



PARNELL
DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 14: 24th August 2022

Kia Ora e te whānau

Performing arts week is well underway, as our children put their scientific thinking on pause while they think like musicians for the week. Across the school, this includes exploring a range of instruments, making instruments using found items to make sound, making sound effects, recording sound and voice, singing and more. The range of exciting opportunities on display around the music and sound arts curriculum is another example of the wonderfully talented staff at Parnell District School, as our teachers share more of their talents with our learners.



Join us to see all the amazing learning of performing arts week!

Our children would love to share what they've been learning during performing arts week on Thursday the 1st of September.

Year 0-3: Come along on Thursday 1st September, 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Visit the classrooms to see what we've been working on from 1:45-2:15, with some performances in the hall from 2:15 pm - 2:45 pm

Year 4-8: Come along on Thursday 1st September 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Visit classrooms to see what children have been making and doing from 5:30 - 6:15, with some performances in the hall from 6:15 - 7:00 pm

2023 enrolments

Parnell District School is strictly governed by an enrolment zone, meaning only families who live in the school zone as dictated by the Ministry of Education are able to enrol in our school. The only exception to this is when families have lived in the zone for 18 months or greater, then move out of the zone, they are able to remain at our school. If this is you, and you've got younger children, we are able to enrol siblings of current students as out-of-zone places when they turn five. If this is the case for your family, please email enrolment@parnell.school.nz so we can ensure that we follow the correct process to allow your child to enrol when they turn five.

Cross Country Results

Congratulations to everyone who participated in our Cross Country. Whether your goal was to finish first or just to finish without stopping, I want to celebrate every student who set themselves a goal and worked to achieve it. Below, we celebrate the children who came First, Second, and Third in each year level. Remember, certificates will be presented in our sports assembly at the end of the term.

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
First	Marcus Tonkin	Izzy Davidson	Tom Carney	Gabrielle Mirza	Lincoln Palmer	Izzy Cleary
Second	Alex Smeeton	Husna Samadi	Emmanuel Bolarinwa	Bianca Tuffley	Jacob Plowman	Sophia Warren
Third	Archie Wilson	Florence Griffiths	Julian Sone-Litfin	Sophia Best	Toby Smeeton	Tigerlilly Moaveni



	Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
First	Stanley Plowman	Maya Connor	Bardia Bayat Moghadam	Ava Arrowsmith	Oliver Billcliff	Bella Andrew
Second	Henry Wright	Eva Wilkins	Oscar Haughton	Annabel Johnson	Hosea Joung	Lily Connor
Third	Oliver Berryman	Nicole Wells	Elliot Palmer	Neva Grant	Hugo Neville-White	Claudia Worth

	Year 7		Year 8	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
First	Noah Wilkins	Abi Ghebremicheal	Spencer Brinsdon	Trixie Blackburn
Second	Rahul Natali	Lauren Wells	James Duffey	Hannah Billcliff
Third	Daniel Walkinshaw	Zoe Smit	Hugo Boyer	Kitty Wang



Farewell Miss Marra

This week we farewell Miss Val Marra, who has resigned as she makes the move to Japan to join her partner. Val has been at Parnell District School for a long time and leaves behind her a significant legacy, particularly around all things sports. We thank Val for her hard work and commitment to our learners and wish her continued success as she works towards her move to Japan.

Lost Property

Our lost property has relocated from the office to outside the library! We have noticed a lot of jumpers piling up, so PLEASE remember to label your children's uniforms and regularly check outside the library for lost uniforms.

Uniform Donations

Speaking of uniforms, 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, however, 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.

Important Dates: Term Three

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 Evening 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
19/09	Week 9
21/09	Parent helper Morning tea 9
22/09	Book fair opens
23/09	Assembly: Room 1, PTA Disco
26/09	Week 10
28/09	Burger Fuel Burger Day
30/09	Assembly: Tainui, Book Character Parade

Sustainability Squad - in need of wool

The Sustainability Squad is humbly requesting that anyone who has any My Food Bag Wool (the stuff they use for insulating) please bring it to the STEAM rooms. Room 17 and 19.

