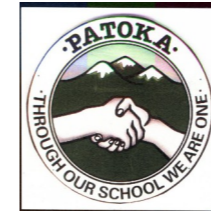


Community Notices



Patoka School Newsletter

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Parents & Friends Notice

Thanks to all the people that came out to support the Comedy night at the Patoka Hall. The Comedians had a few laughs too and said they enjoyed the evening and would love to come back if we will have them again.

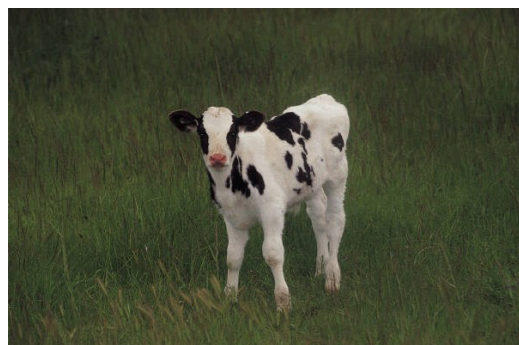
Thanks to Chris Crosse for letting us use his chiller and Robbie Andrews for getting the sound gear. To all those great people that get in the kitchen, behind the bar, design flyers, decorate the venue, organise pick-ups, and clean-ups...You are awesome!! Our kids and community are very lucky to have parents and friends like you. So a big cheers to you guys :o)



Bobby Calf Fundraiser

AFFCO NZ LTD is again running the Cash for Schools bobby calf fund raising programme this season. This is a fantastic opportunity to generate cash for the school. Last year AFFCO NZ LTD donated more than \$100,000 to local schools as a result of the programme. All you have to do is register your bobby calves with AFFCO NZ LTD for the current season and nominate our school for the donation. It doesn't cost you anything., because AFFCO NZ LTD pays the donation over and above normal supplier payments. If you don't have a dairy farm, then sign up your neighbours, friends, whanau. So get in behind the school, and register your bobby calves today.

Registration forms are available to download from www.affco.co.nz



Parent Evening Mathematics

Childcare NOW available at Mathematics Evening.

Mathematics Meeting
 Date: Wednesday 15th of August
 Start Time 7:00
 Finish Time: 8:30
 Location: Room 3

Mathematics presenter :
 Kathryn Rowe
 Current Deputy Principal St Matthews School
 Past Principal and Mathematic Lecturer Massey University

The purpose of this evening is to:

- Provide parents with information to allow them to get a deeper understanding of how mathematics is currently taught in NZ.
- Provide parents with examples and suggestions of how they can help their children at home with

- mathematics. Hands on examples
- Provide parents with an opportunity to ask questions about mathematics.

To assist with childcare during the Mathematics Evening we will be setting up a Movie in Room 2 for the children to watch. A staff member will be available to supervise the children. This service is only available to parents who attend the Mathematics Evening.

If you are planning on attending the Mathematics Evening and utilising the childcare service let us know (number of adults and children) by either phoning the school office or using the Contact Us page on our school website.

Please note: if not enough parents respond to this opportunity the Mathematics Evening will be cancelled.

Mathletics Teams

We entered 2 teams into the Mathletics competition last Thursday night.

The Year 7 team of Sam, Emily and Molly achieved a wonderful result finishing 8th out of 29 teams.

Zak, Libby and Noah made up the Year 8 team and finished



Congratulations to both teams. You have achieved outstanding results and displayed great determination and team work.

6th out of 31 teams - an outstanding effort..

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Quote of the Week

It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer.

Albert Einstein

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T.R.U.E - be true to yourself
 Trustworthiness Respect Unity Excellence Enthusiasm

Do you know our school mission statement?

Patoka School will provide a happy and secure learning environment where all children are nurtured and challenged to achieve personal standards of excellence.

Student Attendance

Research shows that student attendance at school has a significant impact on student learning and achievement.

Now that we have been using electronic registers at school for nearly 2 years we are able to easily see student attendance patterns.

