

# PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2026

### TERM 2 – WEEK 2



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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Today

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Autism Awareness Day – Hoods Up, Volume Down

Star Wars Day

School Photos

Ruma Takahē/Ruma Kiwi trip to Pataka

School Assembly @ 11:45am

**Pink Shirt Day**

School Cross Country pp 22<sup>nd</sup>

Teacher Only Day

Kia ora tatou

### Autism Awareness



Today, we participated in the national '*quiet hour*' for autism from 10-11am. The idea was to turn down the lights, turn down the noise and turn up for the autistic community of Aotearoa.

**Hoods Up, Volume Down** is the theme as many autistic people use hoodies to block out overwhelming sensory input.



### MUSAC Edge Phone App for Absentees

Many thanks to those parents who have already started to use the app - it is working very well.

Using the free Edge app on your phone will send your message straight into our student management system which means you will not need to e-mail or phone the school. Please download the app which can be found on Google Play or the Apple store and register using your e-mail address you have listed with school.

### Teacher Only Day

Our annual Term 2, Teacher Only day will be on Friday 29 May (King's Birthday is Monday 1 June). School will be closed for instruction for staff professional development in students writing.

### Star Wars

As it is 4<sup>th</sup> of May on Monday, we are having an informal fun **Star Wars Day** at school. Everybody is welcome to come dressed up in their favourite Star Wars Character. *May the force be with you.*

Nga mihi nui - Matua Bryce



**Paremata School on Tuesday 5th May, 2026**

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos. You do not order pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY. You will receive an order form with a date of your child's photo day. (Photos available online)

Portrait Pack \$45.00	Class Pack \$120.00	Grade Pack \$120.00
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Portrait Pack \$45.00: Includes 10 individual portraits of your child.

Class Pack \$120.00: Includes 10 individual portraits of your child and 10 class photos.

Grade Pack \$120.00: Includes 10 individual portraits of your child and 10 class photos.

Class only \$15.00: Includes 10 class photos.

Family/Sibling Photos: Order form in office of photos when your child will bring form. Order form MUST be returned to school office before photo day for photos to be taken.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May are our school photos. Family/sibling request forms have been sent home. We do have spares in the office. If you wish to have your preschooler in a photo with his/her siblings, please be at the school hall at 8:30am.

### NOTE:

Room 1B and Room 14 will have their photos taken in November.

## CROSS COUNTRY/COLOUR RUN – THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY

This year our Cross-Country year group races will be from, 9:30am to 1pm with morning tea at 11:00am as usual.

We will end the day with a fun relays **Colour Run** event.



We need volunteers to help marshal throughout the day and keep our tamariki safe on the day of Cross Country.

If you can help, please email Rachel Hall [rachelh@paremata.school.nz](mailto:rachelh@paremata.school.nz) with the following information:

- Your name
- Time you are available – eg 9:00 – 11am, 11:30 - 1:00pm
- Name of your child/ children and their class and year group.
- Phone number and email address.
- Availability for PP dates



### PINK SHIRT DAY

Friday, 15 May is **Pink Shirt Day**. Pink Shirt Day is about reducing bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms. It supports workplaces, schools and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming, and inclusive to all.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES



Please **pre-pay online the night before** into our account **12 3254 0048796 00**.



### MEAT PIE MONDAY – mince/steak and cheese (this will depend on what is in stock)

Meat pies will be available each Monday \$5.00.

**Prepaid must be done by Sunday night**



### WEDNESDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE – sausage/bread/sauce

**Sausage sizzles** are available for lunch for \$2.50 each Wednesday

**Prepaid must be done by Tuesday night**



### FRIDAY HAMBURGER – bun/meat pattie/lettuce/cheese

**Hamburgers** are available for lunch for \$5.00 each

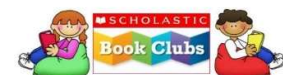
**Prepaid must be done by Thursday night**



### ICE BLOCKS FOR SALE - \$1.00 – CASH ONLY

We will be selling ice blocks at lunchtime on Friday.

No online payments – cash only.




## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE NO. 3 – ORDER ONLINE [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz)

If you wish to purchase from the current book club selection coming home today. Orders close on **Thursday 7 May**. If you would like any purchases to be held at the office, please order online under OFFICE.

# Support yourself and your child's school all in one go!

**Nourish & Flourish:  
A Wellness Evening for Women**



Join us us for a special fundraiser event designed to uplift, inspire, and support the amazing women in our community!

**Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2026, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM**  
@Paremata School Hall, 43 Paremata Cres

**What to Expect:**


*An engaging and empowering evening with inspirational speakers, hands-on demonstrations, and wellness stalls – all designed to help you feel your best in health, mind, and body.*

*Whether you're looking for support with your health, appearance, relationships, hormones, children, career, or life balance, there will be something for everyone.*

*There will also be plenty of spot prizes to win. Each ticket includes one free entry, with additional entries available for \$2.*

**TICKETS**

Link to [Event Page](#)  
\$20 per person  
(with 100% going directly to the school)



## **NOURISH & FLOURISH: A WELLNESS EVENING FOR WOMEN - Wednesday May 13th 7-9pm**

Join us for a special Paremata School fundraiser event designed to uplift, inspire, and support the amazing women in our community!

After the success of last year's event, we have listened to the feedback and will be coming back with an updated and improved evening full of inspirational speakers, hands-on demonstrations, and wellness stalls - all designed to help you feel your best in health, mind, and body. Whether you're looking for support with your health, appearance, relationships, hormones, children, career, or life balance, there will be something for everyone.

There will also be plenty of spot prizes to win. Each ticket includes one free entry, with additional entries available for \$2. Tickets just \$20, bring your friends, all women welcome!

Link to the event page and tickets (or click on QR code in flyer)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/905816949113864/>



Time to COLLECT Yummy stickers for our School's share of

**\$200,000**  
**SPORTS GEAR**

Download extra sticker sheets at [yummyfruit.co.nz](http://yummyfruit.co.nz)

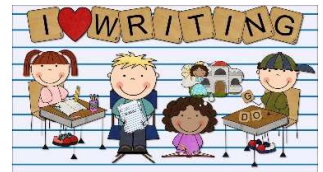
EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!

### **YUMMY STICKERS**

Keep munching on apples and filling in your yummy sticker sheets so we can receive free sports equipment.

Sticker sheets available from the office or online

[www.yummyfruit.co.nz](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz)



## **Kākāpō's Trip to Pātaka - By Lola**

*On the 22 of April, Ruma Kākāpō went for a class trip to Pātaka, to see the new exhibition: Mutumutu ki mukukai (freshwater to saltwater).*

*Rachel insisted that we should bring a raincoat. And so, we set off to catch our train. The wind howled, and the rain pummeled down on our already drenched raincoats.*

*When we got onto the train, we were relieved that we were safe and warm from the bonkers weather outside. But not for long! We trudged through the storm until we finally reached Pātaka. There, Miriama introduced herself, and Josie introduced herself as well.*

*When we got into the exhibition, Te Aurere introduced herself as 'T'. In the exhibition there was a tall wooden structure with kawakawa on it, a mere that was traded for a waka, projections of tuna (eel) on the carpet, rope made of cabbage tree leaves to help eels climb up the dam, and Kupe's anchor!*

*After the exhibition, we went to the art room and drew eels on marbled paper. Then we went into this art gallery where the art wasn't quite 2-D, but not quite 3-D, either. Anyways, it was about Fred Graham's life by the Waikato River.*

*After that, Henry said thanks on his behalf. We sang Whakataka te hau to say thanks, caught the train back, walked the rest of the way back to school, and started to warm up. Overall, my favourite part of the trip to Pātaka was the exhibition. I was so surprised to see kupe's anchor!*



## **Mutumutu ki Mukukai - By Stella**

*It was a cold, wet, windy day, and the rain was pouring off my face. Our class was off to the Pataka museum for a trip to learn about the Porirua Harbour and more. When we first got there, Miriama, Te Aurere and Josie introduced themselves. They were there to show us around and to help us with our art. After they introduced themselves, we had to put our bags in a cage. It was like they were going to prison. We opened the secret door that led us to the exhibition. We learned about the tuna ladder that was made out of ti kouka. We did marbling art, and we drew some tuna on it. After all of that, we headed back to school, and when we got back, we had lunch. Overall, my favourite was the marbling art.*



***Mutumutu ki Mukukai - By Rhys Cenizal from Rūma Kākāpō/ Room 13***

*One windy, cold day, the brave Rūma Kākāpō set out on an adventure to go to Pataka and see the exhibition Mutumutu ki Mukukai. Ruma Kākāpō took the train and took a cold, wet walk. After getting to Pataka, Ruma Kākāpō had a snack break waiting for our guides. The people helping us with the exhibition were named Miriama, Josie and Te Aurere. The waharoa was a big carved piece of wood with Tane Mahuta and two paua for his eyes. There was also a small tuna and Tuma Tauenga.*

