

Newsletter 4: 22nd March 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

We appreciate everyone who managed to fill in our community consultation from at the end of 2022. The purpose of this Board of Trustees led consultation was to support us in developing our next strategic plan and in identifying priorities to keep our school at the forefront of education. The Board of Trustees have been busy interpreting and understanding the feedback from our community and will report directly to the school soon.

One piece of feedback that was clear was that we can do better in letting our community know what amazing work is happening in our classes. Our teachers work tirelessly to develop bespoke learning programmes for our children however, feedback suggested some parents didn't have a good understanding of what their child was learning week to week or feel well equipped to talk about their child's learning and support at home as they'd like.

Starting this week, look out for regular emails from your classroom teacher telling you more about what is happening in class. These emails will tell you about what learning is happening, particularly in literacy, math, and our inquiry. The purpose of the emails is to support you in understanding week to week what's happening in our classes and support you in chatting with your child about their learning. A couple of notes though:

- This is not a list of things for you to do at home. Our amazing teachers will be teaching this content, so please don't feel that we're asking you to teach (or pre-teach) the content to your child.
- Our programmes remain heavily tailored to your child's learning needs. The email will give you a summary of what is happening in class, and what sorts of learning the children are doing, but they are not an exhaustive list of everything covered, and some workshops may not be applicable to your child's ability level.
- We want to help our parents help their child. If you're left with questions about your child's learning, the programme, or how you can help a home, you are always welcome to email your teacher to make an appointment to chat with them about your child's learning or progress.

There will be a chance for us to check in with parents later in the year to see if these emails are helpful, and possibly review the content to ensure it is an effective use of your time, and our teacher's time.

150th logo



Thank you to every child who prepared a logo for our 150th birthday celebrations. From over 75 entries, we narrowed it down to 7 possible logos, then the school had the chance to vote. Thank you to every child who showed their love and respect for our school in putting together their logo. Congratulations and well done to Myah Tiaiti-Asiata who designed our winning logo. Also, a big well done to lan Strechar-Farinhas who's design was our runner up in the final voting. Look out for this logo on all advertising and material relating to our 150th celebrations!

Online learning day - 24th April (Week 1, Term 2)

You will have seen the online learning day in our calendar of important dates sent out earlier this year. With Tuesday the 25th of April being ANZAC day, we have decided to make the 24th of April a special day using the online learning skills we've developed over the last few years. For your family, that means that you can connect to learning from wherever you are in the world. Your child will have time with their teacher running through the opportunities for the day, and some exciting tasks relating to the 150th celebrations that will follow the next week. If your family are in Auckland and you are unable to supervise your children at home, there will be staff at school to supervise children. Please email office@parnell.school.nz if your children will be attending in person that day, so we can plan appropriately.

Second-Hand Uniform Shop - Donations Needed!

If you have bought uniforms from our Second-hand Uniform shop before, then you will understand what a gift it is when your child is in desperate need of yet again, another hat, or jersey! We are running low on most uniform items – especially sports t-shirts and polo shirts. If you have any to donate, please bring them to Amy at the office.

Accessing Tax Receipts

For those of you wanting to access your tax receipts, this can be done through the parent eTAP portal at www.atschool.co.nz. Click on the "My Child" tab and then "Tax Receipts" to access your current financial years tax receipt (period ending 31st March 2023). For information about your calendar year accounts (fees, donations, payments made) click on "Accounts". If you need your password etc emailed to you, please just email the office@parnell.school.nz and we will be happy to send this out to you.



Burger Day with BurgerFuel

Burger Day is back this term, Wednesday 5th April (week 10)! Orders can ONLY be made through the myKindo App and ordering will close Monday 3rd April at 4pm. Please note that there will be NO Refunds.



Important Dates

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

24/3		Assembly: Room 16 to host, New Parent Breakfast
27/3		Week 9
29/3		Priority Learner Meetings, Non-Uniform Day and Raffle Donation
31/3		Assembly: Enviro Team to host, Term 1 reports
3/4		Week 10
5/4		Burger Day with BurgerFuel, Fete Stall donations 8:30am Rm 10
		Aotea to host Assembly, Fete Stall donations 8:30am Rm 10
6/4		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 Waka Captains
150th Anniversary	1/5	Week 2,
	3/5	Whānau Day
	5/5	Assembly hosted by Room 11
	6/5	School fete



Bake Sale - Thank you!

Thanks so much to all the Aotea bakers who cooked up such an amazing array of cupcakes for the first Bake Sale of the year! We managed to sell them all!











