



PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2026 TERM 1 – WEEK 6



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Friday 13th March

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Tuesday 17th March

Thursday 19th March

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Tues 17th/Wed 18th/Wed 25th March

Thursday 26th March

Thursday 19th March - Thursday 2nd April

Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April

School Assembly @ 11:45am hosted by Room 5&6

Year 7&8 Aims games netball trials @ 3:30pm

Ice blocks for sale \$1.00 – cash only

St Patrick's Day – Wear Green

GRIP Leadership Conference – Senior Council

Multi Challenge Day – Wear House Colours

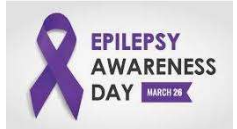
Year 5,6,7 Netball trials @ 3:30pm

Kahikatea Syndicate to Pataka

Epilepsy Awareness Day – Wear Purple

Book Fair Garden: Catch the Reading Bug

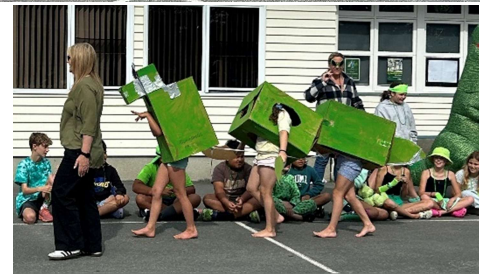
Book Week



Kia ora tatou



Thanks to everyone who dressed up in **green** today, you all looked amazing. Today was the first project our new Senior Council helped organise. We raised an approx. \$320 for Mitey.



Year 8 Leadership Camp - THANKS

A BIG thank you to those who helped in the way of transport, during the days and especially those

who stayed overnight. Also, thanks so much to the Kahikatea teachers for their awesome organisation and their willingness to give up their time to spend with the students.



Bikes and Scooters

It's great to see so many people walking, biking, and scootering to school, especially as it's Movin March.

Please remember to **walk your bikes and scooters** on school grounds before and after school. These are very busy times of day, and this rule is to keep everyone safe.

Multi-Challenge Day – Wear your house Colours

The Kahikatea team is organising this year's Multi Challenge Day next Friday 20th March. The children will complete approx. 20 different challenges around the school in their house groups. It is a fun morning which enhances our school values *Respect, Identity, Empathy, Active learning, Resilience, Global Awareness and Community*.

Nga mihi nui - Matua Bryce

Tēnā koutou, e ngā whānau Māori o Paremata School!



We are excited to invite you to a short and informal get together for whānau with tamariki Māori at Paremata School.

The main purpose of our hui is whakawhanaungatanga - to get to know one another and to connect as whānau Māori. We'd also love to hear your thoughts on whether we want to get together on a regular basis, and if so, what that could look like.

Kaua e whakamā, whānau - don't be shy! Come and meet us for a cuppa tea and bikkie once the dishes are done and the kids are ready for bed.

7:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 18th March
Rūma Kea (Room 10)

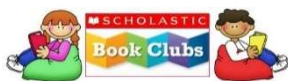
To help us with catering, please let us know if you are going to come along:
office@paremata.school.nz
Maraea Katene (BoT Māori rep), Matua Bryce and Whaea Wendy

ICE BLOCKS FOR SALE - \$1.00 – CASH ONLY



ParentLink will be selling ice blocks at lunch time this Friday 13th March.
No online payments – cash only.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE NO. 2 – ORDER ONLINE mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz



If you wish to purchase from the current book club selection, please order online no later than **Tuesday 17th March**. If you would like any purchases to be held at the office, please order online under OFFICE.

MOVIN' MARCH!



We're loving all the trips being entered in Te Haerenga o ngā Tamariki for the WoW Class Challenge! Remember if you walk or wheel, we'll tick off your trip on the class wallchart – and there may be spot prizes or stickers up for grabs! Classes who enter 5 days of trip data on Te Haerenga o ngā Tamariki can be in to win awesome prize packs – there are prizes from Micro Scooters and MyRide, with Pedal Ready, and class trips to Staglands, Zealandia and Wētā Workshop up for grabs!

BEAUTIFUL POEMS FROM RUMA KERERŪ

Love

By Ava Keane-Tulepu

*Love is the colour pink, like a baby's rosy cheeks
Love sounds like beautiful birds singing a sweet melody
Love smells like fresh cookies out of the oven
Love tastes like cold ice blocks on a hot day
When I am loved the world feels soft and comfortable*



Frustrated

By Ava Hartley

*Frustrated is rosy red like the tip of a thorn
Frustrated sounds like a fist smashing against the glass
Frustrated smells like rotting old meat
Frustrated tastes like disgusting burnt popcorn
When I am frustrated my voice goes all around the world and dims the light and everything goes dark for everyone*



School Easter Raffle!

Win a fabulous Easter hamper for each Syndicate!
Pōhutukawa · Kōwhai · Kauri · Kahikatea

We Need Your Help!

Please donate Easter treats, chocolates or goodies for the hampers!

Tickets: \$3 each or \$5 for 2

Tickets can be purchased from the office then drop your raffle tickets into the Team Boxes in the Office Foyer!

Winners drawn on the last day of term!

BOOK WEEK



Monday 30th March – Thursday 2nd April

Leaves are falling, and it's the perfect time to *catch the reading bug!* Our school is excited to celebrate our annual **Book Week**—a week full of fun, learning, and adventures through stories.

Throughout the week, students will be able to test their knowledge with daily quizzes, showcase their creativity in the window display competition, and take part in the magical book character parade, where favourite characters *leap from the page* and come to life.

Whether you're a *budding bookworm* or a seasoned story explorer, there's something for everyone. Book Week encourages imagination, creativity, and the joy of reading—helping students develop a love of books that can last a lifetime.

