

What's happening?

Please note and put aside the following dates:-

20th February—Year 7 & 8 overnight camp

21st February—Rooms 2 & 3 beach trip

22nd February—Year 5 & 6 leadership day

23rd February—Swimming sports

24th February—Year 7 & 8 leadership day

27th February—Board of Trustees meeting

8th March—School Picnic

Two weeks have flown past and children have settled well with class and school routines mostly in place.

As I stated last week we have high expectations for each child and your support of their learning journey: in this regard I pose the following.

Have you read to your child in the last week? Have you listened to them read in the last week? Children of all ages love to be read to, and research shows that this will stimulate both an interest in and a desire to learn to read more, which in turn enhances Writing and Spelling. If you, can make the time to read and to listen to your child this will support greatly what is being done at school.

Have you listened to them recite or tested their times tables in the last week? With our focus on Basic Facts, support of our mathematics homework programme is appreciated.

National Standards –

Paterangi has and will continue to assess children using National norm referenced assessment tools and report to parents each child's ability compared to others of their chronological age. Most of this is done through Learning Journals at the end of each Term and will continue. Each child's Learning Journal will have an outline of the expectations included in it.

PTA Meeting –

The PTA had a very successful first get together on Wednesday with 12 keen parents attending. Organisation for the upcoming swimming sports was put in place, a school picnic for Wednesday 8th March and initial organization for the Easter raffle at the end of term.

New students –

Last week we welcomed 14 new students and their families to the school. They have all settled in well and we know they will have every opportunity to progress their learning with our experienced and dedicated staff working with small class numbers.

If you know of any prospective children please encourage their parents or caregivers to make contact and come and meet with us.



This week we welcome Ethan Preece and his family. Ethan has joined Mrs Reihana in Room 2. We also welcomed Miles Twentymen and his family with Miles joining Mrs Henderson in Room 3.

Email addresses –

Did you know that you can email the teachers at school? Every teacher has an email address, and generally checks their email every day. This is a great way to communicate with teachers. Also, if your child is going to be away, you can email Heather to let her know the reason for the absence.

Office – Heather Smyth – heather@paterangi.school.nz
Principal – Chris Calver – chrisc@paterangi.school.nz – 0274 651 402
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Room 1 – Simon Drury – simond@paterangi.school.nz
Room 3 – Joy Henderson – joyh@paterangi.school.nz
Room 5 – Phillip Otto – phillip@paterangi.school.nz
Room 4 – Tania Hall – taniah@paterangi.school.nz
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Principal

Class Awards

- Room 4:** Madison - for a fantastic start to the year, You are already shining as a role model in Room 4.
- Room 3:** Jahmon - Great start to school, and a great role model.
Miles - Welcome to Paterangi School and Room 3.
- Room 2:** Jack - For his super spelling in his story writing.
Dylan - For his great effort with his story writing.
Ethan - Welcome to Paterangi School, you have settled in well and made lots of new friends.
- Room 1:** Tori - For making an excellent start to 2017. She works hard in class, is always helpful and shows fabulous manners. Keep up the good work Tori.
Matthew C - For his excellent recount about the summer holidays. His sense of humour shines through in his writing. Keep up the good work Matthew.
- Room 5:** Billy - For making a diligent start to Term one and setting high expectations. Well done Billy.
Jaxon - For making a positive start to Term one and completing set tasks in class.

TE AWAMUTU SCOUT GROUP

Phone: 07 872 7738
Email: craigandclaudette@gmail.com

Annual Muster Night
Tuesday 14th February 2017
6pm to 7.30pm

Where: Te Awamutu Scout Hall

(Scout Lane, Opposite Bunnings)
All children (girls and boys) and parents welcome.

Woggles, Badges, Ropes, Camping, Campfires, Climbing, Adventure, Fun, Friends, Games, Bushwalking, Outdoor Cooking, Go-Carts and More!

READY TO JOIN THE ADVENTURE?

