thinking like scientists. It has been such a pleasure to visit classes this week and hear our students thinking and talking like scientists, particularly as it relates to earth systems and how our impact on the earth can be minimised. Science topics like this give our students amazing opportunities to show their thinking, and particularly their reading writing and math skills in real life contexts. It is this information that helps us to make the judgements that you will be reading in the PaCT reports that come home on the 25th of June.

PaCT report information sessions

Remember, if you'd like more information about what the PaCT reports tell you about your child's progress, we have an online parent meeting via zoom at 10am, or an in person meeting in the staffroom at 6pm in the staffroom.

The zoom meeting can be found [here](#) , or using meeting ID: 833 4573 2416, and passcode: PaCT
To let us know you'll be at the in person meeting, please email office@parnell.school.nz

Congratulations

We have some exciting news as the PDS whanau is growing. Congratulations are in order for not one but three members of our teaching staff who will be welcoming new members to their whanau. Miss Freeman-Greene (Room 14) and Miss McCann are both pregnant, and will be welcoming their first children later this year. Mr Joint in room 27's wife is in the final stages of her pregnancy, and will welcome their first born towards the end of this term. We know the community will join us on congratulating our staff on this major milestone, and wish them well in their new journey as parents.

Notice of paid union meeting

The national teachers union, NZEI, has informed us of a meeting for all union members in the first step of the teacher pay negotiations for 2022. For our teachers to attend this meeting, school will close for instruction at 12:30 on Tuesday the 22nd of June. For any families who are unable to pick their children up at 12:30, please email office@parnell.school.nz to let them know that supervision is required from 12:30 – 3:00. C4 will operate from 3pm as usual, as will our after-school classes.

School closure - 12:30pm - 22nd June

Important Dates: Term Two

18/06	Assembly Room 1
21/06	Week 8
22/06	School closed for instruction 12:30pm
23/06	Tainui Bakesale
25/06	Reports out. Assembly Enviro
28/06	Week 9
29/06	Conferences
30/06	Conferences, New Entrant Transition Day
02/07	Assembly ESOL, DISCO
05/07	Week 10
09/07	Assembly Tainui

*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 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 and we can get you information about the role of the school trustees.

The C4 holiday programme is ready to go with amazing experiences every day! Look out for the flyer in your child's bag, or head to pds.aimyplus.com for bookings



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