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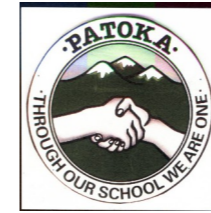
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Taylor Communications is a rural broadband provider in our school district. They are actively seeking to put new broadband internet transmitters on high hills in our area and provide broadband to surrounding households. If you are unable to get broadband from any of the major telco's, they want to talk to you. Pricing starts at \$49 per month and is much cheaper and faster than farmside, the government's RBI project, and cellular internet. It usually requires about 6 households to register their interest in an area for a small transmitter to be installed so you may wish to tell your neighbours about the service. You can phone Ray on 06-929-9082 or visit www.taylorcom.co.nz for more information, and to register your interest in the service.

'Ray Taylor installed an excellent Broadband coverage for us last week. We had not been able to get anything at all before this. The service was brilliant, and the follow-up just as good. The price is also very competitive. If anyone is interested and would like to talk to us first, please phone Mark & Judy Nelson, 8398-688'.



Patoka School Newsletter

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Ski Camp

Thank you for all returning your Ski Camp information slips.

At this stage we have 90% of the school indicating that they will be going to camp.

Thank you to all the parents who have put their names forward to be helpers during the camp. At this stage we have 27 parent helpers.

58% of the children have indicated that they want to ski for 2 days, 42% want to ski for 1 day and

complete an activity in Taupo.

The BOT will be discussing the camp organisation at their next meeting. We will continue to try and keep you informed about our planning progress.

Clothing Suitable for Skiing
If you have any clothing that you are prepared to sell or loan please contact the school and we will place photos and a list in the newsletter each fortnight.

School Production

Each classroom is in the throws of trying to prepare for the school production. We are following a similar format to previous years. We always try and involve all the children in meaningful parts.

At this stage the classes are presenting the following items:

Room 1: 'The Sunflower that Went Flop.'
Room 2: 'Kiwiana'
Room 3: 'Back to the Summer'

The date of the production is set down for Thursday 21st June and there will be two performances —afternoon and evening.



If you are looking to purchase ski clothing make sure that you check out the second hand clothing shops. We have managed to purchase some good clothes at very reasonable prices from Save Mart.

All we need now is for the weather to play ball, produce some snow on the mountains and then be beautiful, fine and still on the days we are skiing.

Patoka School

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Quote of the Week

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

John F. Kennedy

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T.R.U.E - be true to yourself

Trustworthiness	Respect	Unity	Excellence	Enthusiasm
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Year 7/8 Leadership Conference Report

The trip was long and tiring, 3 hours there and 3 hours back. The best part of the drive was stopping at McDonalds.

We got to the Rotorua arena at 9:29 with 1 minute to spare before the actual conference started. There was a count-down then Matt Gibb and Whitney Tuitasi walked on stage.

There were 5 main speakers, all with funny and/or serious stories about things that happened at some points in their life which they used to demonstrate leadership.

There was a couple of people in each part. In the 1st part there was Nick Tuitasi and Pio Terei. In the 2nd part Dave Atkinson and Cam Calkeon. In the 3rd part Ruth Aitken.

Our favourite speaker was Dave Atkinson because he communicated well with the children in a funny way. He showed us how to turn a banana into a penguin and taught it to fly.

He told us a funny story about pushing



Ruth Aitken

He told us a story about how he one day went snowboarding and he didn't know how but he gave it his best shot and found he was pretty good at it. At the end of the day his friends said "Hey lets go up the top of the hill." He started freaking out on the chairlift. When they got up to the top he went down and then thought hey, that wasn't too bad. He did that a few more times and then his mates said "Hey, you should try the jumps." Dave was like um... okay. The 1st jump was 20 feet. He went up, came down, and landed it. He thought wow that was awesome. So he tried a 40 foot jump he came down the hill, hit the jump,



Cam Calkeon

yourself to do things and if you do, you can do amazing things but don't push yourself too hard.

but he knew he was going too fast. He hit the ground, fell and due to the force of the landing he managed to involuntarily poo his pants.

That was one of his hilarious stories but he also told us the 4 keys to a good leader.

- Stick up for what's right
- Choose good friends
- Believe in yourself
- Live for others

Personally we think it was a good experience and it gave kids a good choice, to decide whether or not they want a good future.

By Zak Train and Emily Crosse



Nick Tuitasi

Thank you to Suzie Crosse, Rachel Train, Jill Hammond and Lil Poulton for providing transport and being the parent helpers.

Reminder: Could we please have all of the school shirts returned when they have been washed.

Congratulations to all the Y7/8 students. You upheld all of the Patoka School values and expectations with your outstanding behaviour and participation.

Important Dates

Hawkes Bay Duathlon Champs	Friday 11th May
Year 3 to 6 Soccer Tournament	Wednesday 23rd May
Queen's Birthday	Monday 4th June
School Production	Thursday 21st June
Hastings Ripper Rugby Tournament	Friday 29th June
Mid Year Reports Home	Friday 29th June
Last Day of Term	Friday 29th June

Sporting Information

Soccer

The Patoka Panthers and Pumas have made a great start to the season. Both teams have already scored their first win of the season.

Soccer Fees are now due: \$30 per player.

Please send the money along to the school office.

Netball

Our senior team has won their first game of the season - well done. Reminders - Junior team practice Wednesday lunchtime. Senior team practice Thursday lunchtime. If you

require any Netball information please contact Gerry Bidwell.

Duathlon

Good luck to the children who have entered the Duathlon this Friday in Hastings. Parents could you please let us know if your child is competing so that they are marked on the school roll as taking part in a sporting event instead of Truant.

Year 3 to 6 Soccer Tournament

The following children have expressed an interest in taking part in the Hawkes Bay Primary School 7-a-side Soccer Tournament.

Date 23rd May
Time: Departing from school 11:30
Return by 3:30

Each team will play at least 3 games

Year 3/4 Team: Jamie, Meg, Lucy C, Charlotte, Felicity, Oscar, Leah, Dylan, India, Nathan, Lewis

Year 5/6 Team: Quinn, Johnson, Henry, Caleb, Izzac, Jonathan, Nic, Tayla, Raine, Thomas

Please complete the Permission Slip and return to school by Wednesday 16th May.

Keeping Ourselves Safe Unit

Over the next few weeks our classes will get into the nitty gritty of our Keeping Ourselves Safe Unit. This programme is all about personal safety.

Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed to give children the skills to cope in situations involving abuse.

It has three overall aims:

- To develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other

people;

- To support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults;
- To make teaches and parents more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults and other children.

Keeping Ourselves Safe will be taught by the classroom teachers with support from our local Police Education Officer - Kevin Marshall.

To be successful, Keeping Ourselves Safe needs your help and support. Please help your child to complete any activities that are set as homework.

It is important that you talk to your child about what they are learning. This will help to reinforce the message, and help your child to use their new skills with confidence.

Parents and Friend of Patoka School

The next Parents & Friends meeting will include the AGM and is on Monday 14th May at 7pm. This will be held at Luana Farquharson's home on Hawkston Road and will include BYO wine and favourite cheese and/or dessert. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 3-4 & Year 5-6, 7 Aside Soccer Tournament

I do / do not give permission for my child/ren to take part in the soccer tournament.

I am able / unable to transport _____ children including my own.

My vehicle has a current WOF, Registration and seatbelts for all children. My driver's licence is current.

Child / ren Names _____

Parent Name _____ Signed _____ Phone Number _____