



PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2026
TERM 2 – WEEK 3
NZ SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Thursday 7 th May	Scholastic order no. 3 close off
Friday 8 th May	School Assembly @ 11:45am
Tuesday 12 th May	School Whānau Hui @ 3:10pm
Wednesday 13 th May	Nourish & Flourish; A Wellness Evening for Women
Friday 15 th May	Pink Shirt Day
Thursday 21 st May	School Cross Country pp 22 nd
Friday 29 th May	Teacher Only Day

Kia ora tatou



School Photos

Unfortunately, due to our photographer being unwell, the school photos were postponed yesterday. As soon as we have a new date, we will let you know. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Whānau Hui

All whānau of tamariki Māori are welcome to come to an after-school hui next Tuesday, 12th May. Hosted by our Board Māori rep, Maraea Katene, whānau hui are a chance to build connections and to talk about ways to strengthen kaupapa Māori at our school. We will meet 3:10 - 4:00pm in Rūma Kea (Room 10).

Our next hui after this one is in **week 9, Wednesday 17th June at 7pm** when we will plan for our school Matariki celebration at the end of term.

We'd love to see you! Please RSVP if you can to office@paremata.school.nz or let Whaea Wendy know you can come.

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.

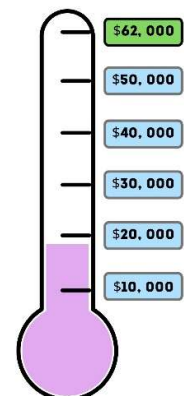
Family Contribution/Donations

Statements will be emailed out to families this week. The School Donation Family Contributions are essential for covering our extra-curricular programmes and school trips. Donations for 2026 are as follows:

- One child - \$250
- Two children - \$350
- Three or more - \$400
- Year 7/8 Technology fee - \$80

Families who pay in full by 1 December 2026 will go into a draw to win their donation back. Please see the letter attached to the newsletter with more information about our Family Contribution.

PAREMATA SCHOOL DONATIONS



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 Day - May the fourth be with you

We had a great morning on Monday. It was such good fun getting dressed up and seeing all the Star Wars fans.

Thanks to our special guest Anaru (Storm Trooper) for helping on road patrol.



Nga mihi nui - Matua Bryce

CROSS COUNTRY/COLOUR RUN – THURSDAY 21ST 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 a lot more 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 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



If you have any fairy wings and tutus that you could donate to the school, we would love them.



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.




IMMUNISATIONS - Our public health nurses are coming to school in the week starting **8 June** to provide immunisation for Year 7 tamariki. **Please remember to return your forms to the office.**

If you have changed your mind or your child's medical situation has changed please contact us at gw-nphsimmunisation@tewhatuora.govt.nz, or call us on 04 587 2949.

- If you have not yet consented, but want to, please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us.
- If you declined the vaccines last year but you have changed your mind and you now want your year 8 child to receive the vaccine(s) please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us.
- If your Year 8 child missed out last year and you would like them to catch up on their vaccinations, please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at gw-nphsimmunisation@tewhatuora.govt.nz, or call us on 04 587 2949

1 week to go – get your tickets now!

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



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

Wednesday May 13th 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

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



Mutumutu ki Mukukai - By Kotima Timeon, Rūma Kākāpō

On Wednesday, Rūma Kākāpō, the amazing class, went on a trip to Pātaka to see the exhibition. When it was time to do the marbling tuna, we had to have: a black pen, a pencil, paper and a piece of charcoal. First, we had to draw a tuna with black charcoal, then, one of the guides called our group, and we started to drop ink in a gloopy tote-tray. After that, we put our tuna drawing in the gloopy tote-tray and wait for the ink to get inside the paper.

When we were going back to Paremata school, some of us had a special goodbye, and then I had to lead Whakataka te hau to say thank you to our guides. Once we were done singing, we packed our bags and headed back to Paremata School.

