



PARNELL
DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 5: 10 April 2024

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a wonderful term we've had. I want to congratulate our staff and students on an amazing start to 2024. From our first student inquiry around creating our learning culture to our current study of Science in 'it matters' studying states of matter and how things change, our students have been hard at work in classrooms developing their skills. We have just two weeks left of our inquiry when we return next term, so undoubtedly, there will be many scientific questions over the break.

Next term, we have Performing Arts Week coming up in Week 3. The focus of Performing Arts Week this year is dance and movement. Everyone will be exploring the language of dance and how we communicate through dance. The focus week will culminate with our dance performances for Year 0-3 on May 17th and Year 4-8 on Thursday May 23rd at the Cathedral. We are excited to give every student the opportunity to develop their understanding of dance and for our older students to perform in this iconic venue. Following our Performing Arts Week, we will begin our next inquiry, Economy - Te Ōranga. This is a social sciences inquiry where we will take an Aotearoa New Zealand Histories lens on economies, trading and sharing of resources.

Keeping our students safe

Our team is always reviewing our practices to ensure every child in our school is safe and able to enjoy their learning experience at Parnell District School. You may have noticed some new gates popping up around the school. These will help our wider community remember that we're a busy school and not to visit or pass through during the day. If you need to drop anything off to your children throughout the day, come straight to the office, and we'll ensure it gets to the right place. Please help us by reminding your children that our barrier is the gates and the stone wall. We never climb on or over the stone wall and only go outside the gates before or after school or with an adult.

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2024

After a highly competitive application process, it is a pleasure to introduce you to our student leaders for 2024. We received over 80 applications for the 32 available positions. While our Waka captains are only available for year 7/8 students, our Curriculum Council, Sports Leaders, and Service Leaders are all a combination of year 5, 6, 7 and 8 students.

I want to congratulate everyone appointed to these roles and all those who took the time to apply. These positions are appointed every year, so for those who were unsuccessful this year, we look forward to your application next year!

Curriculum Council



We're Alana van den Eeden, Kate Luo, Iva Du, Charlie Chen, Sastik Rajkumar, Ella Duffey, Phoebe Heather, and Francesca Liebert from Rooms 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 28. As PDS' Curriculum Council, we're here to spark imagination, develop growth mindsets, and influence learning for other students at Parnell. We help to decide the Inquiry for each term by gathering feedback from classes and teachers about how their Inquiries are going.

Sports Leaders



Kia Ora, we are the sports leaders. Our names are Evie, Samantha, Rose, Yiyang, Lincoln, Jude, Toby and Elisha. We are from Rooms: 30, 23, 13 and 28. Our job as Sports Leaders is to organise sports events and activities for our school. We are here to encourage our peers to try their best in all types of sports and never give up. Lastly, we make sure that when we're taking part in all the sports on offer, we show good sportsmanship and have fun!

Waka Captains



Hi, we are the Waka Captains. Aotea: Vivian Rm 26 and Bella Rm 25. Tainui: Libby Rm 24 and Hugo Rm 23. Tokomaru: Jason Rm 25 and Bardia Rm 26. Te Arawa: Saanvi Rm 24 and Daniel Rm 23. We help with the Waka bake sales, host end-of-term assemblies, count the gold coins, and support the Waka. We are also role models. Look out for us at assemblies when we announce the winning Waka.

Service Leaders



Kia Ora e te whānau, we are the Service leaders for 2024. Our names are Abinav Rm 23, Amy Rm 23, Brodie Rm 23, Chloe H Rm 13, Imtisaal Rm 29, Joel Rm 26, Maya C Rm 30 and Tiger Rm 28! Our job as Service Leaders is to plan and supervise exciting events at PDS. You can always find us on the courts setting up and supervising "Wheels Wednesday" each week!



PARNELL
DISTRICT SCHOOL

DANCE YEAR 4-8

PERFORMANCE



TICKETS

ADULT \$20

CHILD \$15

UNDER 14 YEARS

FAMILY \$55

2 ADULTS 2 CHILDREN

MAY 23, 7:00 P.M.

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Term One Assembly

Congratulations to the following students for their **Academic Achievement Award** in their class this Term.

Marcus Lethbridge
Boden Liebert
Addy Davidson
Isabelle Davidson
Iain Du
Iva Du
Davis Meyer
Charlie Chen
Arya Deepak
Jenifer Mei
Anya Connor
Phoebe Heather
Lucien Li
Bella Pham
Georgia Burling
Sofia Moir
Amelia Andrew
Jayden Inyang
Sophia Engelmann
Frankie Liebert

Congratulations to the following students for their **Values Award** in their class this Term.

Bree Remo
Cindy Liang
Thor Riquelme
Joshua Tonkin
Isla Soh
Archer Bowring
Valentina Vela
Deedee Soh
Adam Basilone
Hassan Noman
Neaha Kisten
Yiyan Hong
Archie Wilson
Sophia Zheng
Tama Sunter
Chris Chatiaka
Rohan Sanft
Anaya Khatter
Maya Acquah
Kathy Cui



Kapa Haka

Our Kapa Haka graced the stage at the 2024 Kapa Haka Kāhui last Thursday at Auckland Normal Intermediate. The performance was nothing short of awe-inspiring! Every child poured passion and dedication into every moment, leaving nothing to spare. Their joyous smiles illuminated the venue with each waiata, and their electrifying finale haka showcased their ownership of the stage.