At the heart of the celebration is our **Book Fair**. This year, our theme is “**Book Fair Garden: Catch the Reading Bug**”—a place where *stories bloom, imaginations grow*, and the love of reading *spreads like sunshine*.

Stroll through our **Reading Patch**, a buzzing haven for young book lovers. Here, students can *curl up with a story, leaf through exciting new books*, and discover adventures that will inspire them to keep reading.

The shelves will be *buzzing with stories* for every kind of reader. From silly tales that will make you *giggle like a grasshopper* to thrilling adventures that *spin webs of suspense*, there's something for every *busy bookworm*. Whether you enjoy heroic quests, magical mysteries, hilarious comics, or fascinating facts, you'll find books that *cultivate your curiosity* and let your imagination soar.

Students are encouraged to share the excitement by inviting parents, grandparents, and family members to visit the Book Fair too. Together, families can explore a *hive of page-turning treasures, wriggle into wonderful stories, flutter through pages of new favourites* and share conversations about the stories that inspire them.

So come and join the celebration. *Wander through our garden of books, read among the flowers, and let the Reading Bug bite*—because great stories *plant ideas, grow minds*, and spark a lifelong love of reading.

Our Book Fair Garden is a place where *stories bloom, imaginations grow*, and fascinations takes flight. *Let stories pollinate your imagination and help your love of reading grow*.

Join us and let the Book Bug bite—you won't want to miss this buzz-worthy event!

Emma the Book Bug

Book Fair Garden : Catch the Reading Bug

Opening Hours @ The Reading Patch

Thurs 19th, Tues 24th, Thurs 26th, Tues 31st March

2:45 - 5:00 pm

Frid 20th, Mon 23rd, Wed 25th, Frid 27th,

Mon 30th March, Wed 1st, Thurs 2nd April

2:45 - 4:30 pm



NETBALL

Letters will be sent out tomorrow for the students that have registered. These will need to be completed as soon as possible and returned to the office.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



If you are paying lunches online, please make sure you **pay the night before**, so it shows up in our account in the morning. If you prepay in the morning, it may not show up in our bank account until after lunch and we therefore cannot guarantee that your child/ren will receive their lunch. You can pay at the office by eftpos (no paywave) in the morning.

ALSO if you are pre-paying, can you please make sure your children are aware they need to come to the office for their pre-paid ticket.



MEAT PIE MONDAY – mince/steak and cheese

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





Plimmerton School - The information is also on their [website](#).



Sport is a powerful part of growing up – and how we show up as parents matters more than we think.

Supporting young people in sport isn't always straightforward. There are moments of excitement, nerves, selection, disappointment, ambition and growth.

Plimmerton School is pleased to host Craig Ross (Brave & Beyond) for an interactive 90-minute parent session designed to help families reflect on the role we play – both at and away from the contest.

Wednesday, 25th March 6pm - 7.30pm
Plimmerton School Hall - doors open at 5.30pm
\$10 per person, limited seats available

Purchase tickets here via Kindo



BRAVE & BEYOND

CRAIG ROSS



HELPING PARENTS & FAMILY NAVIGATE SPORT

PLIMMERTON SCHOOL HALL
11 SCHOOL ROAD,
PLIMMERTON

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH
6.00 PM - 7.30 PM

JOIN A COACH, PARENT, AND MENTOR FOR AN HONEST AND INSIGHTFUL EVENING TO HELP PARENTS GUIDE THEIR CHILDREN IN SPORT, REGARDLESS OF THE LEVEL.

'YOUR SUPPORT. THEIR GROWTH. A POSITIVE PLACE IN SPORT FOR ALL.'



The **BIG** Easter Weekend!



Over **\$3000** of prizes to be won!

FOUR DAYS OF WHĀNAU FUN!

- Annual Easter Rock Hunt
- Easter Hub for the kids
- Face Painting
- Sausage Sizzle



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74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road
Waikanae



ARE YOU A FIRST HOME BUYER?

PATAKA
MARCH 19

Doors open 5:30pm
Events starts 6:00pm
FREE ENTRY



We are here to help you get into your first home

We are offering a welcoming space where you can ask questions, have conversations, and pick up practical tips at your own pace.

No matter where you are in your home buying journey - ready to buy soon or just starting to think about it, you're very welcome.

The evening will be expertly guided by Hunter Macdonald. We'd love to see you there.

YOUR HOSTS:






Friday Library Club




March 2026 activities

Friday 6 March, 3.30–5.15pm
Book Swap & Sale
Have a book or two that you no longer have room for at home? Bring a book to swap and/or peruse our pre-loved book sale table.

Friday 13 March, 3.30–5.15pm
Leaping Leprechauns!
Join us for a St. Patty's Day themed story time and make a leprechaun trap to take home.

Friday 20 March, 4–5.15pm
Amazing Adventures!
Start your journey at our adventurous story time. Next, join the group to write an adventure of our own. Reach your final destination at the crafting tables, working up something amazing!

Friday 27 March, 3.30–5.15pm
Easter Eggstravaganza
Find all our hidden Easter eggs and complete the quest worksheet to win a prize!

These events require adult supervision, ngā kaitiaki/caregivers to remain with children at all times.

For any programming enquiries, email cherise.lesueur@porirua.govt.nz



St B's Holiday Club

15, 16 & 17 April 2026

Wednesday-Friday, 9.00am – 3.30pm
For all kids school years 0-8
Awesome fun time of games, crafts & activities!

"No matter what!"

St Barnabas Presbyterian, Paremata.
\$40 per day (discount for 3 days)
Register at
<https://forms.gle/Jtvxgrtbv3YqKsny7>



Phone the church office: 04 233 8572
or email Co-ordinator Silvia Purdie:
silvia.purdie@gmail.com