



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 1: 9th February 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

We started our first assembly with a reminder for every child of our school values: *Kaitiakitanga, Innovation and Truth*. The start of our year has been an opportunity for us to bring those values to life. First, showing Kaitiakitanga for our students and staff who were impacted by the significant weather, and second, innovation as we quickly changed school to begin instruction online when we were mandated to shut. With that behind us, it was wonderful to welcome our students back in person on Friday.

Meet the Teacher Picnic: Friday 10th February, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Come along and join our community (tomorrow) for the Meet the Teacher Picnic. This evening is a chance to get acquainted with your child's teacher and understand how their classroom runs. Your teacher will talk to you about their programme, cover key topics like home learning and device usage, and how you can work together for the best outcomes for your child. If you have any specific questions about how your child's class runs, there will be time for a chat with the teacher on the evening.

5:30 - 5:45 pm - Year 0-1 and Year 4-6 classes presentations

Room 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 23

5:45 - 6:00 pm - Year 2-3 and Year 7-8 class presentations

Room 1, 2, 4, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

6:00 - 7:00 pm - whānau picnic on the field.

Join us for a picnic, get to know the community, and meet the staff. Pack a picnic and a blanket for your family.

Wet weather plan: *If bad weather should return, class presentations will go ahead between 5:30 and 6:00 pm, and the picnic portion will be cancelled.*

Digital Citizenship Notices

Parnell District School uses digital devices to support and extend the curriculum, enhancing learning for all students. Students in year 0-3 will, at times, use class devices, while children in year 4-8 will either use their own device as part of the BYOD programme, or a school issued device. Information about how the school keeps children safe online, expectations for children, and expectations for whānau are summarised in the *Digital Citizenship Agreement* form that is coming home in your children's bags today. Please take time to read through this with your child, explain their expectations, and return it to school when you have agreed to the expectations.

Reporting in 2023

We work hard to give you a full picture about how your child is working at school. To do this, we split our two reports into four reports in 2020. This means you get information about your child every term, with a different focus each term. For 2023, you will get four reports.

Term 1 Focus: Student learning behaviors and work ethic in class.

You'll get a report from your class teacher focusing on how they are working in class, how they are showing the school values, and their relationships with classmates.

Term 2 Focus: Literacy and Math

A report using the Ministry of Education developed PaCT tool, showing their current achievement and progress over time in Literacy and Math. These reports are made based on PAT testing results, months of ongoing formative assessment, and monitoring of student work by our teachers. We are aware that understanding achievement as it relates to the New Zealand Curriculum is difficult. We provide these reports before teacher conferences, so parents have a chance to read what the report includes, then discuss with their teacher what report indicates regarding achievement and progress.

Term 3 Focus: Work habits and achievement across the curriculum

Revisiting the work habits reported on in term one, to let you know how your child is working in class, as well as indicating their current achievement in other curriculum areas, including Health and PE, Science, Design Thinking and Social Sciences.

Term 4 Focus: Literacy and Math

Using the Ministry of Education's PaCT reporting, revisiting the mid-year judgements made by teachers showing the progress children have made over the second half of the year in Literacy and Math.

Fundraising 2023

2023 is set to be an even bigger year for PDS as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the school. We recognise that this is an occasion worth celebrating in style with something for everyone - our PDS community, the wider Parnell community and former whanau and friends of PDS.

Celebrations will take shape over the course of the year. We are going to need your help. If you would like to be a part of the team making this momentous 150th celebration, come to life, then we'd love to hear from you. We're looking for three tribes:

- One to work on a PDS whānau cookbook.
- One to bring to life a Winter Gala dinner that will be talked about for the next 150 years
- One to bring together a Fete for the beginning of term 2.

We suspect there may be many former PDS whanau and friends who may also be keen to immerse themselves in this 150th fun. Feel free to reach far and wide to your networks and pass on any interest via office@parnell.school.nz or directly to Amy at the office.

Start of year reminders

We want to make sure our community are clear about our school's expectations so that we can avoid difficulties for students and families later in the year. While there should be no new information below, we'd suggest you talk through this information with your child, so they know all relevant expectations

School hours

No children should be on site before 8:30 am, or after school after 3:15pm. Some children may be on site with their parents supervising them, but for the safety of our community no unsupervised children should be on site before or after school. The school is unable to supervise children before 8:30 am as teachers prepare for learning, or after 3:15 pm. If your child is regularly on site before or after school unsupervised, they will be sent to C4 and charges will apply.

Bells indicate our learning times, with the first block starting at 8:55am. Our break times are:

Morning tea: 10:40 am eating time, 10:50 - 11:10 am play time

Lunch: 12:40 pm eating time, 12:50 - 1:30 pm play time.

