

Community Notices

Parents & Friends Meeting

The next P & F committee meeting is on the 11th June (Monday), at 7.00pm at Rebecca Ward's home. Everyone is most welcome to attend. This will also be a chance to meet and greet new families to the area. So if you know anyone who has recently moved into the area, please bring them along. See you all there.

The committee members for 2012 are:

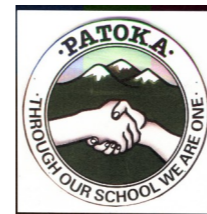
Chairperson: Rebecca Ward

Vice-Chairperson: Luana Farquharson

Treasurer: Michelle Carswell

Secretary: Lill Church

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who supports us through their time and tireless efforts throughout the year. Our minutes are displayed on the P & F notice board near room 2 at school. Attached also is an agenda. Please feel free to add to it any great ideas or suggestions that you may have for fundraising.



Patoka School Newsletter

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School Roll

Did you know that we currently have 71 brilliant students attending Patoka School?

This is the longest period of time for a number of years that our roll has been above 70.

Our class numbers are currently

Room 3 - 28

Room 2 - 26

Room 1 - 17

We know that we have 2 new 5 year olds starting in Term 3.

If you are aware of any other families moving into or leaving the district with school aged children please let us know as soon as possible to aid our future planning and organisation for the remainder of this year.

This is particularly important as we enter into the final preparations for ski camp as we need to confirm bookings on the Mountain and at the accommodation.



Thank you Garth and Rachel Train for repairing the Monkey Bars on the playground.

The Ministry of Education staffing formula indicates that if we reach and maintain a school roll of 76 we will be entitled to a 4th classroom teacher.

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Quote of the Week

Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.

Dr Seuss

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Horse Shoes

Thank you very much to Jackie Paterson, Carol Harrington, Lisa Chittick and Greg & Lauren Percey who have brought in horse shoes. To date we have collected 339 shoes and we are still collecting shoes if you find any more.

NETBALL FUN WORKSHOPS



Eastern Netball U17 and U19 Rep teams are holding FUN workshops for

Primary / Intermediate age netballers...

Come along with your friends or your whole team and have some netball fun!

Learn new skills and have games with the top netballers & coaches from our region. **QUEENS B-DAY, Saturday 2 June 9.30-12pm or 1-3.30pm, Napier Netball courts. COST: \$5 per person, or \$40 per team, pay on the day. Register with kath@eastern-netball.co.nz, phone 845 9341 or go to our website & register online...www.eastern-netball.co.nz**

Community Comedy Night



lady off 7 Days) Tarun Mohanbhai (the Marmite Indian) and Nick Rado will all take the stage throughout the evening.

The Parents and Friends Committee have organised a fabulous Comedy Night for the 30th June.

The comedians Urzila Carlson (South African

The event will be held in the Patoka Community Hall.

Tickets are only \$30 and at the last count there was approximately only 10 left.

So for an enjoyable evening with fine entertainment and a chance to catch up with friends make sure you contact Rachel Train

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Ski Camp Information

The Board of Trustees has approved the ski camp and we are in the final stages of the preparations.

We are all really privileged to live in a fantastic community. At the last Parents and Friends meeting they increased their contribution towards the ski camp from \$3000 to \$5000. This means that the cost of the camp to parents has been considerably reduced.

Two days of skiing is now \$135

One day of skiing is now \$110

We have a number of requests for an indication as to the gear that the children will require. The following list is still a work in progress and will be confirmed.

The most important piece of clothing is a waterproof outer layer of clothing and enough clothing on underneath to insure that they remain warm. Remember the wind chill factor.

The full camp itinerary will be sent home before the end of the term. We are still choosing the final activities in or around Taupo for the children who are only skiing for one day. If you have any suggestions

please let us know.

Ski Trip Gear List

Mountain Gear

Waterproof pants / leggings / overalls

Waterproof jacket

Gloves - waterproof

2X Socks - wool / fleece / polypro (not cotton)

2x Shirts / Tops - polypro / wool (not cotton)

2x Long-john - polypro / wool

Jersey / Jacket - fleece / polypro

Hat / Beanie - wool / polypro

Sunglasses with strap / cord

Sunscreen

Gumboots

Day bag (back pack)

Lunch box

Drinkottle

Camp Gear

Warm jersey / jacket

3x Tops / shirts

2x Long pants

2x Socks

3x Underwear

Swimming togs and towel

Raincoat

PJs

Footwear - shoes suitable for bushwalking.

Toiletries - toothbrush, toothpaste, facecloth, soap etc

Towel

Dinner plate, soup bowl, knife, fork, spoon, cup - in a named plastic bag

Tea towel

3x plastic bags for wet clothing

Torch

Pack of cards

Travel - small board games, ipod, gaming devices.

Book or novel

Please don't go out and buy expensive gear—beg, borrow and check out trade me and the second hand shops.

Thank you Parents and Friends you are amazing.

Important Dates

Ripper Rugby Training— Hawkes Bay Rugby Union

Queen's Birthday

School Production

Hastings Ripper Rugby Tournament

Mid Year Reports Home

Last Day of Term

Friday 1st June

Monday 4th June

Thursday 21st June

Friday 29th June

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School Website

Robyn Brady has created a school website as part of her studies at EIT. She has gone well beyond the scope of the requirements for her assignment to make sure that the school has an outstanding place on the web.

