

Parents and Friends

Welcome Back

Well nothing like starting the year with a hiss and a roar.

We would like to have our first meeting of the year on Monday 11th, 1pm at School, as we have our first fundraiser coming up in just a few weeks.

Anyone and everyone is welcome, please come along and be a part of our fantastic committee.

Horse Trek Fundraiser

The school has been asked to assist with this event. We are going to be responsible for the shifting of caravans / horse floats etc and need people who are prepared to drive.

Friday 22nd Feb -People to tow hire trailers from Napier and Hastings, 6 - 8 vehicles

4 camp moves: 6 - 8 people each day to help move trailers and vehicles (9.00 to 12.00)

Monday 25th Maungatutu Station - Puketitiri Domain

Tuesday 26th Puketitiri Domain to Blair & Barbie Simmons (Pakaututu)

Friday 1st Simmons - Mark Whittle (Puketitiri)

Sat 2nd March 6-8 people to return the hire trailers to Napier/ Hastings

There is also an Auction being held during the horse trek and ANYTHING that ANYBODY can donate to Auction Off would be greatly appreciated as we have been advised that 60% of the money raised is going to the school.

Also a group of children will be putting on a performance for the people involved.

Any inquires or to offer yourself for driving please contact Bron 8398901 or Rebecca 8398949

Community Notices

Puketitiri Sports - 9th March 2013

Always a great fun family day

Put it on the calendar & bring a horse, bike, throwing arm, shooting eye, luck for awesome raffles & ping pong ball drop, togs 4 the slippery slide, a putting arm, a guessing mind

Any enquires phone Bron 8398901.

KITTENS

8 to 10 weeks and ready to go. All tabbies, one tom and two females. The tom and one female are cuddly lap cats, the remaining female is still a little scaredy-cat. If you're interested call Sally. 8398 903.

National Certificate in Agriculture - Feeding & Pastures (Level 3)

Subjects; Soils, Weather, Pasture, Weeds, Droughts, Supplements, Cropping

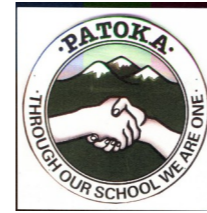
Venue: Dave & Kristy McPhee, 695 Hawkston Road, Patoka

Time: 9.30 - 2.30 (30 mins for lunch)

Class Days: Wednesdays (alternate weeks till May)

Fees: \$380. To be paid to AgITO on enrolment.

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2013 Yahoo

What a fantastic day we had yesterday. 63 excited children all engaging with their learning and settling back into the school routines.

Over the school holidays we had two major building projects occurring in the school grounds. The first project was a complete new sewerage system which hopefully has rectified our ongoing waste water issues. The new system is located around the back of the school house and down the hill between the field and tennis courts.

The second project was the construction of a new covered deck that extends from Room 2 and the staff room. The purpose of this deck is to provide us with a covered lunch eating area, shaded playing area and as an extension of the classroom learning environment. New outdoor furniture will be purchased as soon as we get an indication of how the deck area will work.



In the next couple of weeks we are hoping that new concrete paths are going to be laid linking all of the

walkways around the school. At the moment a large part of the school is cordoned off and out of bounds because we are waiting for the grass to grow and the tradesmen to complete the last of their tidying up.

During term four 2012 the teaching staff investigated a number of different options for our technology and science curriculum. We were trying to look for resources that would be engaging and motivating for the students. One of our main focus was trying to find learning opportunities that would encourage collaboration, problem-solving and teamwork.

Our decision has been to purchase nine sets of Lego Robotics. The lego allows the children to build different robots and then they use a computer to write a programme for controlling the robot. In a couple of years we are hoping to be able to enter students into the Robocup. Information is available at <http://www.robocupjunior.org.nz/>



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Quote of the Week

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step."

A popular Chinese Proverb

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

Trustworthiness

Respect

Unity

Excellence

Enthusiasm

General School Information

School Organisation to 2013

Room 1 – Years 0 to 3, Teachers Mrs Caroline Cels and Mr Adam Cels.

Room 2 - Years 3 to 5, Teacher Miss Kathleen Quinn.

Room 3 – Years 6 to 8, Teacher Mr Gerry Bidwell.

Current Classroom Numbers

Room 1 - 15 students. Growing to 20+ by the end of the year

Room 2 - 25 students.

Room 3 - 23 students.

Office Hours

Admin Administrator Mrs Theresa Hartree

Tuesday to Thursday 9.00 to 3.00

If you are wanting to place a notice in the newsletter please call the school office during the office hours or send an e-mail to admin@patoka.schoolzone.net.nz

Teacher Aide

Mrs Toni Turner

Hours—Monday to Thursday 9:00 to 12:30

Year 8 Careers Day Trip.

EIT in Taradale and the Rotary Club of Greenmeadows are holding a Careers morning. This is an opportunity for the students to go and explore the EIT campus and find out about all the different opportunities that exist in higher education and the work force. This is a very popular morning and we have managed to secure places for only the Year 8's.

Date: Tuesday 12th of February 2013.

Departure time from school: 9:00

Returning to school by: 2.00ish.

The proposed programme is:

9:45 Arrive on campus (morning tea provided by EIT)

10:00 Introduction and Welcome

Why are you here?

The importance of looking at future options

Short video

Short, fun quiz based on the video

10:20 Split into groups

10:30 Tours around campus - these will be general tours covering a range of areas

11:50 Lawn for a BBQ hosted by the Rotary Club of Greenmeadows

Further information will be send home as soon as we receive it. We require 1 parent to provide transport for this fantastic opportunity. Please complete the form and return to school on Thursday 7th February.

I give permission for _____ to attend the Careers Day at EIT and travel in a private motor vehicle.

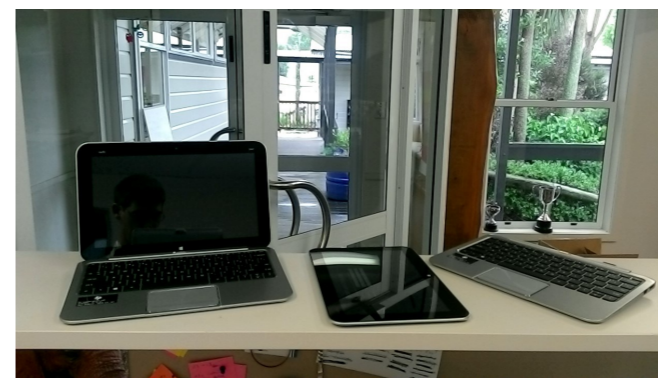
I can / cannot provide transport.

Signature _____ Name _____

New Technology

We have purchased 4 new touch screen All in One computers for Room 1. We have purchased this style of computer because they take up less space, only 1 cable each and the technology is the same as tablets, ipods, etc.

They will be used for Literacy, Mathematics and generally investigations. Within 5 minutes the children were completely familiar with the device and happily using the software programmes.



We have also purchased 4 HP tablets. These are a Windows 8 tablet which include a keyboard dock. The tablets work similar to the Ipad and Android systems. The reason for selecting Windows 8 is that they easily integrate into our current ICT platform and they allow both tablet functions and Windows programmes. If they prove to be successful we will look to purchasing further tablets in future years.

Swimming starts on Thursday.

PET are hiring a swimming coach for Room 1. Each student will receive 8 lessons starting Monday next week. Please make sure your child has their togs and towel each day. If the weather is cold a wetsuit or polyprop is a good idea.

Up and Coming Events

Waitangi Day	Wednesday 6th February
Swimming starts	Thursday 7th February
Year 8 Careers Day	Tuesday 12th February
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