

# Community Notices

## Patoka Dog Trials

The Patoka Dog Trials will be held on Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd March on the Patoka Station grounds.

All welcome and enquiries to David Evans 8398889 or Toni Turner on 8398827.



## Work Wanted

Odd jobs wanted by a reliable 16yr old boy - lawn mowing, weed eating, spraying and general farm work. Please phone Hayden on 8398699.

## Touch Rugby

Touch rugby has started on Thursdays on the school grounds - 6.30pm children and 7.00pm adults. All welcome, please come and support this great community activity.

## Patoka Community Pool

Please can all key holders remember that everyone is to take turns at mowing the lawns!!

## FREE To Gardeners

House-lot of heavily stained carpet. Would make excellent weed matting. Shame to waste. NOT suitable for re-use in home. Ph 8398 802

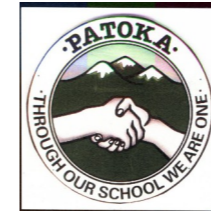
### Beach 5's Rugby Tournament

This event is extremely popular and we have only been allowed to enter 1 senior team and 1 junior team. There are a lot of children who want to play. Teams will be picked on age and experience. The younger players will have an opportunity next year.

Teams will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks

Gerry Bidwell.



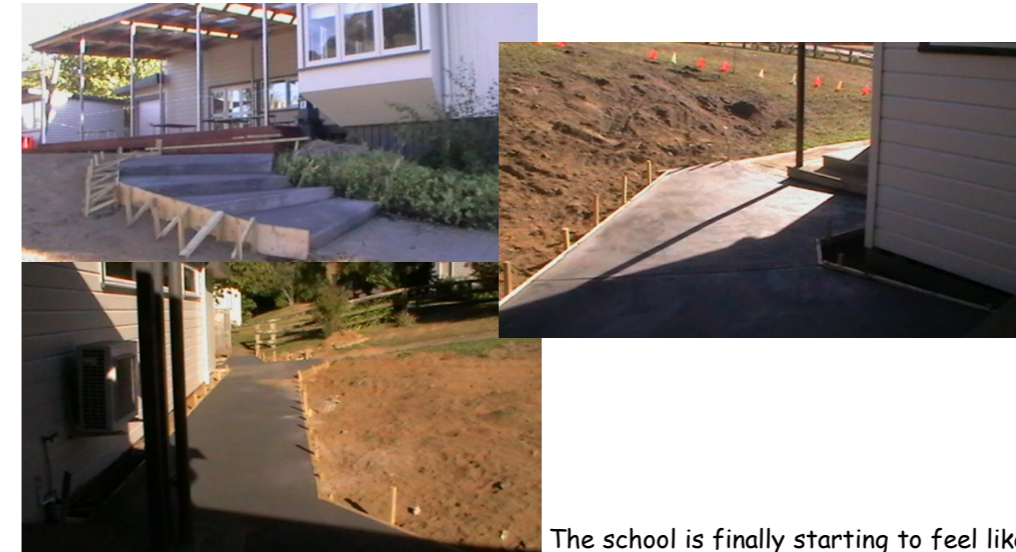
# Patoka School Newsletter

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## Concrete Paths and Steps



The school is finally starting to feel like it is nearly finished and all tying together. The concrete paths and steps have been boxed and poured and hopefully we will be able to use them at the end of the week. The new paths will allow us to walk safely around the school and access the deck and all doors.

A big thank you to Murray and his team for an outstanding job and a quick turn around.

## Thank you Parents and Friends



Parents and Friends have organised and paid for clear drops around the outside of the Room 3 deck. They are to stop the rain and snow driving in during the winter months. The enclosed space will also be used as an extension of the classroom. Thank you Parents and Friends for this excellent addition to our learning environment.

Thanks Klint, from Anything Canvas, for the excellent job and working around the children.

The school has a great vibe at the moment. It is a really happy, caring place.

The School Leaders are doing a great job and they are being fantastic role models.

### Patoka School

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Wednesday 20 February

### Quote of the Week

Your focus needs to be on your goals and desires, rather than your fears and worries.

