



Newsletter 12: 2nd August 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

The Parnell District School team got the sad news this week that one of our former teachers, Jill Boniface, passed away on Friday. Jill worked with us up until 2018, and many of our community will remember Jill as a learning leader in years 0-3 and an amazing teacher in our junior school. Jill was known amongst her colleagues as a kind and caring person, evident in her interactions with staff and students. A group of our staff will represent our school at her funeral to pay our respects to her family.

Please keep our children safe on the road!

Parent behaviour at pick up and drop off time continues to put our student's safety at risk. When our friends at Auckland Transport improved our school crossing on St Stephens Avenue, they increased the space that is restricted for parking with yellow lines. **It is illegal to stop on yellow lines.** When you stop on yellow lines, you make it more difficult for our road safety team to see moving traffic and put every child at risk. While Auckland Transport will be present and ticketing parents who stop on yellow lines, I want to implore our community to act in a way that prioritises all children's safety over their convenience.

Farewell Mrs Ropati

Our amazing Deputy Principal, Mrs Ropati, has decided to continue her leadership in a school closer to home and her whānau. If you've been at an assembly this year, you will have had the joy of seeing Mrs Ropati dazzling the students with her presentation skills. From her costumes to her hype Music, Mrs Ropati is an absolute treasure and has had a massive impact on our staff and students. While her assembly performances are part of what you see, Mrs Ropati has been the organisational powerhouse of Parnell District School for the last two years, and her dedication has been unsurpassed. I want to thank Mrs Ropati for her work at Parnell District School over the past five years, both as a year 7-8 learning leader and Deputy Principal. Her last day with us will be the 14th of August, and for any whānau who would like to join us for her farewell, we will have a special farewell assembly for Mrs Ropati at 2:30 pm on Monday the 14th.



Following a very competitive recruitment process, we are excited to announce our new Deputy Principal, Kate Surgison, will be starting with us on the 18th of September. Kate brings a wealth of leadership experience to her role with us, and I look forward to introducing her to the community soon.

Camp information evening is coming!

You should have received all the information about our upcoming term four camps if you are a year 4-8 parent. The parent evening on the 10th of August is a chance to hear more about the camps and the role of parent helpers. I look forward to seeing you all there!

X hen; Thursday 10th August, Year 4-6 parents 5:00 pm, Year 7-8 parents 6:00 pm

X here; The Staff room, upstairs above the office. Come up the stairs in the central courtyard

X hy; Find out all about camp experiences for children and how to be a parent helper

Cross Country

2023 Parnell District School Cross Country Year 0-3

Friday 4 August

9:00 am

Parnell District School

WEAR YOUR WAKA COLOURS

Expected order for the morning – **please be aware that times are approximate.**

9.00 am	All students present to their class to take roll. Assemble on decks outside Year 1 classrooms Rooms 5 – 9). Quick talk about participation, expectations and having fun.
9:15 am	Races begin.
9:15 am	Year 3 girls
9:25 am	Year 3 boys
9:35 am	Year 2 girls
9:45 am	Year 2 boys
9:55 am	Year 1 girls
10:05 am	Year 1 boys
10:00 am	Year 4-8s get ready to depart school and leave to walk down to Bloodworth Park (Year 4-8 cross country).
10:35 am	Year 8 Boys Year 8 Girls
10:55 am	Year 4 Boys Year 4 Girls
11:15 am	Year 7 Boys Year 7 Girls
11:35 am	Year 6 Boys Year 6 Girls
12:00	Year 5 Boys Year 5 Girls

Pizza Day and non-uniform day Wednesday, 9th August

Orders MUST be in by **THIS Friday (4th August)** via the [myKindo](#) app only. It will also be a **non-uniform day**. Bring along a gold coin (\$1 or a \$2 coin) and dress in whatever clothes you feel comfortable in.

Important Dates: Term Three

Term Three: 17th July - 22nd September

31/7	Week 3
4/8	School Cross Country
7/8	Week 4, STEAM FOCUS WEEK
9/8	PIZZA DAY (order via myKindo) & Non-uniform Day - gold coin donation
10/8	Camp information meeting
11/8	Assembly: Room25
14/8	Week 5, BS/EZ Cross Country Third inquiry: Energy
18/8	Assembly: Room 29
21/8	Week 6
25/8	Assembly: Room 6
28/8	Week 7
1/9	Assembly: Room20, New parent breakfast
4/9	Week 8
5/9	BS Basketball
6/9	Whānau and Friends meeting, Tokomaru Bake sale
8/9	Assembly: Room 5
11/9	Week 9, EZ Girls Basketball Book Fair
13/9	Priority Learner Meetings
14/9	EZ Boys Basketball
15/9	Assembly: Enviro, Term 3 reports
18/9	Week 10
22/9	Tokomaru Assembly, Book Character Parade

Parnell District School Merch

We have limited supplies of the 150th Birthday merchandise still available from the office. See the range of merch available below (while stock lasts).

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

Whānau & Friends Update for Term 3



Pizza Day and Non-Uniform Day Wednesday, 9th August

This is our once-a-term opportunity to order *Pizza* through the [MyKindo](#) app for delivery at school lunchtime on Wednesday, 9 August. Orders MUST be in by **THIS Friday (4th August)** It will also be a **non-uniform day**. Bring along a gold coin (\$1 or a \$2 coin) and dress in whatever clothes you feel comfortable in.

150th Celebrations continue... with our very own Cookbook!

We are looking forward to continuing to show how diverse and wonderful our community is by producing a cookbook in celebration of our 150th birthday. The cookbook will be for sale later this year, and we would love to feature your culture and cuisine. If you would like to be part of our cookbook, please reach out to office@parnell.school.nz.

Are you a photographer, designer, or publisher?

We are looking for a publisher, graphic designer and photographer specialising in hospitality/cuisine photography to help us with our cookbook. If you can help us out or know someone who would be interested, please email office@parnell.school.nz

Friday Cafe

Come along and join us from 3 pm every Friday in the school courtyard. We sell ice creams while giving families a chance to catch up and connect after school!

If you would like to help with this, please email pta@parnell.school.nz

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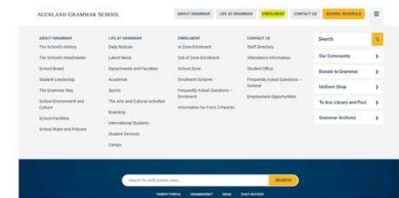
AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2024 In Zone Enrolments

A reminder that In Zone enrolments for 2024 are now open. We encourage you to complete your online application as soon as possible. Please submit applications for Term 1 2024 by Friday 15 September 2023.

1) Go to the Auckland Grammar School website (www.ags.school.nz)



2) Click on 'Enrolment' (highlighted), from the top menu



3) Scroll down to 'In Zone Enrolment' and click 'Read More' under the blurb



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