

Future of School Event and Sport Days

Firstly—Thank you to all the parents and children who attended the Meeanee Sevens Sports Day on Thursday last week. All of the children seemed to have a fantastic time and represented themselves and Patoka School in a positive manner. Congratulations.

Future of Events and Sports Days .

The attendance at the Meeanee Sevens was disappointing - 21 students (28% of the school) were absent. A number of different reasons were received by the school—examples; didn't know the event was on, children didn't want to go, couldn't transport, hadn't had time to arrange transport, no reason given. We do understand that the event clashed with the show.

We also understand that everyone is busy and taking time off work to attend events is difficult especially during this busy time of the year.

History

The reasons that we request parents to transport or make transport arrangements are:

1. For some events if we all had to meet at school first we would be late and therefore not able to take part.
2. Buses cost between \$600 to \$900 per event (around \$10 per child)
3. Quite often people use the time after the event to complete other town business and therefore don't want to transport other children.
4. In the past the majority of parents have wanted to support their children's sporting endeavours and have been able to attend.

One of our School Strategic Directions is Sport. This includes:

- i. Provide opportunities for students to engage / take part in a range of sporting activities.
- ii. Promote and encourage involvement in sporting opportunities.

As a staff we have strived to provide opportunities both in and out of the school to achieve this strategic direction and consider the sport days an important element.

Moving Forward.

We have been invited to attend two more sporting events this term.

1. Athletics with St Matthews at Hastings Boys.— Friday 16th November.
2. Top Team at Pakowhai School.—first week in December.

What does the parent community want us to do to ensure that all students are able to attend school events and sporting fixtures for the remainder of 2012? (to be revisited in 2013).

We have come up with a number of possible solutions:

1. Patoka School doesn't attend the sporting events.
2. A teacher remains at school and the children who cannot arrange transport attend school as normal (school buses will run).
3. We all use buses and the cost is passed on to the parents (approximately \$10 a trip).
4. We call for offers of transport from parents and the school organises the car groups, transport routes, etc. (a dollar value will be charged for each trip to be given as a donation to the parents who provide transport)

Please note: option 3 and 4 will only work if we can arrange with the organising schools a slightly later starting time.

Please return all school shirts to school asap.

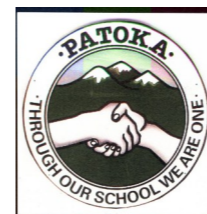
Quick Survey—Sports Days Transport

Please rank the possible solutions from 1 to 5 (1 being preferred choice to 5 being least preferred choice)

- Status Quo - things remain as they are.
- Patoka School doesn't attend the events and sport days.
- A teacher remains at school and the children / parents who cannot arrange transport attend school as normal (school buses will run).
- We all use buses and the cost is passed on to all the parents (approximately \$10 a trip).
- We call for offers of transport from parents and the school organises the car groups, transport routes, etc.

If you have any other suggestions or comments please record below:

Please return to the school office tomorrow. **Sorry** for the short notice but we need to inform the organising schools this week if we are attending their events.



Patoka School Newsletter

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Pet Day Reminders - It is on Tomorrow

Date: Thursday 25th October
 Time: 9:30 to 2:30

Animals need to be at school by 9:30

- Small caged animals to go on display in the hall on the tables provided by the stage.
- Dogs to be tied up along the back fence leading up to the tennis court.
- Lambs and Calves to go in the pens along the back edge of the field.
- Horses (still don't quite know what we are going to do with the horses) to be decided on the day.

Reminders

- Please make sure that your animal has enough food and water.
- All dogs to be on a lead at all times except when competing
- Animals may go home after morning tea—approximately 11.00.

Order of events:

- Calves
- Lambs
- Dogs
- Other Pets

Lamb Feeding Race - Please make sure that you have a bottle of milk for the feeding race.

The hall has been set up as an art gallery with the students work on display. Please make a time during the day to pop over and have a look. Art on display includes: sketching, weaving, stitching, clay modelling and collaging. The Pet diaries will also be on show.

Calendar and Greeting Card Art

- P & F are once again selling calendars and greeting cards containing the children's art work. All orders are to be in by 5th November. (See enclosed form)
- You will be able to view the Calendar art work in clear files in the hall.

Ag and Fun Activities.

The activities will start after morning tea and run right the way to the end of the day. The children have all been divided into teams and will be collecting house points throughout the day's competition. See the next page for team lists.

Activities:

- Gumboot Throwing—Mrs Dawson
- Reel out the fence—Mrs Luana Farquharson
- Wheelbarrow Racing—Mr Cels
- Swing the Gate—Mr Rob Poulton
- Name that Pest—Miss Quinn
- Name that Tool—Mrs Toni Turner
- Plank Walking—Mr Bidwell
- Puzzle Solving—Mrs Cels
- Muster the Sheep— Mrs Hartree
- Milking Murtle— Mr Nick Dawson / Mrs Rachel Train

Thank you to all the parents and staff members who have provided equipment and time to ensure an action packed day has been organised for the children.

Patoka School

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SHADE HOUSE FUNDRAISER

For Sale on PET Day
 Potted herbs for sale!
 Parsley, coriander, oregano and chives.
 \$2 each
 Grown by Patoka students!

Please have a look in the shade house during PET day. Get the children to explain some of the different projects that have been completed.

**Weta Houses
 Lizard Gardens
 Predator Traps
 Plant Cuttings
 Seed Plantings
 Etc.**

Videos and Photos are on the School Website.

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

PET Day Team Lists

Team Number	Totara	Kowhai	Ngaio	Rimu
1	Nick L@ Bridgette Lucy C Lexie	Sam H@ Jamie Karlee Kayla	Koryn @ Ashleigh Casey Khan	Libby @ Jarred Samuel Sophie W
2	Zak @ Henry India Paige A	Raine H @ Annabel Johanna	Trent @ Timea Troy Alyse	Anton @ Hamish Meg Ashton
3	Emily @ Izzac Oscar Paige W	Willow @ Felicity Thomas	Luke @ Dylan Charlotte	Sophie @ Timothy Jack T Leah
4	Caleb @ Millie Sofia Luke H	Olivia@ Katelyn Jessica Izzac T	Ruby @ Jack L Nathan Ella	Quinn @ Raine C Jack P Maddy
5	Noah @ Tiffany Lewis Tarn	Jonathon @ Eva Lochie	Molly @ Nicky L Cody Jennifer	Johnson @ Gemma Lucy T Thomas T

Important Dates

PET Day	Thursday 25th October
Soccer—Napier City Rovers	Mondays 29 October 5 November 12 November 19 November
School Photos	Thursday 8th November
Athletics St Mathews School	Friday 16th November
BOT Meeting	Monday 19th November
House Captains / Bus Monitors Trip	Friday 7th December
Top Team Sports Day	1st week of December
BOT Meeting	Monday 10th December
Prize Giving Assembly	Tuesday 18th December
Reports Home	Tuesday 18th December
Year 8 Leavers Dinner	Tuesday 18th December
Last Day of Term	Wednesday 19th December

"P AND F" PET DAY LUNCH SPECIALS!

BURGERS \$2.00

Toasted Bun

Beefroot

Coleslaw

meat pattie !!!

