

# PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2026

### TERM 2 – WEEK 1



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#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Ruma Kākāpo /Ruma Kererū trip to Pataka  
Ruma Kea/Ruma Kākāriki trip to Pataka  
Anzac Day Observed – Public Holiday  
Autism Awareness Day – Wear Hoodies  
Star Wars Day – more info to come  
School Photos  
Ruma Takahē/Ruma Kiwi trip to Pataka  
Pink Shirt Day  
School Cross Country pp 21st  
Teacher Only Day



Kia ora tatou



Welcome to term 2, we hope you had a nice relaxing holiday and have managed to keep dry over the last few days. As usual we have a very busy term ahead, so please keep an eye on all the school information in our weekly newsletter. Welcome also to the new children and their families who are starting this term.

#### **Star and Kaitiaki Awards**

Congratulations to our Term 1, Star Award Recipients; Nitya, Lewis, Edmund and Max who have all shown strong school values consistently. A big round of applause also to Ilyie and Emme for winning the Kaiataki Enviro Award. Well done to you all.

#### **Pataka School Visits**

The Kauri/Kowhai teams are visiting Pataka today and over the next couple of weeks as part of their curriculum studies on our Ngati Toa histories and our local waterways. Many thanks to Emma and the teachers for organising this very engaging outing and for parents supporting on the day.

#### **Changes to the way we record absenteeism**

This term we would like all parents to start using the MUSAC Edge phone app for communicating student absences which is now all set up and operational. 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. Many thanks to those parents who have already started to use the app - it is working very well.

#### **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.

#### **School Fencing**

As you may have noticed the school has had a new perimeter fence installed. This has been delayed due to the weather and none of the gates are operational at this time which is frustrating for us all. Thanks for your patience dealing with this, I am hoping the gate latches are installed by Friday.

## Autism Awareness




Paremata School will be participating in a national **'quiet hour'** for autism on Wednesday 29 April at 10am. The idea is 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. **Let's all wear hoodies that day.**

Nga mihi nui - Matua Bryce

## 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 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/>

## SCHOOL LUNCHES



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

**NO PIES - WEEK 2 - DUE TO ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY**

**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**

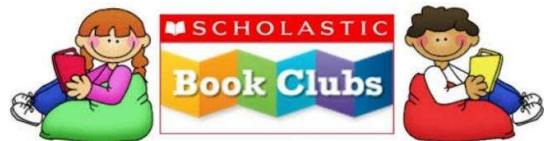


**ICE BLOCKS FOR SALE - \$1.00 – CASH ONLY**

We will be selling ice blocks at lunchtime on Friday.

No online payments – cash only.

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**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.

## LOST PROPERTY



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

## 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)

### **Tawa Junior Hockey Club**

Tawa Junior Hockey Club is looking for more Year 3/4's to make up another team (5) in the 2026 season. The Year 3/4 age group play at 10am on a Saturday morning at Elsdon, Porirua. If you have a Year 3/4 interested in playing this season, please contact us on: [info@tawajuniorhockey.org.nz](mailto:info@tawajuniorhockey.org.nz).

### **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.

In a safe, supportive environment, kids don't just learn gymnastics—they build resilience, focus, coordination, and confidence that carries into education, sport, and everyday life.

#### **Find the Perfect Class for Your Child:**

**Crashmat Kids** (Walking–4yrs) – An introduction to the fundamentals and the gym environment.

**Pocket Rockets** (3–4yrs) – Build coordination, listening and communication skills, and confidence—perfect preparation for school.

**Gravity Busters** (5+ yrs) – Learn strong gymnastics foundations, strength, and tumbling skills.

**Team Extreme** (Advanced Gym) – For athletes ready to progress and master higher-level skills.

**Free Running** (5+ yrs) – Parkour-inspired movement that builds agility, strength, and confidence.

**Trampoline** (5+ yrs) – Develop aerial awareness, control, and impressive acrobatic skills.

**Recreational Cheerleading** (5+ yrs) – A high-energy class combining tumbling, stunts, dance, jumps, flexibility, strength, and movement, while introducing the fundamentals of cheerleading.

**Tumbling** (5+ yrs) – Learn walkovers, handsprings, and more. Ideal for gymnasts, dancers, and cheerleaders.

**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).**

**VIARD**  
**ART WORKSHOP**

START DATE : 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY - 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE  
 TERM 2, EVERY TUESDAY (3.30PM - 5PM)

**8 WEEKS \$120**  
 REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

EACH WEEK WE WILL EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT MATERIALS WHILE CREATING IMAGINATIVE, ONE OF A KIND ARTWORKS AS WE DIVE INTO CLAY MODELLING, PAINTING, DRAWING, 3D SCULPTURE, COLLAGE AND PRINTMAKING.

WHETHER THEY'RE SHAPING CLAY, PAINTING COLORFUL SCENES OR TRYING OUT NEW TEXTURES AND TOOLS, YOUR CHILD WILL BUILD CONFIDENCE, DEVELOP CREATIVE THINKING, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAVE A BLAST!

*Register Now!*

ARTWORKS@VIARD.SCHOOL.NZ

**APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP**  
 WE HAVE LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE EACH TERM TO SUPPORT YOUNG ARTISTS ON THEIR CREATIVE JOURNEY. TO RECEIVE MORE INFO PLEASE EMAIL US AT :  
 ARTWORKS@VIARD.SCHOOL.NZ

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES DESIGNED FOR AGES 8-11 LED BY ART TUTOR

**RHYANNE**



**Porirua Judo Academy**

Judo is challenging, exciting and rewarding. Kids develop a wide range of physical skills, as well as learning about resilience, perseverance, and respect for others.

We are now taking enrolments for Term 2. We offer the first four lessons free, so why not give it a try?

**Level 1. 11 Cobham Court.**  
**Email: info@porirujudo.org.nz**

