



PARNELL
DISTRICT SCHOOL

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Kia Ora e te whānau

Welcome back for Term Three and a term about all things weird and wonderful!

The students will be 'thinking like scientists' as they investigate, observe, and find out about all the amazing living things that call Aotearoa/New Zealand home. Last year when we thought like scientists, we explored astronomy with planet earth and beyond; the year before, we explored potions and reactions. As we build on our understanding of what it is to think like a scientist, we now explore how scientists identify and observe things in the living world. Already this week, some students have found a huge patch of fungi living in the school, which has enabled some wonderful questions and wonderings.

The deep understanding of this Inquiry is that 'Aotearoa is home to living wonders.' The children will be developing their knowledge of the key concepts of evolution, adaptation, diversity, change and survival. Children might be finding out what lives in our school, researching living things and how they have evolved over time, developing an understanding of why Aotearoa has so many unique endemic species and the tools that scientists use to find out about living things.

A key outcome of this Inquiry is students working out how they can make a positive change to help living things either in our school or in the wider community. This may take many forms, depending on what the children are passionate about, but an example might be planting trees to encourage more bird life or creating spaces for more bugs and lizards to live in our school.

In addition to the highly personalised programmes our teachers run focused around the literacy and math goals we set in our term two learning conferences; we have some school-wide foci that link to our Inquiry. In literacy, it's likely that children will be putting their skills into action by recording scientific investigations and sharing their findings in writing non-fiction reports and recounts, as well as reading for information to help them develop their scientific understanding. In Math, children will have a chance to apply their number knowledge to real-life measurement and statistical explorations.

If you have any expertise or experience in this area and would like to help us this term, we would love to hear from you! Please email annas@parnell.school.nz.



Opportunities For Excellence

Opportunities for excellence, often referred to as OE, begins next week! The focus for OE is on giving every student the chance to further develop their expertise in an area of excellence and work with other learners who excel in the same things. From academics, sports, culture and the arts, all aspects of the curriculum are available to our students as we dive into our areas of expertise. We'll be showing off all the hard work we've done when we invite families in term 4. In the meantime, make sure you talk with your child about which OE they're in (they'll find out on Monday 1st August) and what the focus of learning will be!

RED NOSE DAY THIS FRIDAY

The amazing team at Cure Kids work hard all year round to support children and young people in the research into child illnesses. We have the chance to support them this Friday on Red Nose Day! Red noses will be available for sale on Thursday afternoon and Friday before school. Stocks are limited, so if you want a red nose, I suggest you get in first on Thursday afternoon. On Friday, children can donate to Cure Kids and wear red to support their amazing work.



Congratulations to our School Values and Achievement Award Recipients for Term Two!

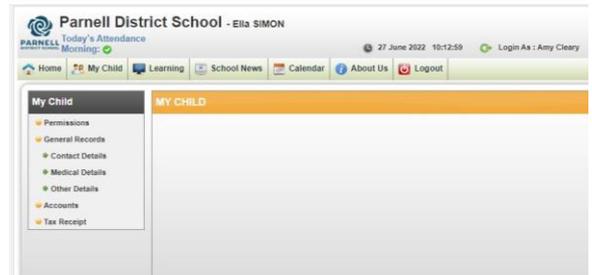
ROOM	SCHOOL VALUES	ACHIEVEMENT
1	Tigerlily Moaveni	Maria Sagidullina
2	Rohan Patnaik	Ateeb Hasan
4	Evan Ng	Thalia Phang
5	Kalin Paresch	Xinshi Li
6	Quinton Davidson	Micah Rumengan
8	Val Aisman	Ashton Cho
9	Boden Liebert	Christmas Zhou
11	Jayden Spangenberg	Yiyang Qu
12	Oscar Haughton	Johnny Li
13	Zainab Ali	Maya Connor
14	Miguel Gabion	Ayla Wheatley
16	Sara Hardani	Quincy Chen
20	Vivian Statham	Claudia Worth
23	Ashley Dalley-Wong	Poppy Ward
24	Tayla Tiaiti-Asiata	Rosie Agraval
25	Theo Downs	Asher Armstrong
26	Misha Mok	Bianca Tuffley
28	Ineshka Dayaratne	Keira Adjani
29	Alena Sudjiman	William Chen
30	Linh Trinh	Ariana Knyazeva
ESOL	Gino Rodriguez & Rohan Patnaik	

