



PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2026

TERM 1 – WEEK 2



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office@paremata.school.nz
afterschoolcare@paremata.school.nz

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Wednesday 18 th February	ParentLink Meeting - 7:00pm in staffroom
Thursday 19 th March	Multi Challenge Day
Thursday 5 th March	Year 8 Overnighter
Tues 17 th /Wed 18 th /Wed 25 th	Kahikatea Syndicate to Pataka

TERM DATES FOR 2026

Term 1 – ends at 3:00pm – Thursday 2nd April – Good Friday 3rd April
Term 2 – Monday 20th April - Friday 3rd July
Term 3 - Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September
Term 4 - Monday 12th October – Wednesday 16th December @ 1:00pm



Kia ora tatou

Parentlink

Our first ParentLink meeting is next **Wednesday 18th at 7:00pm**. ParentLink work hard fundraising for school resources and equipment. Please see the attached letter outlining their role and how you can help. Many thanks to Katie Firth and the team for your ongoing support.

Community Picnic and Meet the Teacher Evening

A huge thanks to everyone who came along to our wonderful Community Picnic last night and met with the teachers. It was a perfect evening and great to see so many people attending. The staff really appreciated the strong turnout, and we look forward to a very positive year.

Family Contribution Donations

The School Family Contributions are essential for covering our extra-curricular programmes and school trips. Statements will be emailed next week. Contributions for 2026 are as follows:

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

Those families who pay in full by 1 December 2026 will go into a lucky draw to win their donation back. Families are also welcome to set up a payment plan - please see Michelle in the office.

Enrolments For 2026



If you have a child turning 5 this year and you haven't yet enrolled them; can you please contact Marie Arlow in the office as soon as possible to organise enrolment. (Siblings of children already here are automatically accepted but still need to fill out an enrolment form).

Nut Free Policy

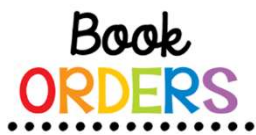
Just a reminder that for health and safety reasons Paremata is a nut free school. We therefore request that parents/caregivers ensure that no nut products are included in snacks and lunches.

Sunhats

Sunhats are to be worn for all outside activities during Term 1. Please name your child's hat. School hats are available to buy from the school office for \$15.00.



Nga mihi nui - Matua Bryce



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE NO. 1 – ORDER ONLINE mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

If you wish to purchase from the current book club selection, please order **online** no later than **Friday 20th February**. If you would like any purchases to be held at the office, please order online under OFFICE.

ABSENTEES

It is very important that you let the office know, **as well as the teacher** when your child is absent. If you take your child out of school, they must be signed out at the office. If your child is absent for 3 consecutive days without us being notified – our system will mark your child as being truant.



Late children must report to the office and sign in on arrival.

Please email any absentee messages to - absent@paremata.school.nz

To leave an absentee message or late notice on the phone, you dial the school number 233 1339 and then press 1. Remember to leave your child's name and reason they are absent.



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

CLASSROOM EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

At the beginning of each year, we replenish our classroom emergency supplies so now is the time to send in emergency food supplies for each of your children. We suggest

***** 2 tins and a box of muesli/energy bars each (remember we are a nut free school) *****

These will be marked off with your child's teacher. Thank you.



UPDATE
YOUR
DETAILS!



PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

BOTH E-MAIL AND CELLPHONE NUMBERS

ARE UP-TO-DATE WITH THE OFFICE

Community Snorkel: Whitireia Park – Saturday 14th February

Dive into a free snorkelling event this summer!



COMMUNITY SNORKELS Greater Wellington Water Safety

Beginners welcome! We provide all the necessary gear and experienced guides to ensure your safety and enjoyment in the water. Participants just need to be at least eight years old and confident swimmers. Those under sixteen must be accompanied by an adult.

Registrations open at 9.45am. Come down to book a snorkel time for the day, as spots may fill up quickly. Bring your togs, towel, refreshments and make a day of it exploring the activities and environment at Whitireia Park.

This free event is brought to you in partnership with Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Cancellations/Postponements

Events are weather dependent. Stay updated by checking the Mountains to Sea Wellington Facebook event listings for any cancellations, postponements, or location changes.

Getting There

By Car: The road to the snorkel site is narrow and can be dangerous when there is a lot of traffic. If possible, consider carpooling. There will be clearly signposted parking available throughout the day.

Cycle: You can cycle to the site around the beautiful coastal track. Starting at Titahi Bay Boat Club, it's 5km to the snorkel site.

Accessibility

Unfortunately, our Whitireia Park snorkel site is not accessible and we will not have access to a beach wheelchair. Please keep an eye on our socials as we hope to host a snorkel in Wellington Harbour soon where we can provide better accessibility support.

The snorkelling in this event is run under the Health and Safety of the Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust programme Experiencing Marine Reserves. Adventure Activity Certified - AA0534.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1130577869272840>

<https://www.mountainstoseawellington.org/events/community-snorkel-whitireia>



A poster for Western Suburbs FC Football Registration Open Day. The text includes: "ONLINE REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN", "FOOTBALL REGISTRATION OPEN DAY", "Western Suburbs FC", "WEDNESDAY | 18.02.2026", "4.30PM - 7.00PM", and "WWW.WESTERNSUBURBS.CO.NZ". The poster features a soccer ball in the top right, a soccer ball in the bottom left, and the Western Suburbs Football Club logo on the right. The background is a stylized map of New Zealand with a red and white soccer ball graphic.



Empowering Kids Confidence, Learning & Achievement Through Gym!

From cartwheels, flips, and tumbling to tramp tricks and parkour — Bigair Gym's classes are packed with fun, fitness, and focus. Kids learn cool skills, achieve goals, and build resilience and unstoppable confidence in a safe, supportive space.

Classes to Help Your Child Shine:

- Crashmat Kids Sessions (walking-4 years)– Great for little ones to become familiar with the gym.
- Pocket Rockets Gym Classes (3-4 years)– Build coordination and confidence early! Great prep for school.
- Gravity Busters Gym Classes (5+ years)– Learn the fundamentals of gymnastics and tumbling.
- Team Extreme Gym Classes (Advanced)– Take your skills to the next level!
- Free Running (5+ years)– Parkour + flips = epic agility and body control.
- Trampoline (5+ years)– Boost spatial awareness and acrobatic abilities.
- Recreational Cheerleading (5+ years)– Strength, flexibility, performance - Cheer style!
- Tumbling (5+ years)– Learn walkovers, handsprings & aerials - perfect for Cheerleaders and Dancers.

Term 1 Gym Class Bookings are open NOW. Don't miss your chance to help your child grow, achieve, learn, and have fun at Bigair Gym! Booking online is quick and easy at www.bigairgym.co.nz

Bigair Gymsports Kapiti: ph. 297 0400, e. kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz at 4 Manchester Street, Kapiti.

Bigair Gym Tawa: ph. 232 3508, e. office@bigairgym.co.nz at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.

Bigair Gym Wellington: ph. 383 8779, e. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.