



## Newsletter 17: 15 November 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

Term four is always busy and filled with achievements, activities, and, of course, the boundless enthusiasm of our students. Two highlights of the term so far are our Athletics Days and the School Discos! Both events rely on a huge amount of work from our teaching team, and the commitment of our parents to bring them to life. I want to thank every parent who helped at our disco, and our athletics days. Your contribution has helped create lasting memories for our students.

Congratulations to everyone who competed in our school athletics competitions, both at Glover Park for our year 4-8 students, and at school for our year 0-3 students. It was fantastic to see our students out representing their waka colours as they competed. Thank you to Miss Surgison and Mr. Hollingsworth for their organisation of the senior athletics, and Miss Clancy for her organisation of the junior athletics.

*Athletics certificates will be presented at our end of year sports assembly on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December.*



### 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration FULL school photo – Thursday 23 November

Photolife will be back again next week on **Thursday, 23 November** for our very special full school 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration photo. Once again, please ensure your children are wearing their polo shirts (blue and gold for year 0-6, white and blue for year 7-8). Links to find your children's photos will come out in school communications once they have been edited so keep a look out on the school app.

## Our celebration of learning is coming!

Get your diary out and book on the **11<sup>th</sup> 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 (children attending C4 will be escorted back to school)

## 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.

## Weetbix Kids TRYathlon - 24 March

The Weetbix Tryathlon is now open for registration. You can register your children online [here](#) and select Parnell School. Then, on the day of the TRYathlon, lookout for our gazebo where we can be together.



## Important Dates: Term Four

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

17/11	Assembly: Room 30 to host
20/11	Week 7 - Fourth Inquiry: Celebration
21/11	BS Athletics
22/11	Whānau & Friends: Tainui Bake Sale - bring \$2
23/11	Whole School Photo for 150 years with PhotoLife
24/11	Assembly: Enviro to host
EOTC week	27/11 Week 8
	28/11
	29/11 There are many events this week in school and the community that require parent helpers.
	30/11 Camps this week for year 4-8 students.
	1/12 Assembly: Room 9 to host
4/12	Week 9
8/12	Sports Assembly, PaCT reports to come home
11/12	Week 10 <b>Celebration of Learning End-of-Year Prizegiving 2:30 - 4:00 pm</b>
14/12	Year 8 Graduation
15/12	Tainui Assembly
18/12	Waka challenge day - Happy Holidays!



## Remember to book ahead for C4

We have almost full bookings for C4 for the end of the year, so remember to book ahead to make sure your children have a spot in the C4 programme.

C4's last day for regular after school care is Monday the 18th December.

C4's December holiday programme is open Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Spaces are almost gone!

C4's January Holiday programme is open Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of December. See our programme below.

C4 is open on teacher only day - Monday 5th February.  
Places are limited.



### C4 January Holiday Programme 2024

School Day 8am-3pm \$60  
School Day with care 8am-6pm \$80  
Trip Day 8am-3pm \$80  
Trip Day with care 8am-6pm \$100

#### Parnell District School

48 Saint Stephens Avenue, Parnell, Auckland,  
New Zealand

<b>Lego Space &amp; Aliens</b> Mon 15 Jan  <p>The Lego theme today is space &amp; aliens! We'll make aliens from C4's large Lego collection and there'll be exciting new space themed Lego!</p>	<b>Howick Village</b> Tue 16 Jan  <p>C4 are spending the day at the Howick Historical Village where we'll travel back in time to discover what it was like being a child in 1850!</p>	<b>C4 Brain Play</b> Wed 17 Jan  <p>A firm favourite with C4, Brain Play will introduce us to their fun activities including 3D design, electronics, robotics, coding and more!</p>	<b>Trip to the Movies</b> Thu 18 Jan  <p>C4 is off to the movies at Westfield Newmarket! We are planning on seeing The Jungle Bunch 2: World Tour. Popcorn &amp; a drink supplied!</p>	<b>Personalised Pillow</b> Fri 19 Jan  <p>Today we'll turn a plain white pillowcase (supplied) into a work of art! Use fabric pens and your imagination to create a masterpiece!</p>
<b>Making Music</b> Mon 22 Jan  <p>Join the team from Eliette's Music Academy and have fun trying out drums, guitars &amp; ukuleles. Singing as well! After lunch the C4 orchestra!</p>	<b>Fantastic Gymnastics</b> Tue 23 Jan  <p>Tehana from Bloom is back to teach gymnastics! All ages &amp; abilities catered for. We'll also set up an obstacle course after lunch.</p>	<b>Young Guns Skating</b> Wed 24 Jan  <p>Come and join the team from Young Guns Skate School for a fun morning either learning to skate or perfecting your skills. Gear is provided!</p>	<b>Dazzling Denmark</b> Thu 25 Jan  <p>Our country these holidays is Denmark! Come and learn about Denmark from our own wonderful Dane, Birthe! Celebrate all things from Denmark.</p>	<b>School Crafts</b> Fri 26 Jan  <p>Get ready for the school year with back to school crafts including pencil holders, pencil toppers, book labels as well as "pencil biscuits"!</p>

Please book by Monday 8th January 2024. Places are limited. Once a booking is confirmed no changes are allowed.

For more information, call 09 3793008 Or 027 2706810  
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# Whānau & Friends



## Spooktacular Disco

A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful school community who made the Spooktacular Disco such an amazing success! The hall was certainly transformed into a Spooktacular display thanks to Andrea, Jenny and their amazing team of decorators! It wouldn't be a disco without the legendary beats from DJ Lo (aka Marco's dad!). Roza ensured no-one would go hungry and Charlotte and the team were rocking it up in the Parent Haven. Great to see so many parents catching up while the students were enjoying their disco. It looked like everyone was having a fun time and we hope they came home with lots of fun memories to share!



If you want to download pictures from the Photo Booth you can do so [here](#) with the password "Spooky"



## Wednesday 22 November – Tainui Bake Sale

The last round of the 2023 PDS Great PDS Bake-Off ends with Tainui in the kitchen. Who will be crowned the Waka winners? Baking instructions will be sent out to all Tainui bakers at the end of next week. Don't forget to bring \$2 CASH to buy cupcakes at morning tea on Wednesday 22 November (maximum 2 cupcakes per person). Any leftover baking will be sold after school from outside the hall.



## 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!

## Become a Whānau & Friends Volunteer!

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

# HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

**A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL  
SONGWRITING & MUSIC VIDEO  
MAKE A BAND**

Ages 6-17  
Albany & Grafton Campus  
December 18 - 22  
January 15 - 26

[eliettesmusicacademy.com](http://eliettesmusicacademy.com)



LIMITED SPOTS  
AVAILABLE



## 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  
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