As you may know, we use this material to keep our plants healthy and alive. It is also useful for keeping our compost and worm bins healthy and warm for the winter months.

Please help us save this planet.

If you have any of this wool, please bring it to Room 17. Sustainability Squad headquarters and senior STEAM room, or to the office.

PTA News

We've had an exciting start to Term 3 with several events organised by the PTA to raise additional funds for the school and provide fun activities for the children.

Cross Country

Week 3 ended with the school Cross Country Fundraiser, with prizes to be won for those returning their sponsorship forms. Prizes were presented by the Sports Leaders and Mr George at Week 4's assembly (more details on the following page).

Pizza Day

Last week we also ran our first Pizza Day! In conjunction with the "Dress like your hero" themed non-uniform day, \$600 was raised for the PTA.

Summer Fun Disco

Looking forward, Week 8 brings the annual PDS Disco!! On Friday, 23 September, this year's theme is "Summer Fun", so dive to the back of your wardrobe to dig out your sun hat and jandals! See the poster for more details. If you can volunteer time or resources for the disco, please get in contact with the PTA via the [office](#).

Schools App

Don't miss out on the news about our PTA events - download the [School Apps NZ](#) app on your phone and have notifications turned on!

Volunteers

The PTA is always looking for new members to join the crew with whatever time commitment you can give. Please email the office at office@parnell.school.nz if you'd like to join us or want to know more!



Ahi Team

“To show, not tell.” What can you see?

Ahi In Action
Y4-6 Term 3





Alone by Sophia

It was an extremely quiet evening, a grey blanket of mist echoed my mood-my world was devoid of colour except for the red tulip settling in my palms.

I took a seat on the vintage bench founded by my father as I remembered what a failure I was compared to him. He could finish lighting all the lamps in London and me. . . well I could only manage to get half of them lit by nightfall.

Trying to find the spark inside me didn't work one bit; I was low on energy and trudged all the way home.



Writing strategy

LI: to show, not tell

Give the reader an inside view.

I knew it would happen, but it was still hard to take it in. I felt a teardrop as I was packing my bags. I couldn't believe it was my last time here.
(Sasha)

The first time I tried, my heart sank looking at the score on the screen. On my second attempt, my hopes were high. A good attempt. Almost perfect.
(Emily)

I crouch down. My heart beats quickly. I spot my target, aim and fire. A gunshot filled the forest. The ammo generates speed rapidly. When it hit my opponent, it exploded into paint. (Quincy)

I looked around the room. I tried to talk, but no words came out. I tried to force some words out, but nothing came. My mind was blank. I was straining to think of what I was supposed to say, but nothing came to my mouth. (James)

My special Grandma by Neva

Her short, silky, blonde hair sits neatly on her shoulders as she trims the bushes.

She's as gentle as a mouse, yet as strong as a lion.

Her kind smile greets you as she offers you a slice of her freshly baked pie.

Her blue eyes twinkle like the sea.

She always dresses like she's at the north pole, even when the heating is on full.

My Grandma.

Cross Country Fundraiser Friday 12 August



Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's Cross Country Fundraiser. Those who completed their sponsorship forms and returned them to the office were entered into the prize draw to win vouchers, lessons and sports equipment donated by local businesses. Thanks to the PTA, we raised \$8,537 to spend on new school sporting equipment. Thank you to everyone who participated.

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Years 0-1 Fundraising Prize Winners

Diyendra Siriwardena, Terry Han, Asia Luv, Sophia Warren, Jian Kim, Denise Chen, Marco Luo



Years 4-6 Fundraising Prize Winners

Alana Van den Eeden, Jesse Odiase, Esther Poutoa, David Tolero, Klein Tan, Winston Edwards, Evie Dalbeth (absent)



Year 7-8 Fundraising Prize Winners

Jimmy Lin, Noah Wilkins, Carter Tahapehi, Ethan Oakley, Matthew Meyburgh



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