



PARNELL
DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 3: 13th March 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

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

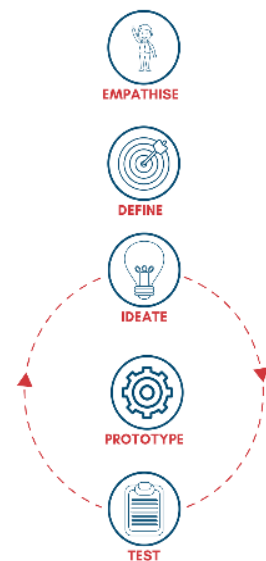
- Who were the people who had a problem?
- How was the problem specific to them?
- Who else does this problem affect?
- What different ideas did you come up with when ideating?

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.

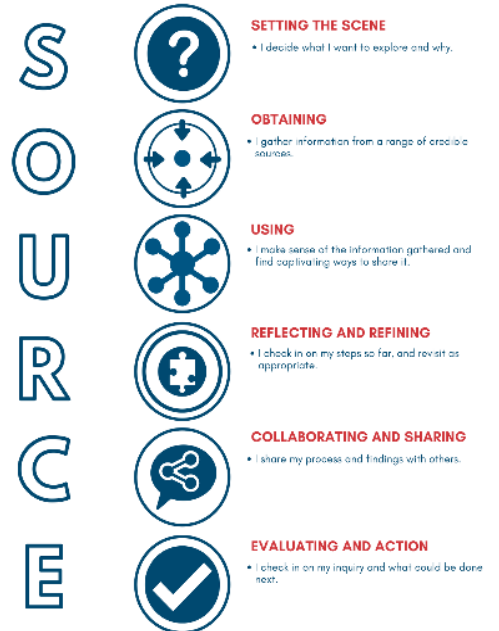
Talk to your children about exploration thinking by asking questions like

- 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?

DESIGN THINKING



EXPLORATION



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



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.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

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

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Albany & Grafton Campus
April 11 - 21

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FOOD TRUCK NITE
AT BUONO
PARNELL

**23
MAR**

**LIVE
MUSIC**
The
Burtones

Variety
of food
& drinks

THURS 23 MAR, 5 – 9PM

69 St Georges Bay Rd
parnell.net.nz/food-truck-nite-23 for more info

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.

Register Now!

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& BOYS
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Age 4-13 years registrations now open!

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and Grammar Juniors is one of the
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central Auckland area. Situated at
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to have some of the best fields in
Auckland as our home grounds.

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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.



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