A special thank you to those who volunteered their time and the whānau who came along to awahi (support) us. A big thank you to Annette Tiaiti for going above and beyond in all she has poured into our Kapa Haka group. The Kapa Haka Rōpū will continue their journey to learning more waiata in anticipation of new and exciting ventures and events to come. If you missed this event, the official video will be sent out at a later date.

Community Consultation: Reporting to Parents

One of the key work streams for the Senior Leadership Team this year is reviewing **how, what and when we report to parents about their children's progress and achievement in learning**. It's important to us that we report with you, our parent community, clearly, accurately and in a timely manner. To ensure that what we do aligns with the needs of our parent community, we invite you to attend in-person or Zoom consultation sessions in Week 3 of next term. An online survey will also be sent out at the end of that week for anyone who cannot attend a session.

The session dates and times are:

Monday 13th May: 2pm at school

Monday 13th May: 7pm via Zoom

Wednesday 15th May: 9am at school

Wednesday 15th May: 5.30pm at school

Each session should last no longer than 45 minutes.

[Please click on this link to register for a session.](#)

Important Dates: Term Two 2024

Term Two: 29th April – 5th July

'No School' Dates: 3rd June (King's Birthday), 28th June (Matariki)

29/4	Week 1
3/5	Assembly: Curriculum Council to host
6/5	Week 2
8/5	PDS Whānau & Friends Meeting: 6pm in Staff Room (all welcome)
10/5	Assembly: Room 1 to host
13/5	Week 3 - Performing Arts Focus Week
17/5	Assembly: Room 28 to host Year 0-3 Dance Performance
20/5	Week 4: Enquiry Two Begins
22/5	Non-uniform Day (bring a gold coin donation)
23/5	Year 4-8 Evening Dance Performance
24/5	Assembly: Room 12 to host
27/5	Week 5
31/5	Assembly: Room 8 to host
3/6	Kings Birthday (NO School)
4/6	Week 6
7/6	Assembly: Room 30 to host PDS Whānau & Friends Quiz Night!!!
10/6	Week 7
14/6	New Parent Breakfast Assembly: Room 13 to host
17/06	Week 8
19/6	Te Arawa Bake Sale (bring \$2 for a cupcake)
21/6	Assembly: Enviro to host Reports to Families
24/6	Week 9
25/6	Student Learning Conferences
26/6	Student Learning Conferences
28/6	Matariki (NO School)
1/7	Week 10
5/7	Assembly: Te Arawa to host



PDS Whānau & Friends

Quiz Night!

Friday, 7 June, will see the return of the PDS Quiz Night and Live Auction Fundraiser. More details and tickets will be available to purchase in Term 2.

Save the Date

Quiz Night

Friday 7 June 2024

Friday Cafe

Every Friday from 3 p.m. on the courts, bring a few gold coins for an ice block, and enjoy the sunshine while making new friends. Prices range from \$1- 4.



Celebrations Cookbooks are still available for purchase!

We still have our fabulous 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 at pta@parnell.school.nz or speak to Amy at the Office.

Community News



SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING PROGRAMME

Parnell Lawn Tennis Club, NZ Premier Club (Next to the Museum at Domain)

First week: 15-19 April, **Second week:** 22-26 April
Flexible enrolments, **Time:** 9am-12pm, 12pm-3pm or 9am-3pm

In **TERM TWO Saturdays & Sundays** a new **8-week course** will start 4 & 5 May,
Time: 9am-10am, **Age:** 5-18
Tuesday's course starts 30 April, **Time:** 7am- 8am, Age 10-18

Enquiries: COACH: Goran Marsic (021) 1677-460, Email: gmarsic@gmail.com
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/pltc/coaching/junior-coaching>

**For more
information
Click here**

Eliette's
MUSIC ACADEMY

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

AGES
6 - 17

APRIL
15 - 26



MUSICAL THEATRE
PERFORMING 'TANGLED'



BAND PROGRAMMES



SONGWRITING
+ RECORDING & MUSIC VIDEO

ALBANY & GRAFTON
LOCATIONS

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.ELIETTESMUSICACADEMY.COM

GIRLS RIPPA RUGBY



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

5-12 year old GIRLS



**Wednesday 17 April
10am-2pm
Shore Road Reserve**

**OPEN TO ALL!
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED,
JUST BRING YOUR ENTHUSIASM!!**

EMAIL: GRAMMARJUNIORSRUGBY@GMAIL.COM
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Sing*Act*Dance
Perform in a Show!



Holiday Workshops
We give Kids Confidence
Ages 5 to 13 years



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



15th April - 26th April



Scan QR Code

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

(09)815 0825 www.scratchpad.co.nz info@scratchpad.co.nz