



**PARNELL**  
DISTRICT SCHOOL

## Holiday Update Newsletter

Kia Ora e te Whānau,

The 31<sup>st</sup> of January is fast approaching, and 2023 is set to be a big year for Parnell District School. 2023 marks 150 years since our school opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1873. We have many events coming up to celebrate the milestone.

We are excited to present the year ahead info. After some disruptions to our ability to plan ahead, we have a high level of certainty that our planned events will take place. To this end, below you'll see the years events term by term. Our 2023 planners are currently being printed and will be delivered via your oldest child as soon as they arrive. We understand the impact late notice and changes in plans have had on our families over the last three years.

### *2023 classes*

The allocation of students to classes is a complex and challenging process every year. We believe it is vital that your child's specific strengths and areas for growth are considered as we create combinations of teachers and students to ensure every child is best poised for success. Class lists will be displayed on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> of January, on the central courtyard noticeboard. We have had a large number of new enrolments since school finished in December. If you are a new enrolment and don't see your name on the list, please rest assured that you have been assigned to a class, and the office can help you find your class on day 1.

### *Welcome to our new teachers*

We welcome four new team members to the PDS whānau this year. Two will be familiar faces to many, with two joining us from further afield. Together they bring a range of skills and experience, along with a determination to provide the best learning outcomes for every student. Welcome to:

- Nalisha Kershaw joining the year 0-1 team.
- Kate Brookson-Morris joining the year 2-3 team.
- Caleb Billings joining the year 4-6 team.
- Allicia Veenhof joining the year 7-8 team.

Introduce yourself to our amazing new team members and help them feel part of the community when you attend our meet the teacher picnic on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February.

### *Fundraising 2023*

In 2022, our hard-working fundraising team raised a total of \$19,882. That funding is invested in your children. \$10,000 goes to maintaining our playgrounds and break time equipment. The remaining \$9,882 helps contribute to the cost of our student support programmes, specifically reading recovery for our junior students. A special mention of thanks goes to our wonderful fundraising team, including parent reps, who have been instrumental throughout the year in engaging our community and leading fundraising initiatives that go towards enhancing opportunities for our children.

Looking forward to 2023, it's 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're going to need a little 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 whanau cookbook.
- One to bring to life a winter gala dinner that will be talked about for 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](mailto:office@parnell.school.nz) or directly to Amy.

### ***Prepare for success***

Set yourself and your child up for a successful start to the year. As we build up for the start of the 2023 academic year, I'd suggest the following three things:

#### ***Talk with your child about their learning goals for 2023***

What are your goals for 2023? What are the goals your whānau have for your children for 2023? Start the year with a purpose and set goals that you want to achieve. These might be academic goals, like improving your basic facts or better planning your writing. You might have work habits goals, like checking with the teacher when you're unsure of what's expected or making sure you are working with other students to stay focused. You may have social goals around working with others or building positive relationships with new friends and classmates. Whatever your goals are, talk together as a family about what you hope to achieve and what success will look like.

#### ***Have your stationery ready for day 1***

Learning starts on day 1. We launch straight into our mini-inquiry, 'creating our culture', so be ready for learning with your stationery ready to go. You can get your stationery list [here](#), or at <https://parnell.school.nz/stationery/>

#### ***Check that uniform***

It's been a minute since your child pulled on that polo; check that everything fits and your uniform is ready to go. Hats are compulsory in terms one and four, so make sure that the blue bucket hat is in the bag for day 1. Make the most of wearing those necklaces, bracelets, and crazy headbands during the holidays because we know those are not part of our uniform and need to stay home when we return to school. Remind yourself of the uniform requirements [here](#) or at <https://parnell.school.nz/uniform/>

## Important Dates: Term One

Term One: 31<sup>st</sup> January - 6<sup>th</sup> April

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

31/1	Term 1 begins at 9:00am
3/2	Assembly 9:00am
6/2	Waitangi day (No School)
7/2	Week 2
10/2	Assembly: Student Leaders, 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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**Important Dates: Term Two**

