



PARNELL
DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 15: 22 September 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a phenomenal term it has been! This morning's Character Parade was a fantastic end to the term. I want to commend our community for the work that goes into bringing our favourite characters to life. From superheroes and princesses to unsung heroes of literature (and a dog dressed as poo), it was an incredible turnout of characters. I do want to thank all the families who worked so hard to create these wonderful costumes for our students. Our friends from Tokomaru hosted a fantastic assembly. Congratulations to our term certificate winners, both academic and values.



As we head into the holidays, it is important we reflect on the successes of the term while also looking forward to what's coming up! Term four is always a busy one. Be sure to check the term planner and term ahead dates in each newsletter so that you know everything that is coming up. Term four includes camp, EOTC week, Athletics, disco, Prizegiving, and our whole school 150th photo. With all this and more coming up and more, make sure you know everything that is happening!

Congratulations to our term three winning waka Tokomaru!

Uniform reminder

We reminded the children about uniform expectations last week, particularly around jewellery that had slipped under jumpers in winter. Remember, no necklaces, bracelets, or hoop earrings are allowed as part of the PDS uniform. For any such jewellery that your child wears for cultural reasons, please ensure they have a note for the Principal to explain the significance of the item to avoid any potential upset.

Hats for Term Four

As we head back to summer, it's time to find your hat over the holidays. Remember, every child needs a Parnell School hat for terms one and four. Your child needs a blue hat, without branding or patterns on it, with a brim that goes right around the hat to be able to play outdoors and take part in outdoor learning opportunities. You can get a hat from the [uniform shop](#), or anywhere that sells unbranded blue bucket hats.

If your child doesn't have a hat or isn't wearing it at break time, they will be instructed to sit in the shade. No caps, no pictures, no branding.



Planning ahead for 2024

It's that time again when we start planning for our classes for 2024. If you have any specific information that you want us to take into consideration when placing your child in a class for 2024, please email placement@parnell.school.nz to let us know by Monday, the 2nd of October. This might include things like areas of the curriculum that are strengths or learning goals or information about how your child best learns. **Any requests, including the names of other students outside your family or teachers' names, will be disregarded.**

Let us know if your family's circumstances have changed and you won't be returning for 2024. It helps us make sure we have the right number of teachers in the right year levels. Email enrolment@parnell.school.nz. If you have moved out of the zone since you started with us and have a sibling starting school in 2024, please let us know so we can arrange a place through the out-of-zone process. Email enrolment@parnell.school.nz

Term Three Award Recipients

Room	Congratulations to the following students for their <i>Academic Achievement</i> award this Term.	Congratulations to the following students for their <i>Values Award</i> in their class this Term.
1	<i>Harrison Wakeman</i>	<i>Thomas Carney</i>
2	<i>Alex Smeeton</i>	<i>Hazuki Morishita</i>
4	<i>Rosie Agraval</i>	<i>Georgie Johns</i>
5	<i>Owen Feng Cao</i>	<i>Eliza Campbell</i>
6	<i>Hudson Young</i>	<i>Olivia Harford</i>
7	<i>Kathy Cui</i>	<i>Noe Phang</i>
8	<i>Finlay Dwan</i>	<i>Beatrix Lindsay-Keown</i>
9	<i>Vinnie Sunter</i>	<i>Leo Mckenzie</i>
11	<i>Alex Chen</i>	<i>Lucas Nguyen</i>
12	<i>Abby Dalley-Wong</i>	<i>Samantha Pennington</i>
13	<i>Emily Moth</i>	<i>William Steel</i>
14	<i>Ellie Wang</i>	<i>Lincoln Palmer</i>
16	<i>Tyler Schofield</i>	<i>Vivian Statham</i>
20	<i>Quincy Chen</i>	<i>Miki Xu</i>
23	<i>Yiyan Hong</i>	<i>Henry Wright</i>
24	<i>Gabrielle Mirza</i>	<i>Verona Lindsay-Keown</i>
25	<i>Sabrina Impson</i>	<i>Adam Basilone</i>
26	<i>Eleanor Smith</i>	<i>Nell Harris</i>
27	<i>Libby Armstrong</i>	<i>Yunoo Jung</i>
28	<i>Sara El-Nafeh</i>	<i>Matthew Meyburgh</i>
29	<i>Zeroun Mangkunegara</i>	<i>Sofia Moir</i>
30	<i>Sawa Yamashita</i>	<i>Callie Chen</i>
ESOL	<i>Mabel Tu, Royce Vista, Jian Kim and Yuhong Li</i>	

Congratulations to the following students for their *Sports Awards* this Term.

