



PARNELL
DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 8: 1st June 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

Our teachers are finalising your children's PaCT (Progress and Consistency Tool) reports now, and they will be coming out to you soon. We have heard the feedback from parents that these reports are tricky to understand. For now, we continue using the PaCT reports. Still, we are exploring how we can make reporting easier to understand as we start to unpack the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum over the coming years.

We have chosen to use and retain the PaCT reports because they are a tool developed by the Ministry of Education. The Ministry created them in response to many schools having varied understandings of what achievement by year level looked like. This meant that you could move between schools, and your child's achievement could be considered above expectation in one school and below expectation in another because of the varied factors that schools were using to make their judgements. By using the PaCT tool for reporting, we know our judgements are specifically related to the New Zealand curriculum, reflect the full curriculum, and are reliably rated against student achievement. While it gives us rigour in our judgements and confidence that we are giving you accurate information, it also means we have no flexibility to change or adapt the reports as they are a standard tool. There is a separate document attached to the newsletter this week, understanding your PaCT report, which will hopefully help explain what information is included in your report.

One last note on our reporting process. In terms one and three, we focus on your children's learning behaviours and work habits in class. These reports let you know how your child is behaving in class and focusing at learning time. In terms two and four, we report on Literacy and Math only, using the PaCT tool. We will give you the reports ahead of your meeting with the teacher so you can be best prepared for your conference. The purpose of the meeting with the teacher is to discuss what your report tells you about your child's achievement and progress and set goals for the future together. If there are aspects of the report that are confusing, be ready to ask your teacher, and they can explain what your report tells you about your child's progress. If you haven't booked your conference yet, head to schoolinterviews.co.nz , using code 65h9d

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This week we welcomed new students into room 5, and some of our young learners moved into room 9 with our fabulous new teacher Molly Balding. We're so excited to have Molly join the team, and look forward to lots of fantastic work from our room 9 learners.

Help us spread the word about our 150th Gala dinner!



Parnell District School Merch is available at the office

We have limited supplies of the 150th Birthday merchandise available still from the office. See the range of merch available now below. If you want to order a PDS 150th sweatshirt, we are still taking orders at the office. These are order only and not available at the uniform shop, so this is your last chance to order. We are expecting our first shipment any day now, but to be part of the final order, make sure you see Amy by Friday, the 9th of June or miss out forever!

PDS Tote Bag	PDS Yoyo	Student Name Towel	PDS 150th Badge	Croc Charms (Jibbitz)
				
\$8.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$12.00

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)

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 to bake – \$2 per cupcake
16/6	Assembly: Room 2, PaCT reports
19/6	Week 9
20/6	Learning Conferences. Have you booked your conference via the school interviews website?
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

Matariki celebrations are coming!

Although Natariki falls in the holiday this year: we will be celebrating Natariki together on the 28th of July. Last year we had a huge community turnout for our first, ever dawn walk to see Natariki over Sangitoto and our matariki planting.

At the first day of term three: save the date and look out for more information coming soon!

PDS Whānau & Friends News



150th ANNIVERSARY FETE

We would once again like to thank everyone involved in making the fete such a success, from those volunteers involved in the organisation, those helping on the day itself, and all the school whānau who made the Fete such an amazing community day. We are finalising the income from the fete and will announce the final figure soon!



150th GALA DINNER

The next exciting event on our calendar of events to mark the school's 150th Anniversary will be the Gala Dinner to be held at the Auckland Museum's stunning "Under the Dome" on Saturday 2 September. Please note this is an R18 event. If you have purchased a ticket and have specific dietary requirements, please email pta@parnell.school.nz with your details. Tickets at [Eventbrite](#).



If you're able to help make the Gala Dinner an amazingly successful event we are still looking for leads in the following areas:

- Sponsorship
- Entertainment
- Auction items

If you volunteer in any way, or able to provide a donation for the auction, please email Kirsten at boardoftrustees@parnell.school.nz or for more information about the Gala Dinner please attend the Whānau & Friends Meeting Wednesday 7th June 8:30am in the staff room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 7th June

Everyone is welcome to attend the next **Whānau & Friends meeting** on Wednesday 7 June from 8:30am in the Staff Room (above the office). We'll have a brief discussion about the fete, upcoming bake sale and disco, and a briefing about the Gala Dinner. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday 14th June



The Great PDS Bake-Off continues Wednesday 14 June, with **Te Arawa** rising to the challenge set by Aotea last term. Baking instructions will be sent home to all Te Arawa families next week. Baking is to be sold at morning tea for \$2 each.

Community Opportunities

A poster for 'Food Truck Nite' at Buono Parnell. The background shows a food truck at night with people gathered around. The text is overlaid on the image in various circular and rectangular shapes. At the top left, a red circle contains a white food truck icon and the text 'FOOD TRUCK NITE AT BUONO PARNELL'. To the right, another red circle says 'LIVE MUSIC Lee Gray Music Duo'. Below that, a red circle says 'Variety of food & drinks'. A larger red circle at the bottom center says '22 JUNE'. At the bottom, a white box contains the text 'THURS 22 JUNE, 5 – 8PM'. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for 'PARNELL' and the address 'Parnell Quarter 69 St Georges Bay Rd' with a website link 'parnell.net.nz/food-truck-nite-23 for more info'. At the very bottom, in small text, it says '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 29th June, 5–8pm.'

A poster for Eliette's Music Academy. The background is a gradient of pink and orange. At the top, the text 'Eliette's MUSIC ACADEMY' is written in a white, cursive font. Below that, the text 'HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES' is written in a large, bold, black font. In the center, a white box contains the text 'THE LITTLE MERMAID MUSICAL THEATRE SONGWRITING & MUSIC VIDEO MAKE A BAND'. Below this, the text 'Ages 6-17 Albany & Grafton Campus July 3 - 13' is written. At the bottom, the website 'eliettesmusicacademy.com' is listed. The bottom half of the poster features illustrations of a mermaid with long red hair and a green tail, and a man in a black jacket singing into a microphone. A drum set is also visible in the background.