Keas: School Years 1-3
Cubs: School Years 4-6
Scouts: School Years 7-10
Venturers: School Years 11-14

MUSIC LESSONS

Guitar, violin, ukulele, keyboard, singing
Lessons to be held at school during lunch or after school
\$10 per person (group sessions)
If interested please phone Julie 021 0241 4472
or email: musicwaipa@gmail.com

PIRONGIA JUNIOR RUGBY

Muster Nights
Pirongia Rugby Clubrooms
6 – 8pm, Tuesday 28th February,
Thursday 2nd March & Tuesday 7th March

2016 registered players will receive an email with a link to register online

For new registrations, please go to www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/26111

Grades from 6-13th are available.
Minimum age to play is 4yr
A **Copy** of Birth Certificate/ Age ID is required for all players
Subs \$40 – 1 Child, \$75 – 2 Children, \$90 – 3 + Children
Must be paid on night
Ph. Paul Dale 07 871 9170
0274 746 791



Many thanks to The Hire Centre Te Awamutu for their generous donation of the free use of a scissor lift (cherry picker) to paint the flagpole, rescue the old flag and install new. Thanks also to Wayne Shaw for your work in organising this.

WANTED -

Room 2 would like some large screw top jars to use in a class project.

Music -

Today we started music sessions for each class with Julie Dowden. She will be taking music on Friday mornings.



FLAVOURED WATER

Make your own flavoured water! Fill a jug with water and add:

- Ice cubes to keep it cool
- Slices or a squeeze of lemon, lime, cucumber, orange or berries
- Mint leaves

Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

Bus fees –

This year our bus fees for ineligible students are again \$30 per pupil per term, or \$80 per family per term. Bus fees must be paid by the end of week 2 and those not paid will be excluded. Please contact the school office if you would like to make arrangements for payment.

Hats –

We have a supply of school hats which are for sale at \$10 each. This price has been subsidised by your PTA so please support them in return.

Sunscreen -

Please remember to ensure your child has a hat to wear at school. During Term 1, all children are required to wear a hat outside during morning tea and lunch time and sunscreen is available

Homework –

All children will have homework Monday night to Thursday night. Homework is an important component of your child's learning at school to reinforce learning that has happened during the day, or in some cases to prepare for learning that is going to take place in the class during the next couple of days. Each teacher is sending out a notice about what homework you can expect for the children of their class.

An important part of our homework regime is the nightly reading logs which are to be purchased as part of the stationery requirements for the year. As some people have had difficulty purchasing these if buying their stationery locally, we will have a small number available to purchase at the school office for \$5.20.

FOUND

A set of house keys near the junior playground on Thursday afternoon.

These can be picked up from the school office.

Swimming Sports –

Reminder; our school swimming sports are being held on Thursday the 23rd of February from 6pm to 8pm at the Te Awamutu swimming pools. If you can help, please let Mr Otto know.

Assembly –

Assembly will be held each Friday at 2.15. All parents are welcome to attend and we will try and include a schedule of classes running assemblies in next week's newsletter.

Mathsbuddy -

We would like to announce the continuation of the fabulous initiative introduced into our mathematics teaching programme.

www.MathsBuddy.co.nz is an online e-learning resource that is designed to improve your son/daughter in the areas of self confidence relating to Mathematics.

Some of the features that this programme has are;

- More than 200 full lessons relevant to your child's school maths programme each covering a separate concept, with a voice over and numerous examples of varying difficulty. Every lesson has a pause and rewind facility to help students grasp concepts at their own pace.
- Every lesson has an accompanying printable summary and worksheet to consolidate the concept, with full worked solutions provided also.
- A student's ongoing use and progress in the program is stored for theirs and their teacher's perusal at any time.
- The program can be accessed from any internet ready site, not just at school.
- The entire Level 1 to Level 8 program is available to every student, not just their particular year group or course.
- ***Parents are encouraged to register to get weekly updates on their child's programme use and progress, by clicking on the 'Parents area' tab within their child's account.***

Given that the programme covers most of the concepts that we teach, and as good as this resource is, the school wish to make it clear that it was never intended by its creators to replace the wonderful work that our mathematics teaching staff already do. This programme is best used as a support/supplement to the classroom teaching/learning experience.

All students will be issued with their unique logins and passwords over the next few days by their maths teacher, and are encouraged to use this resource as directed by their own teacher.

If you wish to continue with it the cost per child is to be \$20. This cost is heavily subsidised by the Board to support your child's learning. This will not be a compulsory programme but we feel strongly it will be of great benefit.