Important Dates: Term Three

25/07	Term Three Begins
28/07	Auckland Grammar Band performance (year 4-8)
29/07	Assembly: Service Leaders, Eastern Zone Netball Red Nose Day – bring a donation to cure kids. Wear RED and support Red Nose Day
01/08	Week 2
05/08	Assembly: Room 11, OE Begins
08/08	Week 3, PAT testing this week (year 3-8)
09/08	ICAS writing
11/08	ICAS Digital Technologies
12/08	CROSS COUNTRY (no assembly today)
15/08	Week 4, Eastern Zone Girls Basketball
16/08	ICAS English
17/08	No uniform - Dress like your hero day! PTA sausage sizzle
19/08	Assembly: Room 14
22/08	Week 5: Performing Arts Week
25/08	ICAS spelling
26/08	Assembly: Room 23
29/08	Week 6, Bay Suburbs + Eastern Bays Cross Country
01/09	Performing Arts Celebration of Learning
02/09	Assembly: Room 13
05/09	Week 7
07/09	Bay Suburbs Basketball
09/09	Assembly: Room 25
12/09	Week 8
14/09	PTA Bake Sale (Tainui and Aotea)
16/09	Assembly: Room 24, PTA Disco
19/09	Week 9
21/09	Parent helper Morning tea 9
22/09	Book fair opens
23/09	Assembly: Room 1
26/09	Week 10
28/09	Burger Fuel Burger Day
30/09	Assembly: Tainui, Book Character Parade

Accessing Tax Receipts

For those of you wanting to access your tax receipts, this can be done quickly through the parent eTAP portal at www.atschool.co.nz and then entering your username and password. Then all you have to do is click on the "My Child" tab and then "Tax Receipts" at the bottom. This function is updated automatically when you make a payment, so there is no need to wait for a specific date or time. The receipt will auto-generate when payment is processed in eTAP by the school. If you need your password etc., emailed to you, please just email office@parnell.school.nz, and we will be happy to send this out to you.



Parnell District School Cross Country

Our students have started practising for the upcoming Cross Country (Friday 12th August), with daily practice hopefully leading to adding regular physical activity into our lives in an enjoyable way. Our Cross Country is also a fund-raising event organised by our amazing PTA team. Check the bottom of your child's school bag if you haven't seen the fundraising sheet yet; they will be making their way home this week!

Year 0-3 will be competing at school, with races starting at 9:00 am and likely to finish around 10:10.

Year 4-8 will be competing at Shore Road Reserve, with races starting from 10:35.

Order of events

- Year 8 Girls/Boys (10:35 am)
- Year 4 Girls
- Year 4 Boys
- Year 7 Girls
- Year 7 Boys
- Year 6 Girls
- Year 6 Boys
- Year 5 Girls
- Year 5 Boys

If you are available to help as a marshal on the day, please email rangir@parnell.school.nz. We need lots of parent helpers to keep our kids safe and on the right track!

Community Notices



LOOKING FOR PART TIME WORK?

Telesales/ Customer Service New Business - Auckland

Cleancorp is a successful franchise company generating sustained growth over the last few years. We have a 'can-do' culture, and our people are encouraged to strive to be the best they can be.

Our offices are located at 27 Gillies Avenue, Newmarket.

We are looking for a Telesales Superstar to help grow our business, making appointments for our Business Development Managers.

We are offering:

- 25-30 hours per week, with flexible work from home options available for the successful candidate after an initial training period
- Attractive hourly rate
- Opportunity for development and promotion within the company
- Small friendly team

The following requirements are essential in this position:

- Excellent communication skills and telephone manner
- Data entry capability
- Determination, patience and resilience

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