

Parents & Friends Notice

'4X4 Madness' and 'Comedy night' fundraiser is coming up next term on the 23rd November and it will be a full-on day and night. It would be gratefully appreciated if we could have help with a number of things and if we can spread the work load, that will mean less work for each person and people won't be too knackered to enjoy the evening. Kids can help during the day too as it is for their benefit.

Jobs during the '4X4 Madness':

- Handing out registration forms and taking of the entry fee
- Cooking and serving of burgers at lunch time

Jobs during 'Comedy Night'

- Some people to donate sweet slice to go with coffee/tea
- Some people to donate platter of meat
- Guest check-in list and selling of drinks tokens
- Bar Staff
- Kitchen Staff
- Clean up crew (not an early start please)

Please contact Rachel on 8398824 to lend a helping hand. I am now taking bookings for the 'Comedy Show & Top Knot & the Pizzles' (our local band) so get in fast as there are limited tickets and people have already started booking in.

PATOKA SCHOOL COOK BOOK

Just a reminder that next term the school cook book will be ready for people to purchase. This is a great Christmas present idea. There will be more information on costings and ordering next term.

Up and Coming Events

Meeanee Sevens	October 22nd
BOT meeting	October 22nd

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.

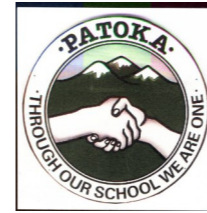
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Good luck!! (Last newsletters answer = Johnny, meat and Mt Everest)

What do each of these word puzzles mean? Here is an example.

26 L of the A = 26 letters of the alphabet.

- 200 for P go in M
- 7 A W of the W
- 5 L in a L
- 23 P of C in the HB
- 1760 Y in a M

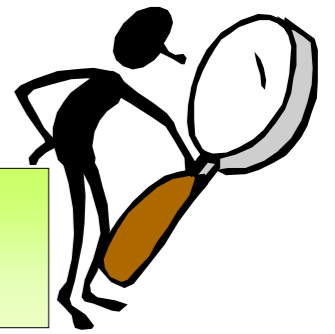


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Patoka School Newsletter



Science - The Patoka Way

Recent research carried out by the Government would suggest that science is an area that requires greater focus in schools. Peter Gluckman, the Prime Minister's chief science advisor stated that there are an alarming number of students from Year 8 to Year 13 dropping out of science or shying away from it as a chosen career path.

Here at Patoka School, science has had a major focus in our children's learning over the last term. From weekly sessions between Room 2 and 3, a concentrated unit on the sun, moon and earth in Room 1 to the setting of science challenges for the older students at home, science has been an important part of a daily programme.

Last week the science focus was concluded with the Patoka Science Fair. A good number of parents turned up to view, listen to and discuss the various science experiments and displays that turned up at school. There was a huge variety of projects on display in the library and also some practical displays that needed to be taken outside.

I would like to congratulate all of the children who took part in the science fair. You can be proud of your work. I enjoyed reading the displays and seeing the different aspects of science being shared. Thank you also to the large number of parents who attended this day. It was yet again, a fine example of the support you provide for our school.



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Quote of the Week

“Science may set limits to knowledge but should not set limits to imagination”

Bertrand Russell

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Trustworthiness

Respect

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

Unity

Excellence

Enthusiasm

Cross Country-Patoka and Interschools

What a wonderful day we had at the Puketitiri Golf course a couple of weeks ago. I would like to thank all of the parents for their support, and their assistance on the day. I would also like to thank all of our students for the way they applied themselves on the day.

Four days later we were able to take a large group of our Year 3 to 6 students to the interschool's cross country which was held at Park Island. The weather was not that kind but our students still did us proud.

Meg Dinneen performed exceptionally well finishing second in her race. Charlotte McDonald finished 5th in her race. To all of our runners, and especially Charlotte and Meg, well done. We are all proud of you.



Sports / soccer shirts

There are still a number of sports shirts or soccer uniforms that need to be returned to school. Please send them back to us by end of this term. Non returned shirts will be charged to the family.



Bus Parking

We would like to remind our families that we need to keep the area outside the main gate clear after school for our school buses. While we do not have a great deal of traffic we still need to provide safe areas for our children to board the buses. If you are picking children up from school please park across the road from the school.



Head lice

Please be on the look out for head lice as they appear to be doing the rounds. Treatment for head lice is available at the local chemist. We would appreciate it if you could contact us if you have issues with head lice at home.

Money Owing

Could you please settle any stationery accounts or lunch money that is owing with Theresa in the office before the end of term. We are keen to get all of these tidied up before the holidays.

Sporting achievements

Congratulations to Marcus Keighley who was voted as the Player of the Season for his hockey club. His team also went on to finish second in their division for this year. Shallon Keighley is heading off to the National Rollerskating Championships in the holidays. We would like to wish her all the very best.

If you would like us to acknowledge any sporting or cultural achievements for your child, please let us know and we can look to include them in our newsletter.

P & F - Friday Sausage Sizzle

Our wonderful P & F group are running a sausage sizzle this Friday. There will be sausages and juicies available- all for only \$1

Please ring Rachel (8398824) if you can help out with the sausage sizzle on Friday.

Bring your money and enjoy a great end to the term!!!!



A final thank you for the term (A poem)

People say that if you're having fun that time will always fly,
So looking back over the last 9 weeks I can now see exactly why..
Patoka had such a strong reputation and considered by many to be
An awesome place for children to learn, and mix in unity.

Thank you to the children and staff for your work through the term
I have no doubt that the break you will get is one that you have earned.
Enjoy your break, and look after your folks for they also deserve a rest
We'll see you back here for Term 4....Patoka you are the best!