



# Newsletter - Panui

*Friday 9th February 2024*

*Ramere 9 o Pepuere*

## **Kia koutou te whanau**

A very warm welcome to you. I do hope the school year has started well for you and your child/ren. I enjoyed seeing so many happy smiling faces walk through the gate on Monday morning. It was wonderful to hear about holidays and experiences from so many tamariki. Whether you had a staycation or went further afield, I hope you made the most of the sunshine and family time.

The first week or so back can feel a bit bumpy as we get back into routines and navigate our way through lunchbox inspirations, swimming lesson packing, sunhat wearing and getting to know the routines of new learning spaces. Go gently, everything usually falls into place after a week or so.



## **Mihi Whakatau: Community Welcome to new whanau**

This week we welcomed 31 new families to our school and a new principal.

I was so proud to see our students step up and participate in this ceremony on our first day of school. Our Kapa Haka group was outstanding (I can't wait to see how this group grows into their role over this year). Welcome to these new families: Aanvi, Baker, Baniya, Barrientos, Barry, Buka, Chen, Chui, Clarke, Congalton, Dimri, Do, Downing, Gadkari, Galbraith, Handford, Hannan, Hodgson, Kaur, Khan, Marshall-Edwards, Packwood, Patel, Pham, Pongpaew, Scowcroft, Smith, Spencer, Walters, Wang.

It was a special moment for my family who were with me on Monday and handed me over to the school as your new principal/ tumuaki. I am looking forward to working with you all as we provide the best possible learning environment and outcomes for all our learners.



Have a lovely week everyone.

Dy Stokes

Tumuaki/ Principal

My strength is not as an individual but as a collective.

Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi, engairi he toa takitini

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## **Date reminders to take note of for 2024**

<b>Term dates 2024:</b>	<b>Teacher only days 2024</b>	<b>Public Holidays during term time</b>
Term 1: Monday 5th February - Friday 12th April	Term 2 Tuesday 4th June	Waitangi Day: Tuesday 6th February
Term 2: Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July	Term 3 Tuesday 29th October.	Easter: Friday 29th March - Tuesday 2nd April
Term 3: Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September		Anzac Day: Thursday 25th April - in school hols
Term 4: Monday 14th October - Thursday 19th December		King's Birthday: Monday 3rd June (Teacher only day Tuesday 4th June)
		Matariki Friday 28th June
		Labour Day: Monday 28th October ( Teacher only day Tuesday 29th October)
		Canterbury Show Day: Friday 15th November

## **Communication at our school**

### **School App**

Please, please sign up to the school app. We do our level best to send out information in a timely manner if you are not registered then you will not be informed.

Please make sure you are connected on your school App within the learning area your child is in and any sports groups that they have signed up for.

### **School Newsletter**

The School newsletter will be coming out fortnightly on a Tuesday on our school App.

This might include: Sports news and updates, curriculum learning news when appropriate, library news from Cheryl as well as student updates and learning.

### **Kāinga News Updates**

Each Kāinga will be updating you on a regular basis with the learning that is taking place throughout the terms. Please look out for these.

### **School Website**

There is a wealth of information on our school website including our hybrid learning. Please take some time to look at this.

### **Parent / Teacher meetings**

Wednesday's are Parent/Teacher meetings afternoons: The staff have set aside time from 3.30 - 5.00 for parents or a staff member to make a meeting time via an email to the staff member (emails start with the staff members surname first e.g. surnamne@paparoastreet.school.nz ). You can email teachers to make a meeting time on any Wednesday to discuss a learning question or a concern.

If you are unable to come in, a zoom meeting can be set up at this time instead. Please email ahead of time in order for staff to be prepared.

## What is happening around our school

### School swimming

Continues every day until Friday 16th February. Footwear: Crocs are great for this time of year and during swimming (no more missing socks!) Please be aware the staff will not be responsible for looking for missing jibbets from your child's crocs.

*\*Please name all swimwear including towels.*

Year 5 & 6 swimming sports will be held on *Tuesday 27th February* - Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre. More details to follow closer to the time.

### School camp – Years 5 & 6

Dates: Whenua 4-6 Mar, Rangi 11-13 Mar, Awa 18-20 Mar

Thank you to those parents who have indicated their interest in helping. We are awaiting feedback on Police Vetting. You will be informed by the end of next week whether we will need your assistance.

Please also be on the lookout for further communication next week and forms to complete.

### Scooter and Bike security

In response to parental requests we have provided an area for those that wish to lock bikes and scooters up until the end of the day. Locks are not provided by the school. You can find the stands by the fence line next to the tree near the school office area.

### School open hours

School opens for learning each morning from 8.30am. The classrooms will be open for you and your child to enter at 8.30am, not before. Teachers are in meetings and preparing before that time. We would like all children to be at school by 9am. If your child is away please advise the office via the School App, by ringing the office, or by emailing [office@paparoastreet.school.nz](mailto:office@paparoastreet.school.nz)

School closes for the day at 3pm. Please let the classroom teachers or the office know of any changes in the pick up routine.

