



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 16: 26 October 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

At Parnell District School, we are committed to ensuring our curriculum and classroom programmes are providing the best learning opportunities for our students. We have a couple of opportunities for our community to continue their feedback.

Join us to be part of our consultation

First, we'd love to invite our whānau to join us for some focus groups to follow up on the school survey we did last year. We got some major themes out of the survey, but our next step is to sit down with groups of parents to discuss their experiences with our curriculum and the learning opportunities their children have experienced. Bradley, we'd like to talk about learning programmes, our school culture and climate, our resources, and how we can best work together with our community. If you'd like to be part of a focus group, they will be taking place between the 6th and the 9th of November. You can sign up for the focus groups [here: https://forms.office.com/r/kiECJ4fpjP](https://forms.office.com/r/kiECJ4fpjP). We look forward to chatting with you so we can hear all the things that you see that make our school special and continue to work together to improve.

We consult with our community every two years on the implementation of the health curriculum. We invite any parents to join us on **Tuesday the 7th of November at 9 am in the staff room**. Come along to hear about how we teach the health curriculum, what is covered and when, and help us understand what is important for your whānau in this area.

Summer Reminders

As the weather finally starts to warm up, I wanted to remind you all of our expectations to keep every child safe

- ***Children can not be on site unsupervised before 8:30 am or after 3:15 pm***

When your children are on site, we take their safety very seriously. Before 8:30 am and after 3:15 pm, teachers and staff are not available to supervise children. Being on-site too early or too late is very dangerous. Remember, if your child is here before 8:30 or after 3:15, they need a parent or caregiver supervising them on site.

- ***Every child needs a school hat for morning tea, lunchtime, and outdoor learning activities***

As part of our commitment to keeping our children safe in the sun, every child needs a school hat in terms one and four. If your child doesn't have a hat, they will miss out on break time and school learning activities outside. Hats can be purchased from the office or the school uniform centre.

- ***Please don't park on yellow lines around the school***

We continue to have parents parking on the yellow lines around the school crossings. This makes it dangerous for children crossing the road as well as other traffic. Please do not park or pause on the yellow lines for drop off or pick up. Our friends at Auckland Transport are closely patrolling the area after a series of safety concerns. You will get a ticket for stopping on yellow lines even if you wait in your car.

Our celebration of learning is coming!

Get your diary out and book on the **11th of December** for our annual Celebration of Learning held at the Parnell Cathedral. The ceremony will start at **2:30 pm**, and we expect it to be completed by 4 pm. We'd suggest arriving by 2:15 to ensure you find a seat and don't miss the start!

Children will be dismissed from the cathedral at the end of the ceremony, and C4 will run as usual, and children attending C4 will be escorted back to school.

Hats

Good news! We are now selling NEW hats at the school office for \$15 each.

Hats are mandatory for all children in term 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.

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.



PhotoLife – Week 6 - 14 & 15 November

PhotoLife is coming to take photos of **each class on Tuesday, 14 November**, with **sibling photos, student leaders, and sports teams to be held on Wednesday, 15 November**. Physical forms for siblings will be coming home soon. These will need to be returned to the office by Monday, 13 November. Sibling photos will NOT be taken if a form has not been handed in to the office. Please make sure your children are wearing the correct uniform.

150th Celebration FULL school photo – 23 November

We are very excited to have our very special full school 150th photo taken in week 7, **Thursday, 23 November**. More info to come, but please make sure your children are wearing the correct uniform.

Pizza and Non-Uniform Day – Wednesday, 8th November

Pizza and the non-uniform day will be held in Week 5 on Wednesday, 8 November. The only way to order pizza is through the [myKindo](#) app, with the final day to order being **Friday, 3rd November, at 3 pm**. Please note that pizza will be ordered by the slice at \$2 per slice (see the 'PTA News' for more information). On Wednesday, 8 November, your child can wear clothes of their choice and bring a gold coin donation, or they can choose to come along in their uniform.



EOTC week is coming up!

