



PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 4: 27 March 2024

Kia ora e te whānau,

As an inner-city school, we understand that getting to school can be tricky. For many of our children, it means navigating busy roads, and for our families, it can mean a lot of morning traffic. I just wanted to remind you of three things we need to do to be safe getting to and from school.

1 - Be careful on bikes! As cars whiz past us on our bikes, it is particularly important that when we are riding our bikes to school, we stay out of traffic. Be particularly careful when crossing the road; and always cross at a controlled crossing when you can, and always remember your helmet.

2 - Make sure you use our crossings safely! Our amazing road patrol team are on the signs morning and night. Listen carefully, and you'll hear them say, "**Signs out**", "**Check**", "**Clear**", "**Cross Now**", and only when you hear cross now, do you cross the road.

3 - Make sure you park in the right place! This one is for parents. Make sure when you are looking for a place to stop at drop off or pick up that it is a place you should be stopping if there are broken yellow lines on the road; that lets you know that this is not a place to stop. When you do stop on yellow lines, even for an instant, you make it more dangerous for everyone around you.

Reminder: No school Friday 29th April - Tuesday 2nd April

The Easter break often falls during the school holidays. This year, because it falls in term time, we remind you that all state schools are closed over Easter break. This includes Friday (29 March), Monday (1 April) and Tuesday (2 April). We will be back for week ten on Wednesday, 3 April.

C4 is open Tuesday 8 am-6 pm with fun arts and crafts. Please book ASAP at pds.aimyplus.com.

Cultural Celebrations

One thing we are working hard on this year is celebrating the important events around the world that are important to our community. Last week marked Nowruz, the Persian New Year, and we extend a happy New Year to all who celebrate. We are currently working on a calendar of celebrations for the year. If you find something missing and you'd like to help us make sure every special day is celebrated, email enchantec@parnell.school.nz to let him know you want to help!

Ramadan

As-salamu alaykum.

Ramadan Mubarak! We understand that there are children at Parnell School who are participating in Ramadan. Some of them have chosen to share what Ramadan means to them with their classes, and it is great to see them being proud of their culture. At Parnell, we would like to celebrate with the children when it is time for Eid. We are seeking advice on how best to achieve this. If you are willing and happy to lend some advice, please email Enchante Chang at enchantec@parnell.school.nz.

Claim your tax rebate before 31 March!

Your support makes a world of difference to our school as we strive to maximise our funding and provide added benefits to students. Did you know that if you make a donation before 31 March 2024, you will be able to claim back a **33% tax rebate** almost immediately from 1 April 2024?

Burgerfuel



Burger Day with our friends at BurgerFuel Parnell is coming up in week 11, Wednesday, 10 April. If you would like to order a kids burger and fries for your child/ren you can order only through your [myKindo](#) account. **Orders close Monday, 8 April at 4 pm!**

Important Dates: Term One 2024

Term One: 30th January - 12th April

'No School' dates: 29th March - 2nd April (Easter public holidays)

25/3	Week 9
29/3	<i>Good Friday - No School</i>
1/4	<i>Easter Monday - No School</i>
2/4	No School
3/4	Week 10 - Wheels Wednesday
5/4	<i>Assembly: Room 4 to host; reports to go home</i>
8/4	Week 11
10/4	<i>Burger Day with Burgerfuel - Order via myKindo app by Monday 8th April, 4 pm Wheels Wednesday</i>
12/4	<i>Assembly: Aotea Waka to Host, Term 1 Ends</i>

C4 News

We are excited about our School Holiday Programme (see below). We have a lot of fun activities planned. **Please note** you MUST book before Monday, 8 April.

COMING SOON: Look out for a complete list of the interesting and varied afterschool and in-school lessons that C4 and Parnell School now offer to our students.



