

Newsletter 3: 13th March 2023

Kia ora e te whānau.

As our term rolls on, our classes are deep into their inquiry This inquiry is framed by our 150th into 'legacy'. Anniversary.

Our students are working through two of our inquiry models as they dive into our legacy as a school. Many children will be using the design thinking process, where they solve real-life problems through design thinking. Children may devise a product, system, or process as part of their inquiry to solve a problem. To do this, they will first empathise with the people involved and define the problem as it exists for those users. This helps us evaluate the final product around how it solves the problem as it relates to our defined user.

To talk with your child about the design thinking process, use questions like

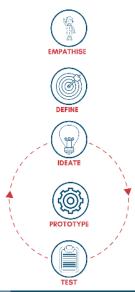
- Who were the people who had a problem?
- How was the problem specific to them?
- Who else does this problem affect?
- What different ideas did you come up with when ideating?

While design thinking helps us solve problems, exploration thinking helps us understand people, places, and events. Our intention with exploration thinking is to gather a range of information from varied sources. We evaluate the reliability of the information and use critical literacy to ensure the information is reliable. We synthesise information and put it together with the purpose of sharing important information in a way tailored to our audience.

Talk to your children about exploration thinking by asking questions like

- What person/place/event are you interested in investigating?
- Why is that an important subject to research
- What different places did you find information?
- How did you know the information was true?









SETTING THE SCENE . I decide what I want to explore and why









USING















COLLABORATING AND SHARING









Teacher only day Friday 17th March

Our teachers are excited about our continued professional learning, which continues this Friday and Saturday. Our team are studying tikanga māori together with the team from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa. Our staff will be preparing and venturing to a local marae to deepen our understanding of tikanga māori and how we can best apply tikanga to our lives at Parnell District School. We appreciate the impact these days have on our community and thank our whānau for their support as our teachers develop their professional capabilities.

Always be prepared for what is coming up with our important dates. Remember, all the 2023 dates were included in our holiday newsletter in January.

Important Dates

Term One: 31st January - 6th April, No school dates: 17th March (Teacher only day)

13/3		Week 7
16/3		EZ Swimming (Teacher Industrial Action - School Open)
17/3		Teacher-only day (C4 open), BS Swimming
20/3		Week 8
22/3		Fundraising team meeting, Aotea bake sale
24/3		Assembly: Room 16 to host New Parent Breakfast
27/3		Week 9
29/3		Priority Learner Meetings
31/3		Assembly: Enviro Team to host, Term 1 reports
3/4		Week 10
5/4		Burger Day with BurgerFuel
6/4		Aotea to host Assembly, Term One Ends
7/4		Good Friday
TERM 2		TERM 2
24/4		Week 1 - Online Learning Day (from home)
25/4		ANZAC Day (NO SCHOOL)
28/4		Assembly hosted by House Captains
150th Anniversary	1/5	Week 2,
	3/5	Whānau Day
	5/5	Assembly hosted by Room 11
	6/5	School fete



PDS Whānau & Friends

Thanks to everyone who attended the Whānau & Friends Fundraising Meeting last Thursday. We had a good turnout and lots of volunteers to help run various elements of the upcoming 150th Anniversary events. Our first major celebratory event for the year is the **Fete** (festival) on the afternoon of **Saturday**, **6 May**. We are still looking for more volunteers to help lead the following areas or contacts for local businesses willing to support us:

Advertising & Marketing
Graphic design
Social media
Posters, banners, and flyer distribution

Printing etc.

Please use the QR code or email <u>pta@parnell.school.nz</u> with the area that you can help with.



Second hand stall at the Fete

A heads-up if you are having a clear-out - we need your good quality second-hand books, children's clothing, and toys. **Clean** items only that you would be happy your child was bringing home. Please, no ripped, stained clothing or broken toys. Please, no electrical goods. Look out for drop-off details in the next newsletter.

Upcoming Whanau & Friends Events in Term 1



This year's Great PDS Bake-Off will begin on **Wednesday, 22 March**, with Aotea beating their whisks to set the peak of the competition. Baking instructions will be sent home to all Aotea families next week. Baking is to be sold at morning tea for \$2 each.

Our next PDS Whanau & Friends meeting is also on Wednesday, 22 March starting at 8:30 am in the Staff Room (above the office) with a specific focus on the upcoming 150th Anniversary Fete. Please come along, join in the discussions, volunteer your time and ideas, and make new friends. Everyone welcome!

If you would like to volunteer in any way, please complete our new online volunteer form at https://bit.ly/pds-waf or use this QR code for a direct link. You can also email us directly at pta@parnell.school.nz or speak to Amy in the office.



Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

11 - 14 April 2023, 9 am – 4 pm daily Held at Raye Freedman Arts Centre, Epsom Girls Grammar School

View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz or contact Hayley on either artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129

ARTZONSHOW



The above event will proceed if there is light rain as there is undercover seating. However if the event is cancelled due to severe weather, the rain date is the 30th March, 5–9pm.

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PROGRAMMES







MAKE A BAND

Ages 6-17 Albany & Grafton Campus April 11 - 21

eliettesmusicacademy.com



GIRLS & BOYS RUGBY



grammarjuniors.co.nz

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 Rippa (non tackle) rugby for girls and boys aged 4-11 years.



Register online: grammarjuniors.co.nz

Or for more information email: ${\bf grammarjuniors rugby@gmail.com}$