Education outside the classroom (EOTC) has long been part of kiwi kids' learning journey. It includes all kinds of learning opportunities in our environment, including health sports and physical activity. At Parnell District School, EOTC week takes place in term four every year, making sure every child gets to experience the benefits of learning outside. EOTC week includes camps and trips for children through the school, which we can't do without parental help. To ensure the safety of every child, we need a ratio of 1 adult to 8 children, with the ratio lowering to 1:6 around water or 1:4 for any event where children are swimming or in water. We thank all the amazing parents who have volunteered to come along on camps, but we also need lots of parents for our day trips and at-school activities. Look out for more information.

Athletics Carnival – Next week!

WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS



Year 0-3 Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 31 October

9:00 am – 12:40 pm

Location – senior field, Parnell School

Expected order for the day – please be aware that times are approximates.

9.05 am All classes lined up and ready on concrete under the flagpole. Children are to wear their hats, and the teacher is to have drink bottles in a class tub. Quick talk about participation, house points, expectations and having fun.

9.15 am **Year 2-3s to Track Event – 70m sprint**

Year 3 girls heats

Year 3 boys heats

Year 2 girls heats

Year 2 boys heats

Semi-finals for each race thereafter

Year 0-1s to Field Events (10 minutes at each station)

High jump

Shotput

Long jump

Discus

Egg and spoon

10:15am Whānau Waka Relay

10:40 am Morning Tea

11:10 am **Year 1s to Track Event – 70m sprint**

Year 1 girls heats

Year 1 boys heats

Year 1 girls semi-finals

Year 1 boys semi-finals



Year 4-8 Athletics Carnival

Thursday 2 November

9:40 am – 1:40 pm

Location – Glover Park, St Heliers

Note: Students will be transported by bus

NOTE: Parent Volunteers – race timers: We are still looking for parent volunteers to help time the running races. If you can give your time for the full day, we would very much appreciate your help. Please email georgeh@pamell.school.nz as soon as possible.

The important information below will ensure that your child can participate confidently.

Please ensure the following:

- Your child has sufficient food and water for a day of physical activity.
- Your child is wearing:
 - A hat and sunscreen. Children may take hats off for certain events, but it is important that they wear them while they are waiting.
 - Appropriate footwear suitable for physical activity.
 - Clothing appropriate for physical activity. NOTE: Children are encouraged to **wear their waka colours** to show pride and support their waka.

Tainui: Kikorangi/Blue Tokomaru: Kōwhai/Yellow

Te Arawa: Whero/Red Aotea: Kākāriki/Green

Other information

Children move between events with their year group, but boys and girls compete separately. Please note that the given times are approximate times only. These may be subject to change throughout the day.

In the case of bad weather, a message will go out on the school app.

If you have any further questions, please contact George Hollingworth georgeh@pamell.school.nz

NOTE: Parents are welcome to come and support children during their events. Please support positively and remember it is a children's sporting event where participation and healthy competition are encouraged. Our teachers running the events are competent and will have the final decision on placings.

Expected order for the day – please be aware that times are approximates.

9:15 am	Buses depart Parnell School				
9:30 am	800m – Straight Final				
	100m	Shot Put	Long Jump	Discus	High Jump
9:40-10:20	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8
10:20-11:00	YEAR 8	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7
11:00-11:40	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
11:40-12:10	BREAK 200m Races				
12:10-12:50	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
12:50-1:30	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 4
1:30-2:00	Clean up and pack up				
2:00	Buses depart Glover Park				
Waka relays will be run at school at a later date					

