

## Newsletter 6: 3rd May 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

Monday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, marks the actual 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Parnell District School. Our celebrations have begun today with whānau day. Whānau Day is always a firm favourite for our community. We chose to use whānau day as an opportunity to celebrate our birthday as it helps us acknowledge our diverse, rich community and celebrate everyone who makes Parnell District School the special place it is. This year, whānau day was just for our kids, the day we celebrated 150 years together as a school. After our children got to taste delicacies from around the world, we enjoyed our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday cake together! I want to thank everyone who worked together to make this whānau day a success for our students. A special thanks to Mrs Holderness and her amazing crew of parents and teachers who worked together on the day. As always, our friends at the Parnell Hotel over the road were there for us with helpful catering equipment. Not only a success in helping our children taste the world, but our sustainable event also totalled just one small back of rubbish. Well done to our eco team, who made this a super sustainable event!



## **Birthday celebrations are to come!**

### ***School fete:***

*6<sup>th</sup> May, from 1 pm at school*

### ***Gala Dinner:***

*2<sup>nd</sup> September, 6:15 at the Auckland War Memorial Museum*

### ***Parnell 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cookbook***

*Available for order from Term Three*

### **Share our Fete with your friends and whānau!**

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. We have plans to ensure that whatever the weather, we will have an amazing day to celebrate this fantastic school! [Share the link](#) with your friends on Facebook or follow #pds150fete on Instagram! Thank you to our long-time support Fleur Denning for sponsoring the event. <https://fb.me/e/L3rMY4h2?mibextid=RQdjQZ>

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## **GALA DINNER TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!**

Hot off the press, the Gala Dinner tickets are on sale now. You're the first to know about it. Take advantage of early bird pricing starting today.

### ***Parnell District School Gala Dinner***

***Saturday 2 September, 6.15 pm***

We invite past and present students and friends of the Parnell District School community to join us at the Auckland Museum for a Gala Dinner in celebration of the school's 150 years.

Gather your friends and be in for a great night of reuniting with one another, entertainment, a live auction and a fine dining experience in the iconic Under the Dome room in the Auckland Domain.

Tickets are available from Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parnell-district-school-150th-gala-dinner-celebration-tickets-590559006887>

### **New Crossing on St Stephens Ave**

You may have noticed that we have had our crossing updated on St Stephens Ave. With this, the council has also changed some of the yellow lines, parks, and speed limits. Please remain vigilant and respectful when parking around the school during pick-ups and drop-offs. Please follow the rules to ensure the safety of our students and community. The streets around our school are very busy with buses etc. and parking on neighbours' verges, over their driveways and on yellow lines is unacceptable. It is not our job to police the streets, but we can urge you as our school community to drive with care and consideration! Thank you in advance!



CELEBRATING  
150 YEARS

# PARNELL SCHOOL FETE

SAT 6 MAY  
1-5 PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
FEATURING "PLAY IT STRANGE" CURATED BY MIKE CHUNY  
FAIRGROUND RIDES  
FOOD TRUCKS

MARKET STALLS \* FUN & GAMES  
SILENT DISCO \* POOCH PARADE  
PRE-LOVED BOOKS & KIDS CLOTHING  
TEA & CAKES \* PLUS MUCH MORE!

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## Second-Hand Uniform Donations

If you do not know, we run a second-hand uniform shop out of the window by the friendship chair and a weekly planner by the office. We are always so grateful for your donations, and **WE NEED MORE!** We need fleeces, jackets, polo shirts and sports shirts in **all sizes!** Please deliver them to the office if you have any lying around that no longer fit your children! Thank you in advance!

## Important Dates

No school dates: 5<sup>th</sup> June (King's Birthday), 19<sup>th</sup> May (Teacher only day)

5/5	Assembly: Room 11
6/5	School Fete 1 pm-5pm Parnell School
8/5	Week 3 - Second Inquiry: Communication
10/5	Fundraising team meeting (Whānau & Friends) - time TBC
12/5	Assembly: Room 24
15/5	Week 4
17/5	Non-Uniform Day <i>(students can choose to wear their choice of clothing and bring a \$ gold coin donation)</i>
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 – school is closed
6/6	Week 7
7/6	Fundraising Team Meeting (Whānau & Friends) – time TBC
9/6	Assembly: Room 13, New Parent Breakfast
12/6	Week 8
14/6	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,
26/6	Week 10
28/6	BS Netball – BURGER DAY with BurgerFuel (order ONLY via the myKindo App)
30/6	Te Arawa Assembly





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## **BRAIN PLAY**

**Did you know that Brain Play are running after school  
classes at C4?  
They start on Tuesday 9th May!**

Who: Children in years 4-8 only  
When: Tuesdays 3.30pm-5pm (90 minutes) for 7 weeks  
Cost: \$280  
Where: PDS Library  
Book: [PDS.aimyplus.com](http://PDS.aimyplus.com)

### **About Brain Play:**

Technology is everywhere in our current world, and we believe all Kiwi kids should have a chance to learn about and experience the amazing opportunities technology can provide us with. We believe learning should always be about fun and teaching practical concepts that can be used in the real world, we know our students appreciate this approach as well.

### **What we teach:**

Brain Play teaches STEM-based classes including coding, robotics, 3d printing and electronics during after-school hours, in-schools, at holiday programmes, and during late night and weekend events. These technology fields can help students progress to activities such as creating apps, designing websites, directing animations and interactive stories and building, constructing, and controlling a variety of robots.

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