The school day ends at 3:00 pm

Uniform

The school uniform expectations are outlined on the school website, and at the end of this newsletter. Some common reminders I give to children are

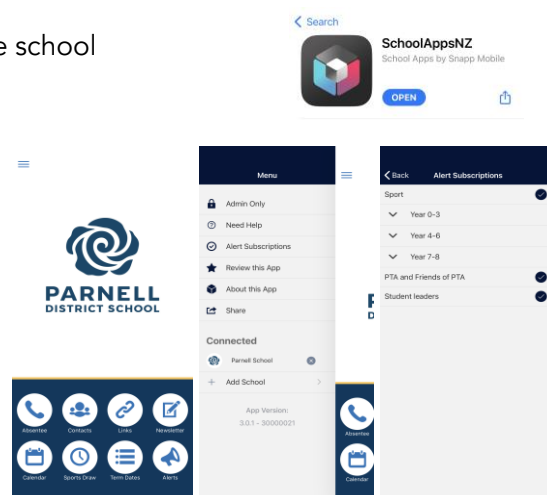
- No children should be wearing **jewelry** at school. Children may wear a watch, and one pair of stud earrings. No bracelets, necklaces, or other jewelry. If your child wears specific cultural jewelry, please send a note outlining its significance to your class teacher.
- You must have a **hat** for break times and any outdoor learning in term 1 and 4. It can be any hat if you don't have the official school hat, provided it is blue, has a brim right around the hat, and doesn't have any branding or logos on it. No caps.
- Children can wear **shoes** or sandals most days, but on days when they are in the STEAM room, they must wear closed toe shoes.
- Anyone's **hair** that touches their collar must be tied up.
- Any **visible undergarments** should be black, navy blue or white.

School App

Sign up for the school app. It is often the most timely way the school communicates with whānau, and shares information.

When looking for the app in the app store, look for [SchoolAppsNZ](#), and then add Parnell School. Remember to choose the year group and room number that applies to your children.

For our whānau who have signed up in the past, check your subscriptions are correct for the year level and room number to make sure you don't miss any information.



Important Dates: Term One

Term One: 31st January - 6th April

No school dates: 6th February (Waitangi day), 17th March (Teacher only day)

7/2	Week 2
10/2	Assembly: Student Leaders First Sushi Friday (bring \$8 exact cash to the classroom) Meet the teacher picnic at 5:30 pm
13/2	Week 3, PAT testing this week, First inquiry: Legacy
15/2	Fundraising team meeting
17/2	Assembly: Room 30, Friday Fizz begins!
20/2	Week 4
22/2	Non-uniform day
24/2	Assembly: Room 28
27/2	Week 5
3/3	Assembly: Room 26, Year 5-8 swimming trials
6/3	Week 6
10/3	Assembly: Room 12
13/3	Week 7
16/3	<i>EZ Swimming</i>
17/3	Teacher-only day (C4 open), <i>BS Swimming</i>
20/3	Week 8
22/3	Fundraising team meeting, Aotea bake sale
24/3	Assembly: Room 16, New parent breakfast
27/3	Week 9
29/3	Priority learner meetings
31/3	Assembly: Enviro, Term 1 reports
3/4	Week 10
6/4	Aotea Assembly, term one ends
7/4	Good Friday

EZ - Easter Zone (year 7/8)

BS - Bay Suburbs (years 5-6)

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Closed shoes for the STEAM and TECH room.



Term 1 and 4 and sunny days.



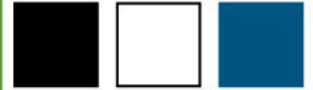
Extra jackets and coats are ok when coming to and from school.



Watch, 1 pair of earrings and any items of cultural significance.

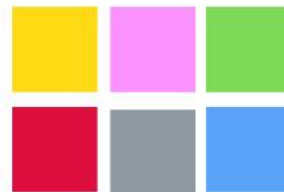


Hair that sits BELOW your shoulders needs to be tied up.



Warm layer colours .

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Register Now!

GIRLS & BOYS RUGBY



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Age 4-13 years registrations now open!

Rugby is great for developing fitness, team play and ball skills... and Grammar Juniors is one of the leading junior rugby clubs in the central Auckland area. Situated at Shore Road Reserve, we are fortunate to have some of the best fields in Auckland as our home grounds.

Grammar Juniors has a very proactive committee of parents, great coaches and our teams perform well in the competitions within their grades.

Grammar Juniors offers Rugby for girls and boys aged 4-13 years and Ripa (non tackle) rugby for girls and boys aged 4-11 years.



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