



## PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

### Newsletter 13: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Kia Ora e te whānau

It has been a hectic few weeks at Parnell District School as our children continue the hard work of thinking like scientists! This has included using the scientific model in their classes and following the model while investigating the world around us. Remember to talk to your children about how they think like scientists, the hypothesis they've developed and how they've tested them, or how they used their skills of thinking like a scientist when they left school to explore science in the world. Our Year 0-1 students have been exploring life science at Arataki. Year 6 have been working with our friends at DOC on Rangitoto Island. Thank you to all the parents and whānau who made these trips possible, both through their donations to the activity contribution and by attending the trip to help keep our children safe.



## Board of Trustees elections

Nominations for parent trustees closed last week, and we can announce that our parent trustees on the board are: Hishaam Mirza, Gina Xu, Craig Wheatley, Kirsten Austin and Jo Wilkins. They join Richard and the staff representative to make up the school board.

We thank and farewell our outgoing board members, John Worth (current chair and board member for six years) and Kenneth Sun (board member for three years). The role of School governance is a complex one, and our school is fortunate to have such high-quality candidates commit their time to support the school. To read a reflection from our board about our key achievements over the last term, please see the attached board communication.

## Dress like your hero and Pizza Day



Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August is a non-uniform day. The theme is 'dress like your hero', and we encourage everyone to think about whom they look up to and emulate them in their attire for the day! Our PTA is also showing the school value of innovation, and we have our first Pizza Day in place of our usual sausage sizzle. Use the my kindo app to order your child's pizza by 4 PM Thursday.

## We're a TaxGift School

We're a TaxGift School! You can grow your donations to Parnell District School by signing up to [TaxGift](#) and gifting us the tax credits on your donations.

Please visit [TaxGift](#) for more information, and thank you in advance.



# CROSS COUNTRY

## FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 12 AUGUST



**Wear house colours**

**Get sponsored**

**Win prizes!**

**Sponsor forms returned to office by Thursday 18 August will go in the draw to win a spot prize!**

Rain date Friday 19 August

### Cross Country

We can't wait for Cross Country this Friday (rain date Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August).

Don't forget to get your sponsorship forms into the office by Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, so your child's name can go in the draw to win one of our incredible spot prizes! These prizes will be drawn at Assembly Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

For those wanting to come along and cheer on your children as they run, below is the order for the day's races.

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

9:15 Year 3 Girls  
9:25 Year 3 Boys  
9:35 Year 2 Girls  
9:45 Year 2 Boys  
9:55 Year 1 Girls  
10:05 Year 1 Boys

**Year 4-8** will be competing at **Shore Road Reserve**, with races starting from **10:35** am and likely to finish 1:00 pm.

10:35 Year 8 Girls/Boys  
11:05 Year 7 Girls/Boys  
11:30 Year 4 Girls/Boys  
11:50 Year 6 Girls/Boys  
12:20 Year 5 Girls/Boys

**WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS!**

## Accessing Tax Receipts

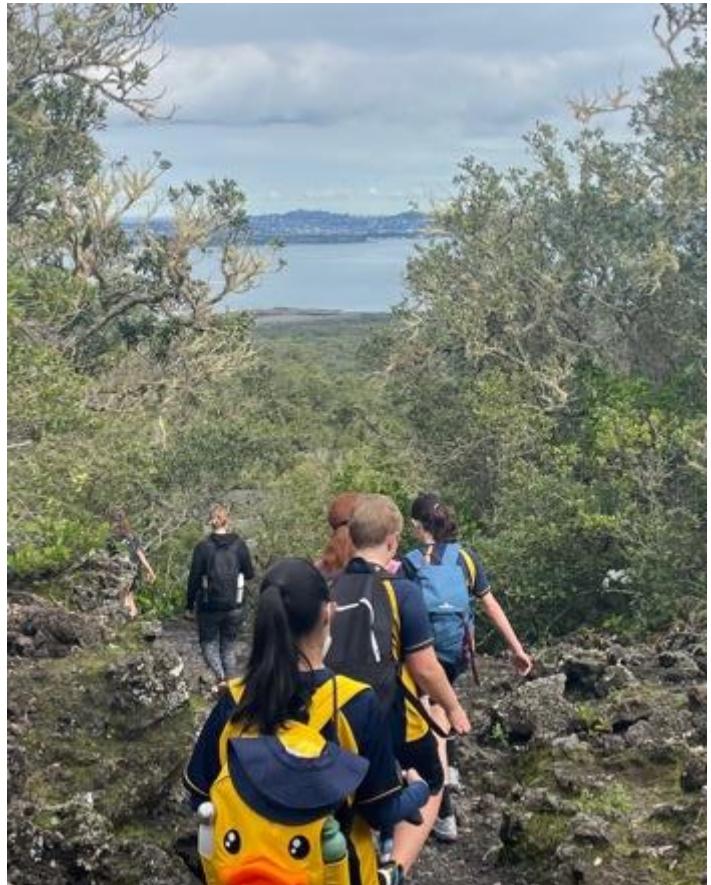
For those of you wanting to access your tax receipts, this can be done quickly through the parent eTAP portal at [www.atschool.co.nz](http://www.atschool.co.nz) and then entering your username and password. Then all you have to do is click on the "My Child" tab and then "Tax Receipts" at the bottom. 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](mailto:office@parnell.school.nz), and we will be happy to send this out to you.



