



**PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2026**  
**TERM 1 – WEEK 9**



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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Today (last day)**

**Tomorrow**

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Book Fair Garden: Catch the Reading Bug**

**Book Parade @ 9:00am**

**School assembly 11:45am**

Ice blocks for sale \$1.00

Last day of term @ 3:00pm

Good Friday – Easter and school holidays

Term 2 commences

Kia ora tatou

**Mihi Whakatau**

What a wonderful morning we had last Friday welcoming our new families. A huge thanks to Becky, Ange, Wendy, Ian and the support staff for their organisation. Congratulations to Max Waghorn and the Kapa Haka group for stepping up so brilliantly. You made us all feel very proud!

**Book Week Parade**

The book parade is on tomorrow at 9:00am. I'm looking forward to seeing all the tamariki dressed up as their favourite book characters.

**Book Week/Fair**

A huge thank you to our librarian Emma for the organisation of book week and the book fair. Unfortunately, due to illness, **today is the last day for the Book Fair closing @ 4pm.**



**Star Awards Assembly**

Our end of term assembly is tomorrow at 11.45am. We will be celebrating the Star and Kaitiaki Enviro awards. Please join us if you can.

**Easter Raffle**



Tomorrow the Easter raffle gets drawn so if you haven't got a ticket, you better get in quick. The hampers are amazing, packed full of all sorts of goodies so thank you all for the wonderful donations!



**Staff news**

Our wonderful *Finella Sweeney* in Ruma Takahē (14) finishes tomorrow to go on maternity leave. We wish you all the very best Finella in the weeks and months ahead. *Alex Hamilton-James* is taking over teaching Finella's class from the beginning of term 2 through to term 4 when Finella is planning to be back. We also welcome *Lila Fox* who is opening our roll growth class Ruma Kotare (1B) at the beginning of next term.

**End of term**

We have had a very busy term as always and so much has been happening in the school. Thank you to all our staff and school community for your ongoing commitment and support. We wish you all the very best for a safe and happy holiday and Easter Break. Stay safe and well.

Nga mihi nui - Matua Bryce



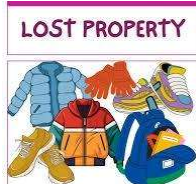
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**SCHOOL LUNCHES – THERE WILL BE **NO HAMBURGERS** TOMORROW AS IT IS EASTER/HOLIDAYS**  
**THERE WILL BE **PIES** ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF TERM 2**

**TOMORROW - ICE BLOCKS FOR SALE - \$1.00 – CASH ONLY**



ParentLink will be selling ice blocks at lunchtime tomorrow (Thursday)  
No online payments – cash only.



**LOST PROPERTY**

We have a mountain of lost property in the room off the hall. This will be sent away at the beginning of the term 2 so please remind your children to have a look if they are missing any clothing.

**SCHOOL SHIRTS**

Does your child represent Paremata School in any sport? Touch Rugby? Parumoana Athletics? Cross Country? Did you want your child to have their own **custom printed Paremata Tshirt?** These can be used for any event outside of school.

Quite a few whānau were keen to have their own tshirt, so we have made it happen!  
If you want to order your own tshirt, please click on the link: [CUSTOM TSHIRT](#)



**SEEDLING TRAYS**

Our gardening group need some seedling trays. If you have any spare, can you please drop off at the office. Many thanks



34 students from Paremata School competed in a 6-week series of touch rugby at Onepoto Park.

The school entered three teams of Year 1-4s and one team in the competitive boys grade of Year 5 and 6. The boys' team, which included 2 girls won their final match to finish 3rd out of 8 other school teams.

Well done to every student who competed this term!

## April School Holidays and Easter Events at Children's Library

The countdown to April school holidays is on! We have a yummy holiday programme lined up for you with the theme “Peace, Love and Good Books.” Our full events schedule is attached. We can't wait to hang out with you!

During the holidays we will have a “Good Books” slideshow running on our lovely new big screen to give reading suggestions to borrowers—but we need your input! To have your favourite book featured, please email [cherise.lesueur@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:cherise.lesueur@porirua.govt.nz) with your name, the title of the book and one sentence about why you love it.

Our final Friday Library Club event of the term is this Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> of March starting at 3:30pm. We will be having an “Crack the Code” Easter Egg hunt and hope that you will join us in the festivities.

Wishing you a lovely weekend and holiday break!



### **KELLY SPORTS - APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!!**

Get ready for an action-packed April Sporting Holiday Programme! Phil, Connor and the Kelly Sports coaches are back for the holidays!!

The kids can stay active, make new friends, and try a variety of fun sports in a safe and supportive environment.

Our programme is all about building confidence, learning new skills, and most importantly having a blast during the school holidays. Games, challenges, and plenty of laughs along the way, it's the perfect way for children to burn off energy and create great memories.

We have some fun days planned: *Netball/Basketball Day, Rackets Day, Ready, Set, Run, Footy Frenzy Day, Handball & 4 Square Day, Ki-O-Rahi & TMG day, Rippra Rugby plus a trip to Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve and much more!!*

To book go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)



# MONEY SKILLS FOR KIDS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME for Ages 9-12

**\$25 Per Session Or  
\$80 All 4 Sessions (Most popular)**

**WHEN?**  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
(7,8,14,15 April)  
1pm-2pm

**WHERE?**  
City Hub  
7 Serlby Place  
Porirua  
(Next to NorthCity Mall)

**LIMITED SPOTS!**

Scan to book or  
Email: [moneyskillsforkids@gmail.com](mailto:moneyskillsforkids@gmail.com)

## Little Explorers Big Adventures!

**Take part in the Lil' Explorers Trail this school holidays!**

- By completing the trail, your little explorer is in to win an Overnight Nature Experience valued at \$295!
- Lil' Explorers Trail is free with admission to Ngā Manu.
- Open daily 10am - 5pm

[ngamanu.org.nz](http://ngamanu.org.nz)  
74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road  
Waikanae

### New variable 30km/h speed limit signage outside school gates



Over the next three months, Porirua City Council is installing new variable 30km/h speed limit signage outside school gates. The variable speed will apply to approximately 150 metres either side of each school gate.

In 2024, the Government introduced the new [Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024](#). This rule requires us to implement variable speed limits of 30km/h during 'school travel periods' outside all schools. 'Variable' means the speed limit varies during the day. During school travel periods, the speed limit will be 30km/h - outside these times, the usual speed limit will apply.

Council has worked with schools and their communities to identify roads outside school gates and to set school travel times. We will be using static variable signs that list the times when the 30km/h speed limit applies.

School travel periods vary from school to school based on their needs; the table below lists the schools and times at which the 30km/hr speed limit will apply, both in the morning and in the afternoons.

If you have any questions, please contact the Transport team at the Council.

Paremata School	Paremata	8.15-9.30am	2.30-3.30pm
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