As a school our overall student attendance is 93%. The BOT is aiming for all students to have an attendance rate of 90% or higher.

To inform parents about their individual child's current attendance rate we have sent home a letter along with this newsletter outlining their overall attendance so far for 2012.

Congratulations to:

Casey, Jamie, Caleb, Quinn - 100% attendance

Well Done to:

The 45 students who have 95% or higher attendance.

Barefoot Sevens

Everyone is Busy!!

At present we have enough transport to get the 50kg and the 43kg teams to the Sevens. We need transport for five more children to be able to take the 36kg team.

If you are able to help please phone the school tomorrow (Thursday). If we do not have anymore transport offered the 36kg team will not take part in the Sevens.

Gerry Bidwell



Reminder - Parent Helpers Camp Meeting will follow the Mathematics Evening.

Starting at approximately 8.30pm

Location: Room 3

Production DVDs and Photos

Carla and Aaron have done an outstanding job of filming and producing a DVD movie of the entire school production.

To order your copy please contact the school office via the school website Contact Us page. The cost of the DVD is \$5 and this will be added to your term 3 account.

Please note: DVD orders must be received by Friday 17th August.

In the Gallery section of the school website is a sample of still photos taken by Carla during the production. To view the full selection of photos please call into the office. Digital copies of the photos are available to parents.

School Website

www.patoka.school.nz

We are trying to make the school website as informative and user-friendly as possible.

Regular updates and information are being added on a weekly basis. News and information that is contained in the school newsletter is being uploaded earlier to the website on the **Latest News** tab which is halfway down the **Homepage**.

Students work is also starting to be uploaded to the classrooms pages. To find the students work:

1. Hover the mouse over the Our Students button
2. A menu will appear
3. Click on the classroom you wish to visit.

Thank you to Robin Brady for building this wonderful resource and your continued support and patience.

School Shade House Update

Last Friday Billie and her wonderful team of helpers from DOC constructed our new shade house.

Even though it was raining and extremely muddy they managed to have the shade house up by the end of the school day.

Children from Rooms 1 and 2 had the opportunity to assist the builders during the day. A number of



children even volunteered to continue helping during their

morning tea and lunch time. This clearly shows the level of interest that the children have in the shade house and the growing of native plants.

Billie is hoping to begin working with the children from next week. She has already designated an area of the school gardens that will be the first recipient of plants that are grown in our shade house.

Children will have the opportunity to work in the shade house with their house group on a rotation basis. This term will be Totara and Ngaio. Tuesday and Thursday are the current designated days.

If there are any other parents or community members who are keen to assist with the shade house project please contact the school.

PET Day

Thursday 29th October
Location: Patoka School
Start: 9.30
Finish Time 2:15

The PET day will follow the same format as in 2010.

The morning programme focuses on the animals - leading, calling, question and answers.

The middle part of the day is all about agriculture activities - running fences, swinging gates, dog whistling.

In the afternoon we are trying to arrange a talk or presentation.

If your child is bringing an animal to PET day they must also have a diary with entries for at least a month showing how they cared for the animal. More info after camp.

Please note:

Due to unforeseen circumstances our cross-country date has had to be moved.

Now on Friday 7th September.

Up and Coming Events

Bob Bickerton Show	Thursday 9th August
Parent Meeting Mathematics and Camp 7pm	Wednesday 15th August
Barefoot Sevens Rugby Tournament	Thursday 16th August
Ski Camp	20th to 22nd August
Mid-Term Break	23rd and 24th August
St Matthew School Visits Patoka School	Wednesday 29th August
Board Of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm	Wednesday 5th September
Patoka School Cross-Country	Friday, 7th September
Patoka School Cross Country (Saving Day)	Friday 14th September
Year 3 to 6 Interschool Cross-Country	Tuesday 18th September
Year 7 / 8 Interschool Cross-Country	Wednesday, 19th September
Year 3 to 6 Interschool Cross-Country (savings day)	Friday 21st September
Patoka School Visit to St Matthew School	Wednesday 26th September
Parent Interviews	21st and 26th September