School Fete - Saturday 6th May

We cannot wait for our school Fete Saturday 6th May! There will be a wide array of entertainment, pre-loved goods, market stalls, food trucks, tea & cakes, inflatables, and so much more! But to make the day a great success **we need your help!**

Wednesday 29th March - Non-uniform & Raffle Donation Day

Send your children to school in their favourite outfit together with a donation for the fete raffle. Suggestions of suitable non-perishable donations:

- Luxury toiletries
- Boxes of chocolates
- Wine

- Gourmet food
- Gift cards
- Small homewares

See below if you have a larger donation that you would like to make. Donations to be collected at the school gates or to the office on arrival Wednesday morning, which will then be boxed up into hampers. Your help with this venture is much appreciated!

Can you help with us with...

Going out for dinner or to the beauty salon soon?

We are looking for donations of any prizes, events, or experiences that could be included as a raffle prize for the 150th Anniversary Fete Day or for the Auction which will be held during the Gala Dinner night at Auckland Museum on Saturday 2nd September. Please ask for donations/vouchers when are you next visiting your favourite restaurant/gym/spa, etc. Any offers should be directed to pta@parnell.school.nz or delivered to the school office.

Second-hand goods - collection begins 8:30am Wed 5th & Thurs 6th April, Room 10 We need 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. No soft toys, electrical items, magazines, or DVDs.

The first opportunity for those who have already had a clear-out of your second-hand goods will be 8:30-8:55am to Room 10 (just next to the junior playground) on the last two days of this term. Lots more drop-off opportunities at the beginning of Term 2 if you're planning to tidy up this holiday.

Preserves and Chutney Stand

Our hardworking preserves and chutney maker is still in desperate need of more backyard produce to make her delicious delicacies to sell at the fete. Do you have a fruit tree with excess produce? An overgrowth of tomatoes in your vegie patch? ALL contributions taken and pickers are available to come to collect, email pta@parnell.school.nz with details of your bounty. Also required, clean glass jars with labels removed (if possible), can be left at the school office.

Market Stalls for Outside Groups.

Call out for all artists & artisans, producers & promoters, importers & entrepreneurs: Would you like to have your own Market Stall at our 150th Fete on Saturday May 6? It's the weekend before Mother's Day, and a great chance to get your product or service in front of the Parnell Community! If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Andrea Downs on 021 301 137 or email andrea@thelinkagency.co.nz

Lots more exciting news to come about this year's celebratory events. Keep reading the Newsletters for updates!

Can you help the PDS Whānau & Friends?

If you would like to volunteer in any way, please complete our new online volunteer form at https://bit.ly/pds-waf







48 Saint Stephens Avenue, Parnell, Auckland, New Zealand

No Activity

EASTER MONDAY

Parnell District School

Maritime Museum



C4 is off to the exciting Maritime Museum in the Viaduct Harbour. We'll learn about how the sea has played a vital part in NZ's history.

Tic Tack Toe



Today we'll decorate & theme rocks to create a game of tic tack toe that will be taken home in a baq!



School Day 8am-3pm \$60

Trip Day 8am-3pm \$80

C4 Term 1 School Holiday

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School Day with care 8am-6pm \$80

Trip Day with care 8am-6pm \$100

C4 is celebrating all things English! We'll learn about the upcoming Coronation of Charles 3rd and eat cucumber sandwiches & scones

Tin Can Robots



Using your imagination and lots of bits & pieces, we'll create tin can robots that can be just ornaments or fancy pen holders!

Lego Super Heroes



Today we'll create Lego pictures on individual plates using C4's large collection of Lego pieces! There'll be prizes for the best creations.

Trip to the Movies



C4 is off the movies at Westfield Newmarket! We'll see the new release, Super Mario Bros. Popcorn and drinks supplied.

C4 Brain Play



Today the team from Brain Play will introduce us to their fun activities including 3D design, electronics, robotics, coding and more!

Melty Beads Creation



Let your imagination run wild and use the thousands of melty beads to create a design of your choice!

Anzac Day



Today we'll continue the C4 tradition of marking this special day on our calendar by making Anzac cookies and poppies.

Please book by Monday 3rd April 2023. Places are limited. Once a booking is confirmed no changes are allowed

For more information, call 09 3793008 Or 027 2706810 or email clairej@parnell.school.nz

Book now at PDS.aimyplus.com



Holiday Surf Programme

Orewa Beach

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the April School Holidays at Orewa Beach. This is open to 6-16 year olds

Fun, Active & Healthy

6-16yr olds | Monday-Friday | Morning or Afternoon Sessions
Orewa Beach | 10-14 April (including Easter Monday) | 17-21 April 2023

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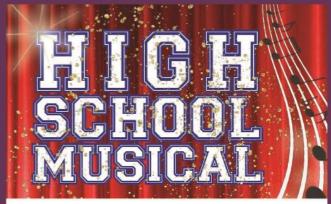
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This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 - 15 years.

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

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