*Ruma Kākāpō entered the exhibition of Mutumutu ki Mukukai. Miriama, Josie and Te Aurere told us about Mutumutu ki Mukukai, a Te Awarua o Porirua map and more. Miriama, Josie and Te Aurere led us to another room where they taught us about eels and how to draw them. Then they told us about marbling and how to do it. Ruma Kākāpō drew some cool-looking eels, and we also did marbling, which was super fun!*

*Miriama, Josie and Te Aurere led us to a room with framed art, but the art was not paint, instead it was carved wood and other materials by an artist called Fred Graham. There was also a TV too. Miriama, Josie and Te Aurere let us explore the room. After about fifteen to thirty minutes, we had to go. Ruma Kākāpō said thank you and packed our bags to go. We then walked to the train station. When we got back to school, we ate lunch and carried on with the rest of the day.*

*Overall, I think the trip was awesome, and my main highlight was the marbling and drawing the eels!*





**KELLY SPORTS**

**SHORTER DAYS, BIGGER PLAYS!**

STARTS MONDAY 11 MAY 2026  
MONDAY'S, 3:05PM - 4:05PM

✓ Hockey      ○ Handball  
○ Netball      ○ Football

**KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**

### Short Days, Bigger Plays!! (Yrs 0-4)

This a great way to improve your Childs motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop and enhance balls skills; catching, kicking and throwing, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness.

Give the following sports a go: Football, Hockey, Handball and Netball!.

We teach new skills and improve ability by using games, drills and exercises. It's a great way to try new sports, improve skills and maintain fitness – all while having FUN! Classes start Mon 11 May for 7 weeks. Cost is \$105.



## Keen to play Squash

Come along to Mana Squash club at Ngāti Toa domain, Mana, Porirua and give squash a go. Squash is a great sport that can be played all year round.

We run junior club nights on a Friday from 5:15pm to 7pm during school term, for all juniors.

Young ones up to 12 years old - from 5:15pm to 6pm  
13 years old to -18 years old - from 6pm to 7pm

We can provide the kids with rackets and eye wear to start off with. All the kids need is a pair of non-marking sport shoes and a drink bottle.

For Friday night junior club nights contact Ben at [juniors@manasquash.co.nz](mailto:juniors@manasquash.co.nz) or via mobile on 027 34 33 145

We also run junior coaching programs during the school terms for all ages and levels from new beginners upwards.

This is on a Wednesday from 4:30pm to 6pm |

For junior coaching Contact Ben [juniors@manasquash.co.nz](mailto:juniors@manasquash.co.nz) or via mobile on 027 34 33 145

Come along to try it out.



## **ARTY FARTY KIDS - Term 2 Art Sessions in Whitby**

Shake Off the Autumn Grey with a Burst of Colour!

Is your child ready to get messy, get creative, and master the art of printing? This term, we're diving into the vibrant world of Print & Pattern—the perfect antidote to those chilly Autumn mornings!



What's on the Palette?

Your young artist will explore professional techniques in a warm, friendly, and super-creative environment:

Gel Plate Printing – The magic of monoprinting.

Stencilling & Layering – Building depth and design.

Patterned Rollers & Stamps – Creating unique, repeatable art.

**Where: Whitby - When: Starts Saturday 2nd May - Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Ready to Create?

Spaces are limited! Email us today to secure your child's spot for a term full of colour and imagination. [office.artyfartykids@gmail.com](mailto:office.artyfartykids@gmail.com) Let's make something beautiful together!

## **Build Confidence, Skills & Achievement at Bigair Gym!**

From cartwheels to high-flying flips, Bigair Gym is where kids grow stronger, braver, and more confident. Bigair Gym classes combine fun, fitness, and structured progression—helping children develop real skills, set goals, and experience the pride that comes with achievement.

**Secure your child's place today for Term 2 and give them the opportunity to grow, achieve, and thrive at Bigair Gym. Booking is quick and easy: [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz).**



**Papakōwhai Brownies** are having an Open Night. We welcome 7 & 8 year old girls to come along for free to experience our International Amazing Race. Wednesday 29 April, 5.15pm - 6.45pm at Tairangi School Hall. Please RSVP with dietary requirements to [browniespapakowhai@gmail.com](mailto:browniespapakowhai@gmail.com) or text 0220963973