## Thinking ahead to 2023

We're at that time again when we start planning for how we'll organise the school to make sure every child has the best learning opportunities for 2023. If you have any information, we need to know to make sure your child's placement is going to best support their learning, please email [placement@parnell.school.nz](mailto:placement@parnell.school.nz) to let us know. It would be appropriate to let us know things like particular curriculum areas that are a focus for your child's development, specific styles of learning that best help your child to succeed, or any barriers to learning that you've noticed at home that we may be unaware of.

It is not appropriate to request specific teachers or specific groups of students other than your own whānau to be placed together. These requests will be disregarded. Please avoid disappointment by resisting the urge to make such a request.



## Important Dates: Term Three

<b>11/08</b>	<b>ICAS Digital Technologies</b>
<b>12/08</b>	<b>CROSS COUNTRY (no assembly today) wear house colours</b>
<b>15/08</b>	<b>Week 4, Eastern Zone Girls Basketball</b>
<b>16/08</b>	<b>ICAS English</b>
<b>17/08</b>	<b>No uniform - Dress like your hero day! PTA PIZZA DAY</b>
<b>19/08</b>	<b>Assembly: Room 14</b>
<b>22/08</b>	<b>Week 5: Performing Arts Week</b>
<b>25/08</b>	<b>ICAS spelling</b>
<b>26/08</b>	<b>Assembly: Room 23</b>
<b>29/08</b>	<b>Week 6, Bay Suburbs + Eastern Bays Cross Country</b>
<b>01/09</b>	<b>Performing Arts Celebration of Learning</b>
<b>02/09</b>	<b>Assembly: Room 13</b>
<b>05/09</b>	<b>Week 7</b>
<b>07/09</b>	<b>Bay Suburbs Basketball</b>
<b>09/09</b>	<b>Assembly: Room 25</b>
<b>12/09</b>	<b>Week 8</b>
<b>14/09</b>	<b>PTA Bake Sale (Tainui and Aotea)</b>
<b>16/09</b>	<b>Assembly: Room 24</b>
<b>19/09</b>	<b>Week 9</b>
<b>21/09</b>	<b>Parent helper Morning tea 9</b>
<b>22/09</b>	<b>Book fair opens</b>
<b>23/09</b>	<b>Assembly: Room 1, PTA Disco</b>
<b>26/09</b>	<b>Week 10</b>
<b>28/09</b>	<b>Burger Fuel Burger Day</b>
<b>30/09</b>	<b>Assembly: Tainui, Book Character Parade</b>

## Uniform Donations

Thank you to those who have donated uniforms to our school's second-hand uniform shop. It is making such a difference to our families. We are still in need of more. We are specifically in need of larger sizes (size eight and up) of jackets/fleeces and shirts of all sizes. Thank you in advance

# Taniwha Year 7/8

## Thinking as scientists... and authors!



We're 3 weeks into Term 3 and Year 7 and 8 students have survived the wet weather and cross-country training to dive into our exciting new inquiry.

We began by exploring the different adaptations of NZ birds through the Auckland Museum curiosity crates and the chance to touch and compare museum artefacts such as bird wings and feathers amongst other creatures.

We had an informative and engaging visit from renowned NZ author Des Hunt who helped us to craft our writing skills through interactive physics and chemistry demonstrations!

In other learning areas, students have begun data collection investigations, written reports on animal, plant and fungi species and continued to refine their algebra and measurement knowledge.

### Des Hunt Author visit



Des Hunt entertains students with a physics experiment demonstrating how good author's engage readers.

### Sporting Superstars



Our Year 7/8 Boys Netball game after their final dramatic and action-packed match.

### Language Learners

Language learning is a focus for Taniwha students

--this Kuki Airani (Cook Islands Maori) resource was created by a student to celebrate Cook Islands language week.

KUKI AIRANI NUMBERS		
English	Māori	Kuki Airani
One	Te	Te
Two	Rua	Rua
Three	Toru	Toru
Four	Wha	A
Five	Rima	Rima
Six	Ono	Ono
Seven	Whitu	Yu
Eight	Nau	Nau
Nine	Iwa	Iwa
Ten	Toku	Nga uru



Taniwha Students enjoy the curiosity crates from Auckland Museum

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