Important Dates: Term Four

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

27/10	Assembly: Room 29 to host	
30/10	Week 4	
31/10	Year 0-3 Athletics Carnival	
2/11	Year 4-8 Athletics Carnival	
3/11	Assembly: Room 28 to host. Whānau & Friends Disco Purchase tickets at the office	
6/11	Week 5	
7/11	<i>EZ Touch</i>	
8/11	PIZZA DAY & Non-Uniform Day \$ by Whānau & Friends! Order via myKindoby Nov 3)	
10/11	Assembly: Room 27 to host	
13/11	Week 6	
14/11	<i>BS Touch Rugby, Class Photos with PhotoLife</i>	
15/11	Team/Sibling Photos with PhotoLife	
17/11	Assembly Room 30 to host	
20/11	Week 7 - Fourth Inquiry: Celebration	
21/11	<i>BS Athletics</i>	
22/11	Whānau & Friends meeting 8:30 am Tainui Bake Sale - bring \$	
23/11	Whole School Photo for 150 years with PhotoLife	
24/11	Assembly: Enviro to host	
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 to host
4/12	Week 9	
8/12	Sports Assembly, PaCT reports to come home	
11/12	Week 10 Celebration of Learning End-of-Year Prizegiving 2:30 - 4:00 pm	
14/12	Year 8 Graduation	
15/12	Tainui Assembly	
18/12	Waka challenge day - Happy Holidays!	



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New Zealand

C4 Christmas Holiday Programme 2023

School Day 8am-3pm \$60
School Day with care 8am-6pm \$80

Last day of term 4

Mon
18
Dec



Today is the last day of the 2023 school year. The Waka Challenge is on. School finishes at 3pm and C4 will be open from 3pm-6pm.

Christmas Crafts

Tue
19
Dec



Come and create some new & exciting decorations for your tree or make a Christmas card for someone special in your life!

Christmas Baking Fun

Wed
20
Dec



Today we'll make a variety of Christmas treats, have a taste test and package up the leftovers to take home!

C4 Christmas Party

Thu
21
Dec



On the last day of C4 for 2023 we will have a delicious Christmas lunch, play Christmas games and take home a small gift from the C4 team!

No Activity

Fri
22
Dec



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! The January Holiday Programme starts on Monday 15th January 2024!

Please book by Monday 11th December. Places are limited. Once a booking is confirmed no changes are allowed.

For more information, call 09:3793008 Or 027 2706810
or email clairej@parnell.school.nz

Book now at [PDS.aimyplus.com](https://pds.aimyplus.com)

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We are excited to announce that the PDS Disco for 2023 will be a Spooktacular event!

Spooktacular Disco Friday, 3 November

Year 0-3: 5:30 pm-6:45 pm

Year 4-8: 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Tickets \$8 from the office

Remember the excitement of last year's *Summer Fun* PDS Student Disco? Watch the montage here to relive those summer vibes: www.tinyurl.com/summerfundisco2022.

This year, we're super excited to announce that the PDS Disco for 2023 will be a *Spooktacular* event!



Gather your costumes - spooky or cute - in preparation for an exciting evening of disco tunes by DJ Lo, dancing with the friendly skeletons, ghostly pictures in the photo booth, or just chilling with some snacks and drinks alongside the pumpkins.

Bring plenty of gold coins - pizza slices, sausage sizzle, snacks and drinks, a photo booth, and other spooky surprises!

Please, no full-face masks or toy weapons. This will be a fun event suitable for all students.

Tickets are \$8 from the school office (no refunds).

Entry is strictly for PDS students only. No parents in the disco hall, but the dance room will be open for younger siblings to wait with their parents, or if you're child-free, join us in the staff room's "Parent Safe Haven."

Non-Uniform Day and Pizza Day - Wednesday, 8 November – order on myKindo



Students are invited to come dressed in home clothes and bring a gold coin donation. If you wish to order pizza, you need to pre-order through the [MyKindo](https://mykindo.com) app. Orders close at 3 pm, Friday, 3 November.



Friday Café - 3 pm

Don't forget to join us this term on the courts for a cold treat on a hot day at our very own Friday Cafe! Every Friday from 3 pm in the central courtyard. It's a great way to catch up with friends and end the school week!

Be a Whānau & Friends Volunteer...

If you would like to volunteer to help with any PDS Whānau & Friends events, please email pta@parnell.school.nz or complete the online volunteer form at <http://bit.ly/pds-waf>.

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WHEN

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