### Cell phones at school

Any child who has a cellphone at school is required to hand this in to the office before 9am and collect it from the office at 3pm. Smart Watches are to be turned off. Should your child need to make contact with you or you need to contact them we ask that you use the office as your first point of communication.

#### Paparoa Street School

### Coffee shop

All coffees \$5

Large Hot Chocolate \$4.50

Small Hot Chocolate \$3.50

Oat and Almond milk available 50c

We are open 8.30 – 9 opposite the admin block



#### Babysitter

I am an ex-student of many years ago and working as a Registered Nurse.

I am keen to take on some local babysitting work to help fund a trip away.

Contact me via email at [simy678@gmail.com](mailto:simy678@gmail.com)

**GIRLS' CHOIR**  
**ŌTAUTAHĪ**

**2024 AUDITIONS!**

*Are you a girl aged 10-17  
who loves to sing?*

Girls' Choir Ōtautahi rehearses at  
The Arts Centre on Wednesdays  
5.30-7.30pm (during term-time)

Auditions for new members will take place on  
**Wednesday 14 February**  
5pm – 7.30pm

**CONTACT US**  
[chcgirlschoir@gmail.com](mailto:chcgirlschoir@gmail.com)  
for more information or to  
book an audition time

## **Sports Office Term 1, Week 2, 2024**

Welcome back! It's great to see the children back at Paparoa Street School excited for the year ahead! Below are the Term 1 sport events we have available.

Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for all the event sign up/permission forms. If you have any problems or questions please get in touch with Adele, [acourt@paparoastreet.school.nz](mailto:acourt@paparoastreet.school.nz)

### **Year 3-4 Checkers Basketball Miniball League**

Bishopdale YMCA

Dates: 29 Feb, 7, 14, 21 Mar 4, 11 April.

Game times are between 3.20pm - 7.50pm

As this competition is being played after school it will not be supported by staff from Paparoa Street School. This will need to be managed/coached by parents. Parents will also need to be actively supervising their children at the games.

We have entered x2 teams this term. Year 3-4 mixed, developing skills and a Year 4 Mixed.

We will hold a trial at the school basketball court behind *Whenua Thursday 15 Feb, 8am.*

If you are interested in coaching/managing running practices and would like to be involved with trials please email Adele. [acourt@paparoastreet.school.nz](mailto:acourt@paparoastreet.school.nz)

*Please complete the associated Google form by 3pm Monday 12 Feb.*

### **Yr 5-6 Swimming Sports**

Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre

Tuesday 27 February 2024

12.10pm - 2.40pm

We encourage all children who can independently swim 25m to attend. Children competing may enter a maximum of 3 events. Any child wishing to be considered to compete at the North Zone Swimming Sports must enter the Championship Events (50m) and be placed 1st or 2nd in his/her chosen event.

More details are outlined on the associated google form which needs to be complete by *9am Tuesday 13 February.*

### **Yr 5-6 North Zone swimming sports**

Tuesday 12 March 2024

Jellie Park

Children who place 1-2 from school swimming sports will qualify for north zone swimming sports. This event requires parent help.

\*Please note Rangī school camp is March 12, if your child qualifies for this event they will need to choose between camp and swimming sports

### **Yr 5-6 Primary Sport Canterbury Triathlon**

19 March 2024

South Eyre Road-private property

This event is parent supported so please only enter if you can transport children and bikes to/from this event. Distances: Swim 100m salt water lake, Bike 7km, Run 2km

To qualify for this event you must enter and swim the 50m freestyle event at School swimming sports.

Trials at school (run/bike) date to be confirmed. \*Please note this date is Awa camp\*

### **Year 5-6 Primary Sport Canterbury Swimming**

27 March, Selwyn Aquatic Centre Rolleston

This event is only for children who qualified for the North Zone Swimming sports – see above.

# Caught Reading

Term 1 Week 2

Our aim is to instill a **LOVE**, an **ATTITUDE**, a **PASSION** for reading

## 'Reading for Pleasure!'

'Reading for pleasure engages the imagination. Research shows it has other far-reaching benefits – improving literacy, social skills, health and learning outcomes.'

Te Mātaiaho – New Zealand Curriculum refresh.



## 'Shared Reading!'

'If you can only do one thing for your children it should be shared reading.'

Give it all your attention.

Engage with the story.

Pick a book you both enjoy.



## 'Aim of Caught Reading'

'Our aim is to instill a **LOVE**, an **ATTITUDE**, a **PASSION** for reading!'

**'Telling Tales'** – best children's book shop in Canterbury, New Zealand- ... the world!

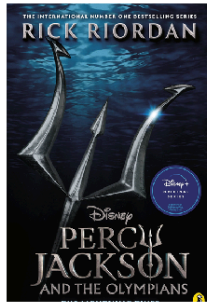
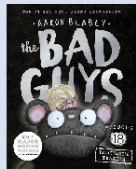
**Parents' Reading Suggestion**



**'Don't ask what's wrong with the reader – ask what's wrong with the book.'**



**Reading Suggestions**



**A reading oasis for all!**



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