Bay Suburbs Basketball

Year 5/6 boys, 3rd place

Bay Suburbs Cross-Country

Year 5 girls 3rd Place: Maya Connor

Year 6 girls 2nd place: Ava Arrowsmith

Fundraising update

Parnell District School relies on locally raised funds to supplement the minimal government funding we receive yearly. We raise funds to ensure every child receives a high-quality, broad, rich learning programme with a particular focus on achievement in literacy and math. Every year, through funds the school generates, we provide additional teachers to reduce our class sizes, additional resources for our classroom teachers to provide engaging inquiry-based learning, and programmes like Friday Fizz and OE, which ensure our children receive a broad range of learning opportunities.

Our Whānau & Friends group run major events like our fete and regular events like our disco, ice cream café, and bake sales. Fundraising by our Whānau & Friends group is targeted at student programmes and resources. Every year, our Whānau & Friends raise money that goes into initiatives such as maintaining our playground equipment, funding our reading recovery programme, and supporting learning programmes for our students. This year's fete, for example, was a resounding success, raising \$24500, all of which will contribute to these learning programmes and enhance our recently completed Media Suite.

Our Board of Trustees rely on the excellent work of our Whānau & Friends team and other community fundraising efforts when setting the School's Annual Budget and ensuring that we are sufficiently resourced to deliver the highest quality learning environment and student opportunities. The Board also continually reviews any excess funds the school generates and ensures that these are invested wisely in line with applicable policies.

We are always happy to see our community supporting our fundraising efforts. For 2024, we will be looking for parents, wider whānau, and community members willing to step up and support the fundraising team in continuing to equip Parnell District School to be the best school for our community.

Important Dates: Term Four

Term Four: 9th October - 18th December - No school dates: 23rd October (Labour Day)

9/10	Week 1	
13/10	Assembly: Room 8	
16/10	Week 2	
20/10	Assembly: Room 23	
23/10	Labour day	
24/10	Week 3	
25/10	Fundraising team meeting	
27/10	Assembly: Room 29	
30/10	Week 4	
31/10	Year 0-3 Athletics	
2/11	Year 4-8 Athletics	
3/11	Assembly: Room 28. Whānau & Friends Disco	
6/11	Week 5	
7/11	<i>EZ Touch</i>	
8/11	Non-uniform day	
10/11	Assembly: Room 27	
13/11	Week 6	
14/11	<i>BS Touch Rugby, Class Photos with PhotoLife</i>	
15/11	<i>Team/Sibling Photos with PhotoLife</i>	
17/11	Assembly Room 28	
20/11	Week 7 - Fourth Inquiry: Celebration	
21/11	<i>BS Athletics</i>	
22/11	Whānau & Friends meeting 8:30 am Tainui Bake Sale	
23/11	Whole School Photo for 150 years with PhotoLife	
24/11	Assembly: Enviro	
EOTC week	27/11	Week 8
	28/11	There are many events this week in school and the community that require parent helpers. Camps this week for year 4-8 students.
	29/11	
	30/11	
	1/12	Assembly: Room 9
4/12	Week 9	
8/12	Sports assembly, PaCT reports	
11/12	Week 10 Celebration of Learning End-of-Year Prizegiving	
14/12	Year 8 Graduation	
15/12	Tainui Assembly	
18/12	Waka challenge day	

Friday 3 November

Something exciting is coming to a school hall near you!

Dust off your costumes for the PDS 2023 Disco...



We're looking for anyone who'd like to be involved in making this event an amazing success, just email pta@parnell.school.nz and let us know if you can help with the following:

- decorating and setting up the hall on Friday, 3 November from 12noon - 3 pm
- helping inside the disco in a stall on the night
- assisting with the Parent Haven (serving food, drinks, etc) or any other info/ideas / skills you have to offer!

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48 Saint Stephens Avenue

Tuesdays and Thursdays
Children: 6:15pm-7:15pm
Teenagers and Adults 6:15pm-7:45pm

COME AND TRY A FREE CLASS!

Contact:

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**LIMITED SPOTS
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WHO

9-11 year olds who are water confident

WHEN

10 Sessions

Sundays starting:
29th October 2023

Final session:
17th December 2023

COST

\$495 - covers club membership, coaching, and charter boat

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