

Up and Coming Events

Cross Country	Friday 13th September
Napier Primary School Cross Country	Tuesday 17th September
Patoka School Science Fair	Friday 20th September
BOT Meeting	Monday 23rd September
Town & Country Cross Country	Wednesday 25th September
Parent Interviews	24th & 25th September
Last day of term	27th September

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

If you can work out these puzzles, write 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!! (Last newsletters answer = a ring)

Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?

A clerk at a butcher shop stands five feet ten inches tall and wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?

Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?



Community News

For Sale

Car trailer for sale with WOF and registration—\$450. Phone Dawson's on 8398996.

Native Plant Sale

Trees for Hawkes Bay Nursery, 40 Beach Rd, Haumoana

Saturday 14 September from 10am-2pm

Genesis Reforestation Project run workshops in Hawkes Bay Schools about Native Plants and ecology. Please support this important work by coming along to their plant sale.

Many hedging plants, trees suitable for farms, stream side and urban plantings. Pittosporums, Grisilinea, Flax and more \$5 plants. Make the most of the great Spring Planting season.

The Nursery is also open every Friday from 11-4pm. Trees for Hawkes Bay support the Patoka School Shade House.

Puketitiri Golf Club—Puketitiri Scramble—Saturday 2nd November

\$60 entry per team—Mixed Team of Three (at least one lady or one man per team)

Scramble Format—Tee off 12.30pm—18 Holes

Afternoon tea included and great prizes. Maximum of one single handicapper per team. All players must have a current handicap. Cash and cheques as no EFTPOS.

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Patoka School Newsletter



Time to celebrate a successful Daffodil Day

The challenge was issued to our students to come dressed as creatively as they could to help celebrate the special cause that is Daffodil Day.

As the day arrived I was eagerly anticipating the outfits that our children would put together. I was not disappointed. Children from across the school dug into their wardrobes and appeared in an array of brightly coloured outfits.

The most pleasing part of the day was the fact that our seniors accepted the challenge and got in behind this fundraiser. Well done to you all.

As part of the day we held a coin trail and raised a total of \$218.50. What a fantastic effort. You can all be very proud of your contribution.



Magpies Visit

We have the Hawkes Bay Magpies visiting school tomorrow. We are looking forward to the visit. We would like to encourage all of our children to come dressed in their black and white outfits ready to support the team. We may need to help cheer them up a little.

Patoka School

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Quote of the Week

"We are each gifted in a unique and important way. It is our privilege and our adventure to discover our own special light." [Mary Dunbar](#) -

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

Trustworthiness

Respect

Unity

Excellence

Enthusiasm

Cross Country - attempt # 2

The Patoka School Cross Country is set down for another attempt this Friday 13th September. The programme for the day will be the same as advertised in the last newsletter. We would appreciate all parents organising transport for their children both to and from the venue. There will be no buses running on the day.

Food available for purchase:
Sausage Sizzle \$1,
drinks \$1.50,
Juicies \$1 and lol-
lies \$1.

The decision to postpone last weeks event was not made without a great deal of consideration. We realised the impact this was going to have but felt that we could not take the risk with the weather or the underfoot conditions. Looking ahead to this week, the weather does not look like it is going to be friendly. We will make our decision on the Thursday as we need to contact the bus companies and the schools who are attending.



Room 3. Where are we at Patoka?

On Monday I had the pleasure of teaching in Room 3 for the day. For their writing task I set them the challenge of writing a description of a place in the Patoka School area where they might be standing. They were asked to write about it without telling us the actual place. We had to listen to their description and then decide where they were.

Here are two examples from Noah and Koryn.

To my left is an opening to a wonderful place. When I look to my right I see a wide open space. If I look up I see brown lines cutting the sky into small pieces. Behind me is a path leading upwards. In front of me is a giant wood board painted native colours. Where am I standing?

In front of me there is a school barrier. In front of that it is green then black and stony. I'm standing before this black thing that separates the school from a farm. To my left the 'black' winds on like a river through tall giants. To my right the black splits in a forkish shape and disappears. In front of me a big green giant looms over the place I'm in most of the day. I look up and see a blue sky. Where am I standing?

Principal's Awards

Over the last three weeks I have presented Principal's Awards at each weeks assembly. Throughout the week I look out for examples of Patoka children demonstrating the values of the school or living the school vision. These children are then presented with their award at the assembly. To all those children who have received an award so far—congratulations. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to hand these out.



Choir—Our first performance

Each Tuesday a keen and enthusiastic group of children have been attending choir practices. We spend 30-40 minutes in the library learning new songs and looking at the techniques needed to really enjoy our singing.

At our assembly in week 8 the choir will be performing. We would love for you to come along and hear our rendition of Eddie Rabbits famous song—"I love a rainy night" We hope to see you there.



Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews are being held in Week 9 on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September. A form for these accompanies the newsletter. Please fill this out and return it to school by Monday 16th.

Stationery Accounts

Stationery accounts went home yesterday. We would appreciate these being paid as soon as possible. Thank you for your support with this.



Top Soil Required

The school is looking for a trailer load of top soil to place around the new septic tank area. If you can help please contact Darryn Ward at Patoka School.

Soccer Shirts

Could all soccer shirts please be returned to school as soon as possible.