



PAREMATA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2026

WEEK 1 – TERM 1



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Friday 6th February – **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
Tuesday 10th February

Waitangi Day
Community Picnic/Meet the Teacher@ 5:00pm



Term 1
Monday 2nd February – Thursday 2nd April
Term 2
Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July

Kia ora tatou

Welcome back to school for 2026. We all hope you have had a lovely break. It is great to see all the children looking well rested and ready to go. A very warm welcome to all our new families who have joined Paremata School this year. We hope you all settle in well and enjoy your time here. As usual, we have a very busy schedule and we look forward to a great term ahead.

Meet the Teacher Community Picnic

Next Tuesday, 10 February we are holding our annual Meet the Teacher evening followed by a community picnic on the field until 6.30pm. The Meet the Teacher part of the evening starts at 5.00pm and runs until 5.45pm where each team will run through their organisation, communication and team kaupapa. Following this there will be a community get together by the senior fort, and a sausage sizzle will be available for \$2.50.

School Donation Family Contribution

Donations for 2026 are as follows:

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

Please see the attached letter outlining the importance of school donations for school operations. 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.

Sunhats

Sunhats are to be worn for all outside activities during Term 1. Please name your child's hat.

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.



Student Arrival/Pick up Time at School

- Classes open for the day at **8:30am**. Due to health and safety, all children who arrive at school before 8:15am will need to go to Before School Care. If you require Before School Care, please get an enrolment form and/or information sheet from the office.
- School finishes at **3:00pm** for the end of the day, please **wait outside the classroom** until the bell goes if you are picking up your child.

Parking and the School Drive Through Areas



Just a friendly reminder that when using the school drive through for drop offs and picks up please do not park behind the staff cars on the yellow lines and/or leave your cars. The drive thru works well and if you arrive just after 3:00pm it is less busy. If you want to collect your child from their room, please park legally outside on the road. Please be considerate and do not park and leave your car in the bus stop, in front of Lloyds Garage, at Mobil or outside the hairdresser across the road. Please also take care when leaving the drive-thru, making sure you look left as well as right as often there are pedestrians or cars pulling out of drive-ways Thank you.

Classes and emails for staff are on the last page of this newsletter.

Have a fabulous Waitangi Day weekend,

Nga mihi nui - Matua Bryce



LUNCHES FOR 2026



MEAT PIE MONDAY – mince/steak and cheese

Meat pies will be available each Monday (starting 9th February) \$5.00.



WEDNESDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE – sausage/bread/sauce

Sausage sizzles are available for lunch for \$2.50 each Wednesday (starting 11th February)



FRIDAY HAMBURGER – bun/meat pattie/lettuce/cheese

Hamburgers are available for lunch for \$5.00 each Friday (starting Friday 13th February)

IMPORTANT

If pre-paying for any of our lunches, payment will need to be made the **night before**, or by cash/eftpos at the office first thing in the morning. This is for catering purposes and we don't want anyone to miss out.

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.



STATIONERY – ORDER ONLINE <https://schoolpacks.co.nz/>

It is great to see most of our children have their stationery. **Still to order? Please order online** as we use many of the **Qizzle** books that you cannot buy in the shops.

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.



TOTAL TOUCH

Total touch is going to be starting in Porirua from 24th February which means we need to have registrations in soon! Is your child keen to play touch? This is a league for schools starting at the end of the month on a Tuesday. If your child is keen, please email Becky directly by Tuesday 10th February. To register teams we **must have** a coach and manager.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

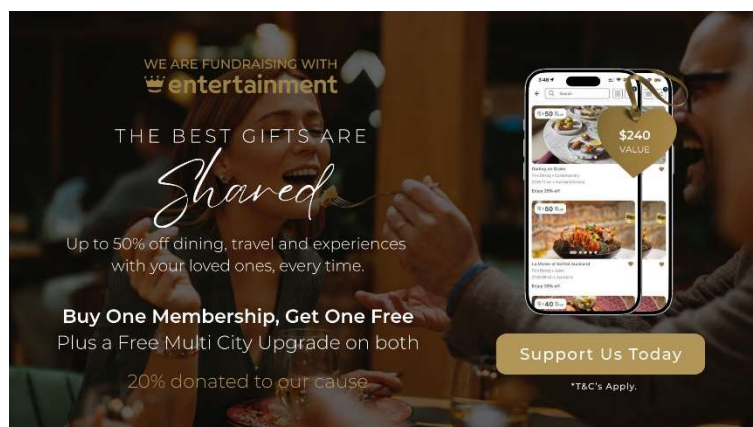
YUMMY STICKERS

Fundraiser– new sheets available from office or download from website

www.yummyfruit.co.nz. Our school receives an amount to spend on sports equipment each year. The more stickers we send in, the more equipment we can buy.



ENTERTAINMENT PUBLICATIONS – Buy one membership, get one free!



From **2nd February**, supporters can get two Entertainment Memberships for the price of one with our **Buy One, Get One FREE offer**. Even better, both Memberships come with a **FREE Multi City Upgrade**, giving access to thousands of offers across New Zealand, Australia and Bali — all for just \$70 (a total value of \$240)

<http://www.entbook.co.nz/104U135>



Porirua City Council are offering **free “Be Safe – Be Heard” bicycle bells** for students and their whanau. Teaching everyone to use their bell to let pedestrians and other bike riders know that they are coming is a great way to keep all community members safe. The bike bells are easily installed and are low profile, hugging the handlebar so they are less likely to get damaged.



BROWNIES

We have places available for youth to join Brownies across Porirua in Term One. Brownies is an amazing opportunity for 7 & 8 year old girls to get outdoors, learn new skills, be active in the community, challenge themselves, and make new friends.