Term Two: 24<sup>th</sup> April - 30<sup>th</sup> June

No school dates: 25<sup>th</sup> April (ANZAC day), 5<sup>th</sup> June (Kings Birthday), 19<sup>th</sup> May (Teacher only day)

	24/4	Week 1 Online learning day
	25/4	ANZAC day
	28/4	Assembly: House Captains
150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	1/5	Week 2,
	3/5	Whānau day
	5/5	Assembly: Room 11
	6/5	School fete
	8/5	Week 3 - Second inquiry: Communication
	10/5	Fundraising team meeting
	12/5	Assembly: Room 24
	15/5	Week 4
	17/5	Non-uniform day
	18/5	BS Football
	19/5	Teacher-only day, C4 open
	22/5	Week 5
	24/5	EZ Girls Football
	26/5	Assembly: ESOL
	29/5	Week 6
	30/5	EZ Y7 Football
	1/6	EZ Y8 Boys Football
	2/6	Assembly: Room 1
	5/6	King's Birthday
	6/6	Week 7
	9/6	Assembly: Room 13, New Parent Breakfast
	12/6	Week 8
	14/6	Fundraising team meeting, Bake sale Te Arawa
	16/6	Assembly: Room 2, PaCT reports
	19/6	Week 9
	20/6	Learning Conferences
	22/6	Learning Conferences
	23/6	Assembly: Enviro team, Disco
	26/6	Week 10
	28/6	BS Netball
	30/6	Te Arawa Assembly

## Important Dates: Term Three

Term Three: 17<sup>th</sup> July - 22<sup>nd</sup> September

17/7	Week 1
21/7	Assembly: Room 4, <i>EZ Netball</i>
24/7	Week 2, PAT testing this week
28/7	Assembly: Room14, OE begins
31/7	Week 3
2/8	Fundraising team meeting
4/8	School Cross Country
7/8	Week 4, STEAM FOCUS WEEK
11/8	Assembly: Room25
14/8	Week 5, <i>BS/EZ Cross Country</i> Third inquiry: Energy
18/8	Assembly: Room 29
21/8	Week 6
25/8	Assembly: Room 6
28/8	Week 7
1/9	Assembly: Room20, New parent breakfast
4/9	Week 8
5/9	<i>BS Basketball</i>
6/9	Fundraising team meeting, Tokomaru Bake sale
8/9	Assembly: Room 5
11/9	Week 9, <i>EZ Girls Basketball</i>
13/9	Priority learner meetings
14/9	<i>EZ Boys Basketball</i>
15/9	Assembly: Enviro, Term 3 reports
18/9	Week 10
22/9	Tokomaru Assembly

## Important Dates: Term Four

Term Three: 9<sup>th</sup> October - 18<sup>th</sup> December  
 No school dates: 23<sup>rd</sup> October (Labour day)

9/10	Week 1	
13/10	Assembly: Room 8	
16/10	Week 2	
20/10	Assembly: Room23	
23/10	Labour day	
24/10	Week 3	
25/10	Fundraising team meeting	
27/10	Assembly STEAM 0-6	
30/10	Week 4	
31/10	Year 0-3 Athletics	
2/11	Year 4-8 Athletics	
3/11	Assembly Room 4	
6/11	Week 5	
7/11	<i>EZ Touch</i>	
8/11	Non-uniform day	
10/11	Assembly: Room 27	
13/11	Week 6	
14/11	<i>BS Touch Rugby, Class Photo</i>	
15/11	Team/Sibling Photos	
17/11	Assembly Room 28	
20/11	Week 7 - Fourth Inquiry: Celebration	
21/11	<i>BS Athletics</i>	
22/11	Tainui Bake Sale	
24/11	Assembly: Enviro	
EOTC week	27/11	Week 8
	28/11	Many events this week in school and the community require parent helpers. Camps this week for year 4-8 students.
	29/11	
	30/11	
	1/12	Assembly: Room 9
4/12	Week 9	
8/12	Sports assembly, PaCT reports	
11/12	Week 10 Celebration of Learning	
13/12	Parnell Baths	
14/12	Year 8 Graduation	
15/12	Tainui Assembly	
18/12	Waka challenge day	