

# Community Notices

## School House for Rent

The Patoka School house will be available for rent from mid March.  
All enquiries to Lil Poulton on 8398826.

## Wanted

Small machinery or old appliances that can be pulled apart, off cuts of wood, nails or any other hands on stuff that children can use for language experience. If you have anything available it would be much appreciated if you could please send these along to school.

## Calf Rearers Wanted (2)

Greg & Gail Mitchell, new owners of High Rd Dairy Farm are looking for calf rearers to assist owners.

From 20<sup>th</sup> July - 30<sup>th</sup> Sept .

Our focus is on quality stock.

Good hourly rate & good working conditions.

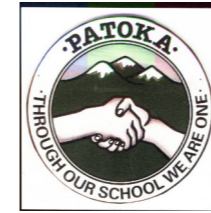
We are also looking for relief milkers.

Please phone Greg or Gail on 07 3331853 or 0276732350



## Up and Coming Events

Patoka Swimming Sports	Friday 28th February
Beach 5's Rugby	12th to 14th March
Leaders (PAL) training	Friday 28th March

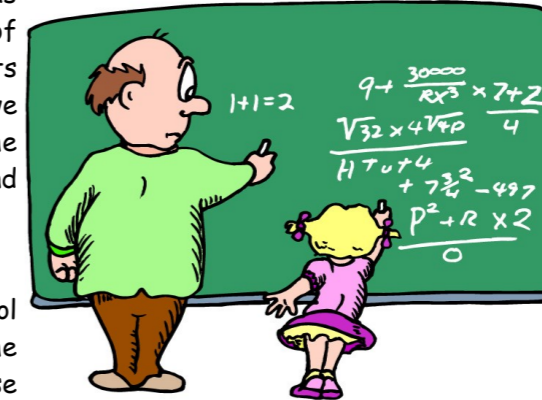


# Patoka School Newsletter

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## Celebrate your child's successes with us.

When I first started teaching in 1994 (seems so long ago) I had a quote I used in my classroom. It said *My aim is to allow children to catch a glimpse of themselves becoming great.* It has been the message that I have regularly shared with the children I have worked with. Any success is big success. In my mind a child tying their shoe lace for the first time is success, just like a Year 8 winning trophies at the prize giving is success. The most important message in these examples is the fact that success breeds success. And it is essential that children understand and see this. As teachers we are always mindful of providing feedback to students when they have succeeded as we know that this can often be the ignition point for new learning and development.



Each Friday we hold school assemblies. These are held in the school hall from 1:25. It is at these assemblies that we have started to make a real deal of the success of our students. There are class certificates and principal's awards. There is feedback to the students, and on occasions, students sharing their work with us. I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to come and share in these assemblies with us. We are a great school with great children, and would love to celebrate our learning journeys with you.

The principal's awards have been designed to acknowledge the great things that I spot when I am wandering around the school. If your child is anything like I was when I was young, any award I got needed to be displayed for all to see at home. I have challenged all of the children, young and older, to take pride in this achievement and to keep the certificate where others can see it. For some this means taking it out of their desk and sharing it with their family.

**THANK YOU!**

### Patoka School

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### Quote of the Week

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.

Colin Powell

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

## Dress Up day-What an effort!!

It was wonderful to see the many different sports outfits that appeared at school on Friday. I am sure that if Miss Quinn was still with us that she would have come dressed in her favourite hockey uniform or even a Crusaders top.

I would like to extend a very warm well done to you all for the donations you made to what is a very worthy cause. As a school we raised a total of \$159. This is being sent to Miss Quinn for her Team Kidney relay for life team.

Well done to you all.



## Tennis at School.

Lesson one for two groups of students begun at school on Friday morning at 8am. Thanks to Nicky Dawson we were able to secure the services of the tennis coach, Guy, for another year. It was a great way to start the day seeing the children honing their tennis skills in a bid to be the next Sharapova, Nadal or for those who can remember him—Chris Lewis.

I was fortunate enough to see some of the lessons. There was a lot of concentration on the faces of the children and some cheeky smirks on the face of the instructor as he fired the tennis balls at the children



## School Swimming Sports - Postponed

We have made the decision to postpone our swimming sports for this week due to the unfortunate passing of a prominent and long standing member of the community, Bob McKay. Our thoughts go out to the family at this difficult time.

As the funeral is to be held on Friday we felt that it would not be appropriate to run our sports as a number of parents may want to attend the funeral. The new date for the swimming sports is Friday 28th February.

Our P & F group would like to announce that the following items will be on sale at the swimming sports:

**"ON SALE AT THE SWIMMING SPORTS !"**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE 1.00**

**DRINKS 1.00**

**CHOCOLATE BARS 2.00**



## Cluster Swimming Sports

The school cluster swimming sports will be held 4th March at the Onekawa Swimming Complex. The format for this event will be the same as in previous years.

The event is for **all** students.

Date: 4th March

Location: Napier Aquatic Centre in Onekawa

The Napier Aquatic Centre is on Maadi Road which runs between Taradale and Kennedy Roads in Napier.

Start Time: 9:30 - Please arrive for roll call by 9:20

Finish Time: 1:30

Transport: No Buses will be running on this day. Parents, please make your own transport arrangements to ensure that your child is at the swimming complex by 9:20.

Our own school swimming sports will be completed before this event as this will enable us to ensure that children are in the correct events. A notice will be sent out closer to the time with details on what the children will be competing in.

## Hats for Term 1 and Term 4

At a recent board meeting we discussed the issue that often arises around our children needing to have hats on during their breaks in term 1 and Term 4.

There are a couple of issues that we have noticed. There are a number of children turning up to school without a hat. This means that they are restricted to where they can play. We would love to see all children having the freedom to play anywhere because they have a hat on.

Secondly, at present the baseball style cap seems to be the most popular style for our students. While we know our children enjoy wearing these they are not providing the best protection during the day. We discussed the style of hat that is best for the children in regards to protecting them from the sun. We would like to ask that all of our children have a hat with a brim for school. The best options are the trendy bucket style hats, not the wide brimmed hats.



## 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*

Good luck!!

*This week = A girl who was learning to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction, but didn't break the law. How come?*