Nishchal Ningleku

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

Trustworthiness

Respect

Unity

Excellence

Enthusiasm

## Swimming Sports

Date: Wednesday 27 February

Start Time: 10:30

Finish Time: 2:30ish

Location: Patoka Community Swimming Pool

The children will attend school in the morning as per normal. We will start busing the children to the swimming pool at 10:00. The first event will commence at 10:30.

This year the children will be swimming in gender / year groups. There are about 80 events / races—so it is going to be a very full day with the children in the water a number of times.

Please make sure that your child has:

- Togs
- 2 towels
- Sunhat
- Jersey
- Sunscreen
- Lunch, Morning Tea, Drink
- Something to read or play between events



We need to borrow a couple of big gazebos for sun protection. If you are able to supply please contact the office.

The following will be on sale at the sports: sausage on a stick \$1.00, Golden Circle carton drinks \$2.00, small ice blocks 50c.

We look forward to seeing you there.

If it is raining (Yes Please!!!) check the Latest News Section on the school website for postponements.

## Learning to Spell

The staff have been doing a lot of research into early reading and spelling over the past 12 months. The following method is our recommendation for the best way to learn spelling words.

The best method for learning spelling words:

It is important that your child uses letter sounds instead of letter names when they are spelling words. For example, when spelling the word 'man' they should be saying the sounds 'mmm...a...nnn'; using the alphabet names 'em' 'ay' 'en' can only give a non-word:emayen. Some words like 'the' don't follow the usual letter sounds but the children need to learn that each sound in a word is recorded with one or more letters - "th" "e".

Write each word in a list down the side of the page.

Have your child read the word before they write it.

Have them write the word on the other side of the page. Your child needs to say each sound as they write the letter/s which matches the sounds. Your child needs to be saying the **sounds** not the letter names.

When your child has completed each word, have them repeat the process 2 more times.

Once a week you may like to give them a spelling test but remind them to say each sound as they record it.

### Juicies For Sale

Parents & Friends have decided to sell Juicies at school during these warmer months.

These are available on Thursdays at a cost of \$1.00.

## Parents and Friends

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered to help with the shifting of equipment during the Horse Trek. We still need **4 more** people for Saturday 2 March to help with the run back to town. If any of the current volunteers can shift days please let us know ASAP.

For the people who are helping on Friday 22 February John, from Horse Trek, will meet you at school at 12.30 to give you directions. We will also be providing him with your cell phone number so he can text you if you are already in town.

On all the other days the volunteers need to be at the camps by **9:30**.

Thank you for your time and generosity.

### Horse Trek Volunteers

#### Friday 22nd February

##### From Town

Edith Lynam  
Lil Poulton  
Kate Cracknel  
Kate's Worker  
Michelle Carswell  
Fransis - Maungatutu  
Dan Herries

#### Monday 25 February

##### Maungatutu - Puke Domain

James Turner  
Nicky Dawson  
Nick Dawson  
Adam Cels  
Carol Harrington  
Damon Hunt  
Grant MacDonald  
Lisa Chittick

#### Tuesday 26th February

##### Puke Domain to Barbie and Blair's

James Turner  
Adam Cels  
Bron Thomson  
Keri Horton  
Deb Turner  
Lisa Chittick

#### Friday 1 March

##### Barbie and Blair's to Whittles

Edith Lynam  
Lil Poulton  
Nicky Dawson  
Nick Dawson  
David McPhee

#### Saturday 2nd March

##### Whittles to Town

Kelly Dinneen  
Adam Cels  
David McPhee  
Rob Poulton

## Up and Coming Events

BOT meeting	Monday 25th February
Patoka Swimming Sports	Wednesday 27th February
Beach 5's Rugby	12th to 14th March
BOT Meeting	Monday 25th March
Easter Friday	Friday 29th March
Easter Monday	Monday 1 April
Easter Tuesday	Tuesday 2nd April
Parent Interviews	Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th April
Last day of Term	Friday 19th April