



## **PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL**

### **Newsletter 9, 1 June 2022**

Kia ora e te whānau,

Healthy community week is well underway, with our classes taking many approaches to explore the Health curriculum and its implications in our daily lives. From the role of nutrition in our growing bodies to important places in our community and how we behave safely, a lot is going on! Talk with your children about what they've been focusing on in classes as they dive into the health curriculum. Whanau day is a highlight of our calendar each year and usually coincides with our healthy community week. I want to assure you that whanau day is scheduled in the calendar but will be taking place later in the year when things are a little less COVID-y, and our whole community can enjoy the event!

Parnell District School relies on our community to continue to provide the best learning opportunities for every student who enters our gate. We can't continue to do so without the full support of our community. You can support us by contributing to the school financially through your donation, taking part in the school fundraising and student activities arranged by our parents' group, running a Friday Fizz option, attending school trips and sports events as a supervisor, coaching sports teams, or by volunteering to help in classes or in our library. We appreciate all families may want to support the school in different ways, but your support directly impacts our ability to provide the range of opportunities we do. While we have a truly spectacular staff, we can't do it without you!

#### ***Teacher Only Day Friday***

This Friday, our teachers will be learning all about the new Aotearoa Histories strand of the Social Sciences Curriculum. We are joining with the local Auckland Central Community Of Schools to make the most of the shared opportunity for our schools, including eight local primary schools and Epsom Girls Grammar, to work together to best understand how we can help our children develop their knowledge around this newly introduced aspect of the curriculum. At Parnell District School, we have enjoyed many inquiries that have focused on our shared history and the history of our local area, so we are well ahead of the game in introducing this new aspect. Remember, if you require care on Friday, C4 is operating a programme all day, but places are limited, so book ASAP.

#### ***Increased security concerns in our neighbourhood***

Last week our local MP hosted a community meeting about increased security concerns around Parnell. While the needs varied between the members of the community who attended, there were some important messages for our community.

- If you have an emergency, always call 111
- If you experience any non-emergency situations where someone is breaking the law, please report it. The number of reports the police receive directly relates to the police presence in the area.
- You can report non-emergency incidents by calling 105 or online at <https://www.crimestoppers-nz.org/>

## *Children are welcome on site from 8:30 am*

Please remember that the school grounds are open for children from 8:30 am. Unless you are part of an organized before school sports practice, children should not be on the school grounds before 8:30 am. Student safety is our top priority, and the staff are unable to provide supervision or ensure the safety of our students before 8:30. If you need to drop your children off before 8:30, remember to book them into C4, which operates before and after school.

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

<b>03/06</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day (no school today), C4 open Eastern Zone Boys Football</b>
<b>06/06</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday is a public holiday (no school today)</b>
<b>07/06</b>	<b>Week 6</b>
<b>09/06</b>	<b>Bay Suburbs Football</b>
<b>10/06</b>	<b>Assembly – Room 20</b>
<b>13/06</b>	<b>Week 7</b>
<b>17/06</b>	<b>Assembly – Room 11</b>
<b>20/06</b>	<b>Week 8</b>
<b>23/06</b>	<b>PaCT reports available for families</b>
<b>24/06</b>	<b>Matariki public holiday (no school today)</b>
<b>27/06</b>	<b>Week 9</b>
<b>29/06</b>	<b>Bay Suburbs Netball</b>
<b>01/07</b>	<b>Assembly – Room 16</b>
<b>04/07</b>	<b>Week 10</b>
<b>06/07</b>	<b>Burger day</b>
<b>08/07</b>	<b>Assembly – Tokomaru. School finishes at 3 pm</b>

### **Absentee Reminders**

Just a few reminders from the wonderful office team,

- An absentee notification needs to be made for **every day** children are away.
- If you need bereavement leave or a holiday is planned, please put your request in writing to [enrolment@parnell.school.nz](mailto:enrolment@parnell.school.nz).
- If you are on school grounds for any reason during school time (excluding end of day pickup), you **must** sign in. This ensures children's safety and your safety in case of an emergency.
- If your child is being picked up throughout the day, please come to the office, and one of our team will go to the classroom to get your child.

Please also note that if your child has been away for more than 3-5 days, we can request a medical certificate.

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