

# PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2026

### TERM 1 – WEEK 7



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#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

##### **Tonight**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

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Tues 17<sup>th</sup>/Wed 18<sup>th</sup>/Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March

##### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Maori Hui @ 7:00pm in Ruma Kea (10)

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

Last day of term @ 3:00pm

Good Friday – Easter and school holidays



Kia ora tatou

#### **Kahikatea team trip to Pataka Museum**

Yesterday, today and next week, the Kahikatea team are heading to Pataka to look through an exhibition as part of their Connections study with Ngati Toa. The tamariki are learning about the cultural values, knowledge and enduring relationship with Ngati Toa.

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

From next term we would like all parents to start using the MUSAC Edge phone app for communicating student absences. Using the free Edge app on your phone will send your message straight into our student management system which will cut the admin time needed in the office to see who away each day. Please feel free to start using the app now which can be found on Google Play or the Apple store. Thank you.

#### **Easter Raffle**

Many thanks to those families who have donated Easter goodies for the Parentlink Raffle. Each team is raffling off a hamper, and the winners will be announced at the book fair on Thursday 2 April.

#### **Using the School Drive Throughs**

Many thanks to our school community who use our drive throughs for drop off and pick-ups thoughtfully. Please can parents refrain from parking on the No Stopping Sign and the Yellow Lines to pick up their children as this just adds to the mayhem especially on wet days and creates an unsafe environment. We thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Multi-Challenge Day – Wear your house **Colours****

The Kahikatea team is organising this year's Multi Challenge Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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*.

## 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.

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 18<sup>th</sup> March - TONIGHT**  
**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 13<sup>th</sup> March.  
No online payments – cash only.

## 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!



*Awesome Sports News!*

*Jahzyrus McLean-Tekeu played for the Kuki U13s Flag Team. This was a 3-day competition in Auckland for the Oceania Cup.*




**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 30<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - REMINDER

Registration forms for netball and fees are due before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

### 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**





### **KELLY SPORTS APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - NGATITOA DOMAIN, PASCOE AVE, PORIRUA**

Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programme is packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.

Join Connor, Phil, and the rest of the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports fun. We have some exciting days planned including:

***Basketball & Netball Day, Rackets Day, Ready, Set, Run, Handball & 4 Square, Ki-O-Rahi, Footy Frenzy Day (with the Kelly Sports Football Arena), Ripa Rugby Day plus a trip to Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve and The Kelly Sports Bouncy Castle will be there plus lots more!!***

This sports based holiday programme will give your children the opportunity to try different sports, learn new skills, build their self-confidence, and most importantly have a huge amount of FUN.

To enrol [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 021 972 728



### **Porirua City Football Club, Open Day reminder**

Our Club Open Day is being held on Saturday 21st March at Postgate Park, Whitby, at 1.30pm-2.30pm. BBQ will be available. If wet, it will be postponed to Saturday 28th March.

Porirua City Football Club Inc. Gary Jarrett - First Kicks Convener/Junior Lead 027 6344939

## **STEM Holiday Programme** **MAKERROOM** Wellington



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One Day, Take Home Builds For Young Makers Aged 10-15

Small Group Sizes With Friendly Experienced Instructors

\$135 For The Day, 8th April - 17th April

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[www.makerroomwellington.nz](http://www.makerroomwellington.nz)

**Easyswim** believes swimming is more than just a skill — it's a life-saving, confidence-building journey that every child should have the opportunity to experience.

We currently offer lessons at the following school pools: Plimmerton, Tawa, Khandallah, Johnsonville, and Newtown. If you are interested in enrolling your child in lessons, bookings can be made directly through the iClassPro app. Alternatively, you can contact our Customer Services Team at [book@easyswim.co.nz](mailto:book@easyswim.co.nz) or 234-7946 for assistance.

Holiday courses will also be available during the second week of the school holidays (13–17 April) at Johnsonville, Newtown, and Plimmerton. These intensive block courses are a fantastic way to kick-start your swimmer's journey or help them progress more quickly in their learning. Easyswim has also launched an exciting 2026 community goal: to see all children in Wellington able to swim 1000 metres. While it's an ambitious target, we believe it's important to set high standards for our community's children and encourage swimmers to take on the challenge. Swimming 1000 metres is equivalent to 70 lengths of our smaller school pools and would be suitable for current Easyswim swimmers in Hammerheads level and above. We also welcome children from the wider community to come along and give it a go. If you are unsure whether your swimmer eligible to participate, please reach out to our Customer Services Team.

Our next 1KM Swim Challenge is scheduled to take place on: .

Tuesday April 14th at Tawa School

Session times: 3.30, 4.15, 5.00, 5:45pm

Swimmers must book in advance, but there is no cost to participate. Those who successfully complete the 70 lengths will also receive one of our cool new 1KM ribbons.



For further information including how to register please visit: <https://wellingtonphoenixacademy.com/experience-camp-wellington/>



Arty Farty Kids

MINI WATERCOLOUR SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY 8TH + THURSDAY 9TH APRIL

10.00AM - 12.00PM EACH DAY

\$85

*Easter Eggstravaganza*

Do you think your kids would enjoy an Easter Eggstravaganza ...

Our Mini Easter Sessions are open for bookings. This will be held in Whitby.

Get in touch asap - [office.artyfartykids@gmail.com](mailto:office.artyfartykids@gmail.com)



**OTAKI**

**KIDS**

**MARKET**

10am - 2pm

Main highway, Ōtaki

Sunday

**19**

**APR**

10am - 2pm

Main highway, Ōtaki

... think onions are the only food that makes you cry? Let's see what happens when I throw this coconut at your face.