



Newsletter 7: 17th May 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a fabulous day we had to celebrate our 150th birthday together at our school fete. I want to thank everyone who came along on the day to enjoy the festivities. I'm less thankful to those children (and former students) who managed to dunk me in the dunk tank, but what would the day be without it? The number one outcome of our fete was to give our community a fantastic day to come together and celebrate our school's history. These events take a huge amount of organisation, and people power to make them happen. On behalf of everyone who enjoyed the event, I want to thank our Coordinator, Monika Wakeman and her incredible team of leads who made the event happen.

Up next in our celebrations is the Gala Dinner. We want to make sure all our current and past whānau know the event is coming up. Please share our invite with your friends and whānau so as many people as possible can spread the word. It will be a fantastic night and a very special event for our community.

**PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL 150TH
GALA DINNER**

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

**SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2023 | 6.15PM UNTIL LATE
AUCKLAND MUSEUM, UNDER THE DOME ROOM**

Gather your friends and be in for a great night of reuniting with one another, entertainment, live auction and a fine dining experience.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT EVENTBRITE

Teacher Only Day 19th May

Our staff are engaged in a significant programme of study with our friends at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa. We have been learning all year about te ao māori and tikanga māori. This Friday is our 3rd Marae noho, where we engage deeply with the content on the Marae. I want to assure you any rumours of Mr George's snoring are exaggerated, but sleeping over at a Marae as a staff has been a very special experience for us all. This learning is part of our continued commitment to ensuring tikanga māori is alive in all we do as a school and part of every child's learning journey.

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: 5th June (King's Birthday), 19th May (Teacher only day)

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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150th ANNIVERSARY FETE



Thank you so much to all the volunteers, students, teachers, whānau and the local community who made our 150th Anniversary Fete such an amazing success! There was a great turnout despite the overcast weather and slight rain, and a wonderful atmosphere of fun and excitement. Whether you took a shot at dunking Mr George, tried your hand at winning \$100 on the golf putting, indulged in the delicious range of cakes at our pop-up café, or got spooked in the haunted house – we hope you all had a fabulous afternoon! We are eagerly awaiting the ultimate total for the amount raised once all the final calculations have been made...



Follow the Fete Insta account to see more photos <https://www.instagram.com/pds150fete/>



WHAT DID YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE FETE?

Please complete our online Fete Feedback survey to tell us what your favourite fete features are and what we could do better next time.

Feedback closes on Sunday, 21st May, and a winner will be drawn at random to receive a luxury goods hamper.

<https://bit.ly/42rWXEh>

THANK YOU!

We'd like to give special thanks to Fleur Denning of Bayleys Real Estate, who sponsored the Fete, and to Mike Chunn of Play it Strange, who curated the Entertainment Acts for the day.

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A huge thanks also goes to all the local businesses who offered their services or goods to support the Fete or donated prizes for the games, silent auction, and raffles:



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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!

3 - 7 July 2023, 9 am – 4 pm daily
Held at Raye Freedman Arts Centre,
Epsom Girls Grammar School

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