Mutumutu ki Mukukai! - By Havana Soialo, Rūma Kākāpō

*Today is the trip day for my class and me. It's been the **rainiest and windiest day in my whole life!** The rain was shooting sideways like lightning. That was a great start to our class trip. I waited for my buddy Kundi to line up, and we walked to the train station, and we bounced off to Porirua. We got off the train and walked to Pātaka.*

When we got there and were safe from the hideous rain, some lovely people introduced themselves to us. The first two people's names were Miriama and Josie. They told us about the rules and where we can go if we need to go to the bathroom. Well, we ate our food for a snack. After that, we put our bags into a cage that will keep them safe for when we are gone.

*Then we walked into this beautiful room that was called the exhibition. Then we sat down, and Te Aurere talked about an eel ladder made out of cabbage tree leaves **it was amazing.** I think the person who made it must have had so much patience.*

Next, we quickly walked over to the eels that were projected on the floor, the images were so realistic! Then I looked over and I saw Kupe's olden days anchor, which was just a huge rock tied with a rope. I don't know how Kupe could lift that!

Next, we went to go and do some art of a slimy eel in the ocean. After we heard the rules again, we did our draft with charcoal, but we only got like two minutes. Then, group by group, we got to do some marbling.

*Set up with my apron already on. The first step was to grab the ink and do 5 drops at a time into the glue, next we got a stick and we mixed the colours so that The white spaces are covered with colour. Next, we grabbed a thick piece of paper and popped it in. Grabbed it and swiped the squeegee and get the extra glue off the paper and we just put it in the bin. Next, we got to do our real eel on this thick piece of paper. I drew an eel and some seaweed and shaded it. **THEN WE FINISHED. IT WAS AN AMAZING TRIP TO PATAKA!!!!!!***

My favourite bit was the amazing art we did of a longfin eel. I am so glad we got to go on this amazing experience to Pataka.

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.

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

**SCHOOL
HOLIDAY
PROGRAMS**



KELLY SPORTS

SHORTER DAYS, BIGGER PLAYS!

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

- ✓ Hockey
- Handball
- Netball
- Football

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

This is a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop and enhance ball 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.

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.**

Licence plate technology hits Porirua streets

Porirua City Council is introducing licence plate recognition technology from 4 May 2026 to help Council manage parking in a more efficient, consistent, and customer-friendly way around the city.

We know that unsafe parking is an issue around our schools, creating a real danger for tamariki by limiting visibility and making them hard to see. The cameras will be attached to one of the Council's cars to monitor parking around the city's schools, checking if cars are parking on broken yellow lines, across driveways, or on berms and footpaths.

As the vehicle drives through an area, it can register whether parking requirements, such as payment or time limits, have been met. The technology will record the plate number of vehicles, the time and location and any visible parking signage. The information is then sent back to Council and will be reviewed by a warranted parking officer before an infringement is issued.

Council's Manager of Policy, Planning & Regulatory Services, Nic Etheridge, confirms that the camera operates within the requirements of the Privacy Act and people's faces will be blurred in any images. Council will use images only for evidence gathering and enforcement – LPR information will be stored on the same system as our current infringement information.

In Porirua, this technology will support parking officers in their day-to-day work and keep them safe as it allows our them to stay in the vehicle. Down the track, LPR may be used for checking warrants of fitness and registrations and whether a car is stolen, along with data collection of parking and road use around Porirua, informing future decisions and city development by our transport team.

Please visit the Council's website for more information and FAQs; go to <https://porirua.govt.nz/services/parking-transport/find-carpark/>

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BABIES - TEENS, CLOTHES & SHOES

Saturday 9th of May 2pm

TICKETS \$20

email: plimschoolkidsclotheswap@gmail.com

MONDAYS	Evening Yoga 6:30 - 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAYS	Evening Yoga 6:00 - 7:00 PM
SATURDAYS	Morning Yoga 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Mats & props available.
No Yoga experience needed.

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