



## Newsletter 5: 14th April 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

It was a tumultuous start to the term, with two quick changes in instruction necessitated by extreme weather events. We are proud of the speed with which our school can pivot to ensure the best opportunities for our children. Our students have focused on two main inquiry themes this term. First, our mini inquiry into creating our culture focuses on creating the learning culture of our teams and classes. It gives us a chance to decide how to work together to create the best learning environment and set our expectations. The main inquiry has been 'Legacy'. The upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations provide a real-life context for us to explore the concept of Legacy, and many outcomes of our inquiry will be on display at our fete on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. Talk with your children about their inquiry with prompts like

- What was your big question for your inquiry?
- Tell me about what new things you found in your inquiry.
- How can you use your research skills in other inquiries?
- What outcome came from your inquiry?

Attached is an important note from our whānau and friends group about the upcoming celebration. Be sure to read it thoroughly so you don't miss any of the events.

Our end-of-term assembly was a chance for celebration. We acknowledged the career of Linda Gray Brett, who has been with us at Parnell District School for over 30 years. In her time with us, she has held many different roles, including class teacher, team leader, board member, and most recently, Library and literacy specialist teacher. Linda's commitment to our students, community and school has been significant. We thank her for all she has done to help make Parnell District School the amazing place it is today. This year we will be presenting the Gray Brett Writing Cup at Prize giving for the first time, celebrating the achievement of a talented writer in year 5/6.

Congratulations Aotea, both hosts of our assembly and winners of the term one waka challenge. Congratulations to all our sports stars who received swimming sports certificates! Congratulations to our students who were recognised for their effort and achievement in term 1



## Road Safety

Over the break, our friends at Auckland Transport are working hard installing a raised crossing on St Stephens Ave. Road safety is a particular issue for our school. So many of our children walk, cycle, or scoot to school. We are always trying to ensure they can continue to do so safely. The raised crossing will help slow traffic on St Stephens Ave and make it safer for our children when crossing. There are some things we can all do to be road safe

- Find a safe, legal park to stop in. We have seen parents parking in neighbours' driveways and in the middle of the street. This makes it unsafe for all road users
- Don't park on yellow lines at drop-off or pick-up times. It makes it much harder for our road patrollers to complete their task safely
- Always cross at the crossing. Our children emulate the behaviour of the adults around them. If there is a crossing close by, please take the extra steps to make sure you cross at the crossing
- Only use the staff car park if you have a current mobility parking permit
- Sign up to supervise road patrol. Help keep everyone safe by supervising our patrollers either before or after school. To sign up, email [office@parnell.school.nz](mailto:office@parnell.school.nz)

Congratulations to the following students for their **Achievement** award this Term.

Sophie Dayman
Aimee Huang
An Shun Yang
Anji Yang
Sawa Yamashita
Lucy Bernasconi
Maddie Pennington
Leo Maarouf
Ada Zamorkina
Gordon Shi
Bella Andrew
James Brooke
Samuel Corcoran
Phoebe Heather
Ivy Statham
Toby Smeeton
Julian Sone-Litfin
Thalia Phang
Phoenix Steele
Eva Snelling
Hugo Neville-White
Louis Mani
Oliver Murphy

Congratulations to the following students for their **Value Award** in their class this Term.

Ayrton De Vries
Sara Shimotomai
Sophia Zheng
Shiwani Basnet
Manawa Baker
Theia Caldwell
Yuhong Li
Martha Tumayan
Rose Browne
Summer-Rose Baguley-Tahau
Quincy Chen
Gian Galmangoda Guruge
Tayla Tiaiti-Asiata
Sophie Cho
Mika Maheswari
Michael Li
Lachlan Wells
Michael Carney
Zoe Smit
Nicole Wells
Ayrton De Vries
Sara Shimotomai
Sophia Zheng



Well done to Mario who designed these commemorative sweatshirts as part of his 2022 home learning passion project! They will be available for order at the fete.

## Swimming Sports

Congratulations to the following students who received placing awards for Swimming Sports in Years 4-8.

Nicole Santos	1st place 50M Backstroke, 2nd place 50M Freestyle and 2nd place 50M Breastroke – Female Year 7/8
Myah Tiaiti-Asiata	2nd place 25M Butterfly, 3rd place 50M Freestyle, 3rd place 50M Backstroke and 3rd place 50M Breastroke – Female Year 7/8
Bella Andrews	1st Place 50M Freestyle, and 2nd place 50M Backstroke – Female Year 7/8
Lauren Wells	1st place 50M Breastroke, 1st place 25M Butterfly – Female Year 7/8
Carter Tahapehi	1st place 50M Backstroke, 1st place 25M Breastroke – Male Year 7/8
Felix Statham	3rd place 50M Backstroke, 3rd place 25M Breastroke and 3rd place 25M Butterfly – Male Year 7/8
Daniel Walkinshaw	2nd place 25M Breastroke and 2nd place 25M Butterfly - Male
Zebedee Moaveni	1st place 25M Breastroke – Male year 7/8
Ava Arrowsmith	1st place 25M Freestyle – Female Year 6
Annabelle Johnson	3rd place 25M Freestyle – Female Year 6
Doutzen Sarton	2nd place 25M Freestyle – Female Year 6
Henry Wright	1st place 25M Freestyle – Male Year 5
Henry Butler	3rd 25M Freestyle – Male Year 6
Joah Bernasconi	2nd 25M Freestyle – Male Year 6

### Online learning day - 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> of April, being ANZAC day, we have decided to make the 24<sup>th</sup> of April a special day using the online learning skills we've developed over the last few years. For your family, that means you can connect to learning from wherever you are. Your child will have time with their teacher running through the opportunities for the day and some exciting tasks relating to the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 the children. Please email [office@parnell.school.nz](mailto:office@parnell.school.nz) By Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, if your children will be attending in person that day so that we can plan appropriately.

### Share our fete with your friends and family!

Our fete on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May will be a wonderful celebration for our students and whānau (past and present) and our community. [Share the link](#) with your friends on Facebook to help make sure everyone knows what is happening! Thank you to our long-time support Fleur Denning for sponsoring the event. <https://fb.me/e/L3rMY4h2?mibextid=RQdjgZ>

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## Check out this amazing writing!

Hosea Joung has been working with Mrs Gray Brett in term one and produced this poem about what Kaitiakitanga means to him.

### *KAITIAKITANGA*

*The dusty wooden boards  
with the light coming from the sun  
have held up hundreds of students from all around  
the world.  
Hosting all the important occasions;*

*A space full of innovation,  
A place where everyone feels confident and proud,  
A space where you would want to sing out loud.  
Everybody is welcome to come,  
You can choose whatever you want to become.*

*By Hosea Joung  
Year 7*

This poem will feature alongside other exceptional writing in our upcoming Parnell District School 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration cookbook. If you have a recipe that is special to your family that you'd like to share, look out for more information coming soon!

## Important Dates

Term Two: 24<sup>th</sup> April - 30<sup>th</sup> June (24<sup>th</sup> April is an Online Learning Day - from home)  
 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: WAKA Captains
150th 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

Check out this FREE programme for ages 5-10 year old girls

# **Rugby School Holiday Programme for Girls!**

# **FREE!**



**Open to Girls Age 5-10 Years  
Limited Spaces – Register Now!**



**Wednesday 19<sup>TH</sup> April 2023.**

**10.00AM – 2.00PM**

**Shore Road Reserve, Remuera.**

**Come and have a fun day and  
learn something new.  
All gear will be provided.**

**To Register Contact:  
[grammarjuniorsrugby@gmail.com](mailto:grammarjuniorsrugby@gmail.com)**

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