

Up and Coming Events

Mathletics Comp—Year 7/8	8th August
BOT meeting	19th August
Barefoot 7	22nd August
Patoka School Cross Country	6th September (pp 13th September)
Napier School Cross Country	17th September

Are you up for a challenge! (Parents and children)

A man lives on the 11th floor of a high rise building. Each morning he takes the lift from his floor to the ground and heads off for a busy day as an accountant in town. When he comes home he stops at the lift on the ground floor. On a sunny day he has to walk the 11 flights of stairs back to his own apartment. On a rainy day he will take the lift from the ground floor back to his apartment.

This same routine has been going on for ever. **Why is this?**

If you can work out this puzzle, right it on a piece of paper or email it to me. I will put all of the correct answers in a hat and draw out a winner who will receive a prize.

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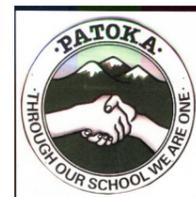
Good luck!!



Community News

Wanted

50 bales of hay for horses. Please text or call Adele on 0277228280 or 8398840.

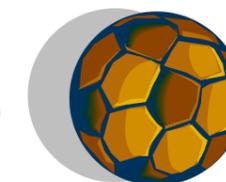


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Patoka School Newsletter



An introduction from Mr Ward

Welcome back to the start of Term 3. I hope that you have all had a restful break. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my family to you.

My wife, Stacey is teaching in Room 1. She has been teaching the same length of time as me. We went through teachers college together but did not know each other at that stage. She has a passion for working with younger children. Some of her recent work has been running a literacy support programme at Loburn. Charley, my 7 year old son, is in Room 1. He loves to create and be imaginative. He has been playing rugby for the past two seasons which is a bit of a shock as I am a soccer fanatic. He is excited about being a part of Patoka School.

I have played soccer for many years and also have my New Zealand referees badge. Nowadays my passion is for golf. I am certainly looking forward to exploring the many golf courses around the region. I am also a keen musician with a background in singing, I love the ARTS and the opportunities that they provide for our students.



As I reflect back on the first few days as your new principal I can honestly say that I have been blown away by the warmth and friendliness of the community, the staff, the children and the parents that I have met. I am certainly going to enjoy my time here.

If you are ever at a loose end and have time to pop in for a coffee, please do so as I would love to meet you and have a chance to chat.

Many thanks
Darryn Ward

Patoka School

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Quote of the Week

My aim is to allow children to catch a glimpse of themselves becoming great.

Bill Martin Jnr

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

Trustworthiness

Respect

Unity

Excellence

Enthusiasm

School Houses—Let the competition start

At our staff meeting this week we spent some time discussing the House Groups and looking at how we can use these as a way of fostering the strong family culture the school has. It was decided that we would start this term with a new focus on the use of these points. The children are now able to see their house leader board which has been attached on the inside of the window on Room 2. Each week the teachers will be looking for ways to hand out house points to our students. I will tally these up each week and then add them to the score board. The order of the houses will be changed as the scores dictate. This is an ideal opportunity for us to focus on being T.R.U.E.E. We are certainly looking forward to having some fun with the houses and seeing the children working together. May the best house win!!!!



The power of learning is evident....

Throughout this week I have tried to get into the classrooms to observe, listen and talk to the children. Wow! I have had some fantastic conversations so far this week and seen some awesome examples of learning.

In room 1 I got see and listen to some great stories. They were working hard on ensuring their picture plans matched their stories.

In room 2 I had an interesting conversation with a group of children about the colossal squid. They had some thoughtful answers and asked some great questions.

In room 3 I was able to watch some strategic math games . I was also able to work with a group who were investigating fractions.

I hope to get into the rooms as often as possible as there is no better feeling in teaching than when a child can share their learning with you.



Barefoot Sevens

Notices for the Barefoot sevens which are being held on Thursday 22nd August went home yesterday. Please take the time to discuss this with your child as it is tackle rugby. These notices need to be returned to school by Tuesday 6th August.

Stationery Accounts

There are still a small number of stationery accounts due from last term. Please pay these ASAP as we are unable to issue stationery if these are unpaid.

Patoka School Cross Country

The Patoka school cross country has been booked for the 9th September. It will be held at the Puketitiri Golf course. As a school, we are going to start training next week as a number of children have expressed an interest. It is great to see them being so keen to improve and to aim for success.



Reminder. Entries for the cookbook competition that was running over the holidays are needed. Great prizes to be won.

"Cook Book Competition!"

P & F SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

Design the cover of the Patoka School Cook book!

Great Prizes to be won including:



Toys from Countdown (for 5-6 yrs)

Vouchers from:

- TOYWORLD \$40.00
- PAPER PLUS \$20.00
- WAREHOUSE STATIONERY \$20.00
- HUNTING & FISHING \$20.00
- \$ LOOSE CHANGE \$10.00



Your Design needs to include:

- The Title, i.e. 'Patoka School Cook Book'
- Can be any in medium (except sculpture), including photos, paints, collage etc
- Your name must be written in pencil, ON THE BACK of your entry.
- Must be no bigger than A4 paper size (it will be reduced to 1/2 this for printing)
- Competition closes 16 August 2013 (Entry Box behind Mrs Hartree)
- Judged by - Suzie Crosse. Baking bribes accepted! Just joking!

ALSO OVER THE HOLIDAYS -

Come up with your favourite recipe to go in the cook book. Write, or type your recipe on an A5 size piece of paper (1/2 of an A4). It would be a great idea to include illustrations and, or, Photos in your page!

P and F will be hosting a tasting evening to sample some of your wonderful dishes!