C4 Term 1 School Holiday Programme 2024

Parnell District School

48 Saint Stephens Avenue, Parnell, Auckland,
New Zealand

Tabloid Sports Mon 15 Apr  Today we'll play games tabloid style! There'll be a range of activities set up and we'll all have a go in colour coordinated teams!	Bliss Ball Bites Tue 16 Apr  Bliss balls are a yummy healthy treat that can be made in so many different ways! We'll make a variety and send some home for your family.	C4 Loves Lego Wed 17 Apr  Today it's all about lego! We will run lego building competitions, lego memory games, build towers and create masterpieces in teams!	Interesting India Thu 18 Apr  These holidays the country we're studying is India! We'll play some traditional Indian games & make delicious chicken curry for lunch.	Felt Pictures Fri 19 Apr  Come and create a masterpiece with felt! We'll have lots of different coloured felt and accessories for you to use.
Make a Kaleidoscope Mon 22 Apr  Learn to make your own kaleidoscope! It's a fun way to explore light, reflections & symmetry. We will build then decorate!	Create a Candle Tue 23 Apr  We're going to create a special candle in different colours and scents as well as decorate the mason jar it will be poured in.	Celebrate Anzac Day Wed 24 Apr  Spend the day at C4 learning about this special day on our calendar. We'll make poppies out of different materials and bake Anzac biscuits!	ANZAC DAY Thu 25 Apr C4 is closed today.	Dinosaur Nightlight Fri 26 Apr  On the last day of the holiday programme we're making an oasis for dinosaurs (or fairies!) with sand, figurines, fake moss and a nightlight!

Please book by Monday 8th April 2024. 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

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PDS Whānau & Friends

Bake Sale - Wednesday 20 March

Thank you so much to all the Aotea bakers who whipped up such an amazing array of cupcakes for the first Bake Sale of the year! All money raised from this fundraiser will go towards continuing to provide a safe and varied education at Parnell School.



Whānau & Friends Meeting

On Wednesday, 13 March, we held the first Whānau & Friends Meeting of the year. Thank you to everyone who attended. Thank you to Kate Surgison and Enchante Chang for representing the school, as well as Monika Wakeman from the Board of Trustees. We discussed the success of last year's fundraising efforts - particularly the 150th Anniversary Fete and this year's event calendar, which will see the return of the popular *Cross-Country Fundraiser* on **Friday, 9 August** and the fun-filled annual *PDS Student Disco* on **Friday, 23 August**. The next *Whānau & Friends Meeting* will be held on **Wednesday, 8 May, at 6 pm in the staff room**.

Upcoming events!

We are very excited to announce the long-awaited return of the **PDS Quiz Night** on **Friday, 7 June** - mark the date in your diary!



Friday Cafe

Every Friday on the courts from 3 pm. Bring a few gold coins for an ice block, enjoy the sunshine, and make new friends. Prices from \$1-4.

Celebrations Cookbooks are still available for purchase!

We still have our amazing Celebrations Cookbook for sale. You can purchase them from the office for \$35.

Sign-up to volunteer 2024



If you would like to volunteer in any way, please complete our new online volunteer form at <https://bit.ly/pds-waf> or use this QR code for a direct link. You can also email us directly at pta@parnell.school.nz or speak to Amy in the office.



Community Notices



Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 - 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

15th - 19th April 2024, 9am - 4pm daily
Held at Epsom Girls Grammar School,
Raye Freedman Arts Centre

*View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz
or contact Hayley on either
artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129*

the village square school holiday programmes

April school holiday programme

- 15 - 26 April, 7.30am - 6pm
- Parnell Community Centre
- On-site activities and trips every day for 5-14 year olds

Full Day: On-site \$70 | Trips \$89

villagesquare.org.nz/shp

sports x

5 - 14 years old

holiday clinic

15th-17th April
9.00am - 12.00pm

Victoria Avenue School

ONLY \$50/ day

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#) register at sports-x.nz

PLAY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 6 APRIL, 11am-4pm
Tuna Mau/Western Park, Freemans Bay

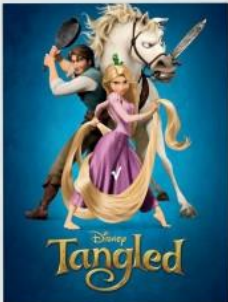


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HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

AGES
6 - 17

APRIL
15 - 26



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CONFIDENCE

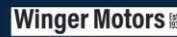
- COMMUNITY BELONGING

- DEVELOPING FRIENDSHIPS AND SOCIAL SKILLS

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Ages 5 to 13 years



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upfront**
PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

Epsom Girls Grammar School
22 to 24 + 26 & 27 April (5 days)
Monday to Saturday (Minus ANZAC Day)

For full details and to BOOK online
www.kidsupfront.co.nz

*We will comply with COVID restrictions

15th April - 26th April



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SCHOOL
Holiday Programmes

Make the most of your holidays with a fun-filled learning experience!

BOOK NOW

- Develop Games with Roblox
- Let us Code
- Minecraft - Develop your own Mods
- Minecraft Modding Junior
- Code that Robot using Mbot
- Introduction to Graphic Design
- Learn to Code in Python
- Let's Learn Makey Makey
- Code that Robot using Edison
- Introduction to Developing Websites
- Let us Learn 3D Printing
- Develop Games with Gamemaker

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