

# Parents & Friends Notice

## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

There is a Parent and Friends meeting being held on Monday 21st October at 1:30 in the school staffroom. All parents are welcome and new faces are certainly appreciated. Come and share your ideas, have a coffee and help continue the wonderful support that this group provides for Patoka.

'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.

## Up and Coming Events

P and F meeting in staffroom 1:30	October 21st
Meeanee Sevens	October 22nd
BOT meeting	October 22nd
Show day and Labour weekend	October 25th and 28th

## 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.

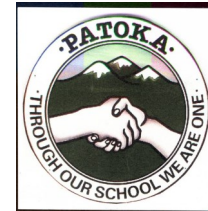
[principal@patoka.schoolzone.net.nz](mailto:principal@patoka.schoolzone.net.nz)

Good luck!! (Last newsletters answers = 200 for passing go in Monopoly, 7 Ancient Wonders of the World, 5 lines in a limerick, 23 pairs of chromosomes in the human body, 1760 yards in a mile.

This week =

You use me between your head and your toes, the more I works the thinner I grows. What am I?

Forward I'm heavy, backward I'm not. What am I?



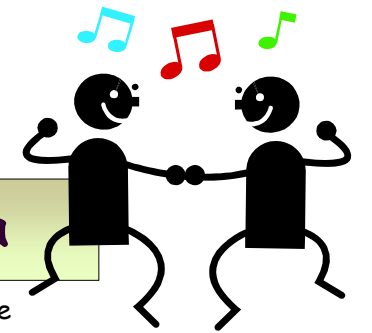
# Patoka School Newsletter

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## The Power of music / dance / drama



Over the last term I have witnessed some great examples of the pleasure that music, dance and drama can bring to people, either through performance or through being an audience member. I have seen children's eyes light up as they learn a new chord during their guitar lessons, children using their own time to practice dances, and a great turnout from parents at our choir performance.

This week you will find a separate attachment with the newsletter. It is a simple survey asking you to indicate if you would be interested in your child having music lessons or speech / drama lessons at school.

We currently have drums on a Monday after school with Mr Bidwell and guitar lessons on a Wednesday. This is taken by one of Hawkes Bay's premier rock guitarists, Charlie. We have also been approached by a parent, Natalie Sandbrook who is offering speech / drama lessons at school.

In sending out the survey I am keen to find out what level of interest there is for music lessons. If the level of interest is high then I will begin to make inquiries at other schools to find out who the tutors are and whether they would be interested in coming up to Patoka.



More information can be found in the survey.

### Piano

Can you help? I am seeking assistance to collect a piano that has been offered to the school by the Lomas family in Pakatutu. If anyone can spare some time and has the services of a truck or a ute please let me know.

### Hats reminder!!

Now that we have begun the 4th term, it is time to remind the children that hats need to be worn in the playground at morning tea and lunch. Those who do not have a hat need to play in the shade. We would appreciate your support in reminding your children to bring a hat. Thank you.



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### Quote of the Week

"If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you"

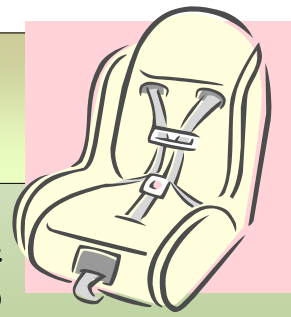
Steven Wright

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T.R.U.E - be true to yourself  
Trustworthiness      Respect      Unity      Excellence      Enthusiasm

## New child restraint laws from November 1st



On the 1st November the child restraint laws will be changing. The mandatory use of child restraints in vehicles will be extended by two years, with all children required to be correctly secured in an approved restraint until their seventh birthday (this includes booster seats)

Children aged seven will continue to be required to be secured in an approved child restraint if one is available in the vehicle, and if not, in any child restraint or safety belt that is available.

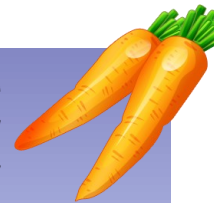
This new change in law will have some impact on how we transport our students to and from school in the future. At no stage do I see this change inhibiting the opportunities we provide for the students at Patoka, however we will need to think carefully about how we manage this situation.

For further information you can go to:

<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic/students-parents/child-restraints.html>

## Fresh raw juices at school...Yum!

Keri McKenzie, one of our parents, will be offering fresh raw juices at school on a Monday at lunchtime. Keri is passionate about the health benefits that raw juices can provide. She is running this at her own expense. She would love any donations of fruit or veges from those who have over laden trees or can help out.



The juices will be served in small jars at lunchtime on a Monday. The jars will be collected, washed and then reused the following week. The juices programme will not interfere with Milk in schools as this will be running Tuesday to Thursday.

Some of the benefits of raw juices include:

- Raw juices are high in enzymes which are involved in all of the bodies functions
- Juicing is one of the finest foods we can take into our bodies as it helps heal all sorts of ailments, cleanse and repair cells and improve our immune function.
- Juices are easily absorbed into the bloodstream.
- This will allow children to not only learn about nutrition but also to experience it.
- Good health allows us to perform to our true potential (great for school)

While we are keen for these juices to be available for all children we appreciate that some may not want them. We would ask that you encourage your child to trial them in the first week. We will start next Monday.



For further questions please contact Keri on 8395986

## Speech / Drama lessons offered to Patoka students by Natalie



Natalie has been teaching Speech and drama for 12 years. She has directed productions. She has just passed ATCL Performers (a new qualification) with distinction. Natalie is on the Napier Performing Arts Society committee and strongly encourages her students to

participate in the Napier Speech and drama competitions which are held annually.

Speech and drama provides benefits such as: (These are just some of the benefits)

- 1 Effective communication, Increased comfort and confidence with public speaking
- 2 Greater self-confidence and self esteem
- 3 A positive outlet that helps students learn how to think outside of the square and solve creative problems
- 4 Increases the ability to memorise pieces and this helps with future study
- 5 Examination work - Trinity College Syllabus
- 6 Competition work - National and local competitions

You can visit her facebook page 'Natalie Sandbrook Creative Drama and Speech' for further information.

Natalie is available to start lessons at our school this term ( if there is a demand for it). Please contact Darryn at school - [principal@patoka.schoolzone.net.nz](mailto:principal@patoka.schoolzone.net.nz) or 8398821 if you are interested in taking up this offer. You can also indicate your interest through the survey which is with this newsletter.

Please note that payment for these lessons is arranged between the tutor and the student's family.

## Congratulations!!

We were very fortunate to have two very talented rugby players taking part in rugby tournaments over the holidays. Raine Horton was playing for the Napier Team in the Napier Primary Schools Ross Shield competition held in Waipukurau. Raine's team were the overall winners of the competition which is a huge achievement, congratulations to Raine and his team!

Caleb Turner was playing for the Napier West Team in the Wakely Shield competition held in Taradale. Caleb's team came third in the competition, well done Caleb.