The website is now live and we

Website Address:
www.patoka.school.nz

would like the community to have a look at it and proofread it for us and make any suggestions.

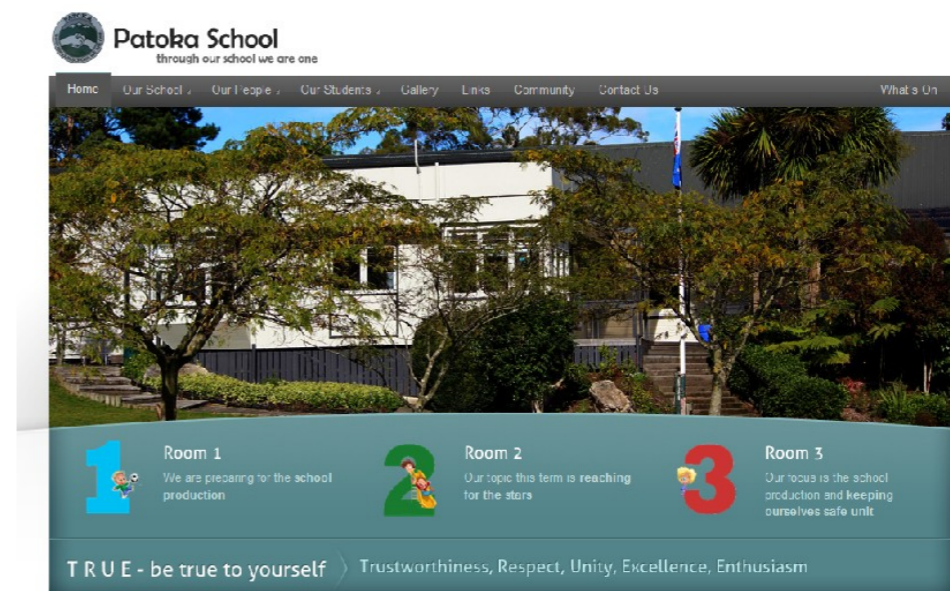
The homework section in 'Our Students' requires a password which will be issued later in the term. The password will be for **each family**, not individual students. We are hoping that this will make the homework section user friendly. The plan is that children will be able to submit their homework online.

Once the staff have received their training from Robyn we will be

Robyn, you are wonderful. Thank you for creating this awesome resource for Patoka School

regularly updating the website.

If you would like to make any suggestions or you have identified errors please use the email form on the Contact Us page.



Welcome to Patoka School's place on the web

Upcoming Events

Our Students

House Groups – House Captains and Sports Leaders

Students are assigned to one of four house groups when they enrolled at Patoka School.

Our houses are:

- Rimu
- Kowhai
- Totara
- Ngaio

The house groups are used for sporting events, assemblies, school organisation and friendly competition.

The Student Leaders (House Captains and Sports Leaders) play a vital part in helping to create the fantastic supportive family culture that exists within Patoka School. They are role models for the younger students to look up to and they help to foster our positive school culture.

The Student Leaders are responsible for:

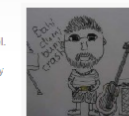
- Running the school assemblies
- Organising lunchtime sports and activities
- Helping to run school and interschool sporting and academic events
- Acting as school librarians
- Organising their house for school events
- Helping the staff with morning tea and lunchtime duties
- Helping in the local Kindergarten each week

The teaching staff nominate students who have displayed potential leadership skills for the role of House Captain or Sports Leader at the end of each year.

Our People

Gerry Bidwell – Teacher/Assistant Principal, Room 3

I have been teaching for absolute ages and am the 'old' at Patoka School. I have also taught at 'Secondary School' specialising in Science, Physical Education and Outdoor Education. My current interests are music, especially trying to teach myself the bass and fiddling around on drums, surfing at local beaches and of course riding my motorbikes. I love working at Patoka School.

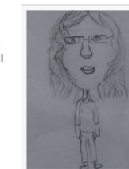


Caroline Cels – Teacher, Room 2

This is my first year back at full time teaching after having been working part time for a few years whilst raising our 2 children. During my teaching career I have taught at all Year levels in rural and urban schools. I have 3 main passions in education:

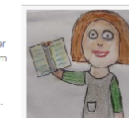
- Teaching Literacy - Reading and Writing
- Working with children with 'Specific Learning Needs'
- Working with 'Gifted and Talented' children

My interests outside of education include spending time with my family and contributing on my own personal learning journey.



Nicky Dawson – Teacher, Room 1

Hi I have been teaching part time at Patoka as the Principal Release Teacher for a few years. During my time here I have taught at all levels. Presently I am in the Junior classroom. It is a position I feel very privileged to be in, being your child's first teacher and making the transition from kindergarten to school as enjoyable as possible. I enjoy watching the visual arts throughout the school.



Adam Cels – Teacher/Principal, Room 1

Hello, I have been the Teaching Principal at Patoka School since 2007. During my teaching career I have worked at both rural and urban schools.