Our local units are:

- Paremata Brownies, Monday 4.30pm - 6pm at St Barnabas Church Hall
- Titahi Bay Brownies, Tuesday 4pm - 5.30pm at Tireti Hall
- Papakōwhai Brownies, Wednesday 5.15pm - 6.45pm at Tairangi School Hall
- Whitby Brownies, Thursday 5pm - 6.30pm at Western Suburbs Football Club

To arrange a free visit, please contact Katrina at katrinaclokie+ggnz@gmail.com or 0220963973 (text only) or enquire via the Girl Guide website (scroll down to the form): <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/>



Porirua Judo Academy
Level 1, 11 Cobham Court



Judo classes for kids are up and running for 2026. For coaches who have decades of experience teaching kids and a training environment that is safe, supportive and structured, look no further than PJA.

Peewee Judo (4 - 5 years) Mon - 4.30 - 5.00pm	Junior Judo (6 - 13 years) Mon, Wed, Fri - 5.00 - 6.30pm.
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For more information contact us
info@porirujudo.org.nz 021 081 983 40

ZONE
DANCE ACADEMY
EST. 2005

ENROLMENTS OPEN!

Join the joy of dance! Our classes build confidence, creativity, and technique in a fun, supportive environment for all ages and levels.

JOIN TODAY!
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📞 027 550 2241
🌐 www.zonedanceacademy.com



Encore Drama Academy (Previously known as Helen O'Grady Drama Academy)

Encore Drama Academy based in Wellington is all about giving children self-confidence to succeed in life. Our classes help build creative thinking and literacy skills while also teaching children positive social skills including effective team interaction, leadership, confidence, and public speaking. Our programme also helps every child to develop performance skills, overcome shyness, develop positive self-esteem, grow imagination, and make new friends in a fun filled learning environment. After-school classes for 5–17-year-olds are held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby. If you wish to enrol or require more information, please visit our website: www.encoredramaacademy.co.nz

ROOM/TEAM	TEACHER (known as)	EMAIL ADDRESS
Pohutukawa Team Year 1/2		
1A - Miromiro	Angela Wall - Mrs Wall	angelaw@paremata.school.nz
1B – Kotare	Roll growth class	
2 – Tui	Cherise Britz – Mrs Britz	cheriseb@paremata.school.nz
3 – Ruru	Michelle Auld – Michelle	michellea@paremata.school.nz
4 – Korimako	Alice Gallagher – Miss Gallagher	aliceg@paremata.school.nz
Kahikatea Team Year 7/8		
6 – Piwakawaka	Juliet Henkes - Juliet	julieth@paremata.school.nz
7 – Kotuku	Sonia Saluni – Sonia Jacqui Reading – Jacqui	sonias@paremata.school.nz jacquir@paremata.school.nz
8 – Pukeko	Becky Spencer – Becky	beckys@paremata.school.nz
Kōwhai Team Year 3/4		
5 – Kereru	Clare Knighton – Clare Jacquie Bassett – Mrs Bassett	clarek@paremata.school.nz jacquieb@paremata.school.nz
9 – Kōkako		
10 – Kea	Wendy Barry – Whaea Wendy	wendyb@paremata.school.nz
11 – Kākāriki	Emma Tweedie – Emma Susan Moore – Mrs Moore	emmat@paremata.school.nz susanm@paremata.school.nz
12 – Karearea		
Kauri Team Year 5/6		
13 – Kākāpō	Rachel Hall – Rachel Jenny Goodwin - Jenny	rachelh@paremata.school.nz jennyg@paremata.school.nz
14 – Takahē	Finella Sweeney – Finella	finellas@paremata.school.nz
15 – Hihi		
16 – Kiwi	Lisa Cuttance – Whaea Lisa	lisac@paremata.school.nz
Principal	Bryce Coleman - Matua Bryce	brycec@paremata.school.nz
SENCO – Huia	Avalon Smith - Avalon	avalons@paremata.school.nz
Literacy Leader - Huia	Ursula Leggett – Mrs Leggett	ursulal@paremata.school.nz
Teacher Aides Whakamarie	Gaylene, Thea, Jane, Liana, Deirdre, Dee, Katherine	room17@paremata.school.nz
Office - Kākā	Marie Arlow - Marie	mariea@paremata.school.nz office@paremata.school.nz
Office - Kākā Email absentees	Michelle Griffin - Michelle	michelle@paremata.school.nz absent@paremata.school.nz accounts@paremata.school.nz
Library Wharepukapuka	Emma Crossley - Emma	library@paremata.school.nz
After School care	Raewyn Caldwell - Raewyn	afterschoolcare@paremata.school.nz
Caretaker	Ian Vaughan – Ian	ianv@paremata.school.nz

School's back.

Some patrols operate on a marked pedestrian crossing, but **some don't!**

Look out for any of these things:



You'll see school patrols outside:

Adventure School	The Mainsail
Cannons Creek School	Warspite Ave
Glenview School	Bedford Street
Holy Family School	Mungavin Avenue
Maraeroa School	Driver Crescent
Ngāti Toa School	Piko Street
Papakōwhai School	Tweed Road
Paremata School	Kiriwai Road
Pāuatahanui School	Paekākāriki Hill Road
Plimmerton School	Steyne Ave
Porirua School	Awarua Street
Postgate School	Staithe Drive North
Rangikura School	Conclusion Street
Russell School	Fantame Street
St Pius X School	Te Pene Ave
Windley School	Mungavin Avenue
Tairangi School	Omapere Street and Warspite Ave
Titahi Bay School	Kura Street



Drivers please watch out and be prepared to stop.