

# Community Notices

## Parents & Friends Notice

Parents & friends next meeting will be an AGM. Everyone in the community is welcomed to participate, so come along. Date and venue to be confirmed in next newsletter.

## Puketitiri Sports

A date for the calendar - **Puketitiri Sports 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014** - as you all know it's a great family day, so bring all the family and friends.

Pony and horse events before the ping pong ball drop at 11:30, where there is **\$500** in the cash pool. Motor bikes after lunch and classic events and a new **Adventure Race** for the older children. See you there. Enquires to Bron or Simon Turner.

## Eggs for Sale

**Free Range Eggs** for sale. \$5/dozen. Weekly orders preferred. Ph. Bron 8398901



## Wanted

Local painter and sculptor.  
Looking for woodshed with facilities  
Or shearers quarters or accommodation  
that is not expensive.. to work in..  
Anything considered..  
Have lived in Patoka for 2 years before in Waihau road..  
Contact me on my email [tish6699@rocketmail.com](mailto:tish6699@rocketmail.com)  
Kind regards Tish Scott 0272456699 Or 06 8434646 as contact as cell is regularly out of range..

## NZ Post CRICKET (Taradale CC)

The NZ Post (formerly 'Milo') 'Have A Go' Cricket Program is about to begin at **Taradale Park on Monday nights**.

This is for yr 3 and yr 4 boys and girls who want to have lots of fun while learning the basics of cricket.

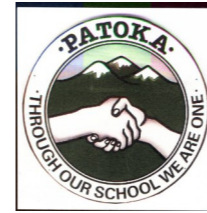
It will run for 6 weeks in term 1 and a further 6 weeks in term 4 next summer (12 sessions in total).

The first session is **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb from 5pm to 6pm**.

Children who attended last year are welcome to re-attend. The cost is \$60. This includes hats, bats, balls and other giveaways.

Any enquiries, please contact **Baden Wilton** on 0224223360 or [badenwilton@gmail.com](mailto:badenwilton@gmail.com)

**Or, please feel free to turn up and register on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov at 5pm or any of the following weeks**



# Patoka School Newsletter

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## 2014 is here...bring it on!!

What a wonderful couple of days we have had. The children have returned to school and have got straight back into routines. Thank you to all of you for the way you have settled. Mr Bidwell and I were commenting yesterday on how nice it was to see our seniors playing so well on the front court and being inclusive of a number of children. Again a big thank you.

The holiday period was relatively quiet around school. The pool was certainly the busiest place in the community. Thank you to everyone for assisting in keeping the cover on. This has meant that the pool has been at an awesome temperature for swimming and has remained clean. Our children will be swimming for the first four weeks of this term. More information on the swimming is on page 2.

The end of last year seems a distant memory but it was certainly a lot fun. Rumour has it the man in red made an appearance in a helicopter. Thanks to Carla for the photographic evidence as I missed it on the day. Thanks also to the P and F group for spending the day with us and preparing lunch for the children.



We welcome back Nicky Dawson to Room 2 this year. It is great having her back on the teaching staff. I am looking forward to working alongside her and sharing the students in Room 2 with her.

The staff have decided to have a major theme for Patoka this year—Kaitiaki (Guardian). This theme will be integrated into most of what we do throughout the year. Already it has been heartening to hear the children talking about it and trying to be guardians of their own learning.

Finally, I would like to wish you all the very best for the coming year. I look forward to catching up with you all at some stage. We have a great setting here—one that many of my teaching friends in Christchurch are very envious of. This is going to be another awesome year at Patoka.

Ps.....watch out for our school production in Term 3—we may need your help.

### Patoka School

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Wednesday 5th February

### Quote of the Week

Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living, it's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope."

— [Dr. Seuss](#)

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

Trustworthiness

Respect

Unity

Excellence

Enthusiasm

## Helpful Information for you.

### School Organisation to 2014

Room 1 — Years 0 to 3, Teachers Mrs Ward

Room 2 - Years 3 to 6, Teacher Mrs Dawson, Mr Ward.

Room 3 — Years 6 to 8, Teacher Mr Gerry Bidwell.

### Office Hours

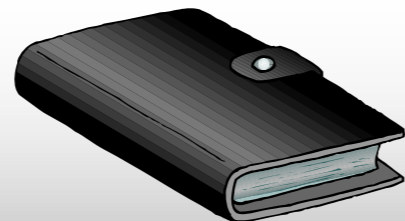
Admin Administrator Mrs Theresa Hartree

Tuesday to Thursday 9.00 to 3.00

If you are wanting to place a notice in the newsletter please call the school office during the office hours or send an e-mail to [admin@patoka.schoolzone.net.nz](mailto:admin@patoka.schoolzone.net.nz)

### Teacher Aide

Mrs Toni Turner



## Visitors to School.

Patoka is a wonderful school. It is full of dedicated children and staff who work hard throughout the day. We are always keen to show the school off and to celebrate the learning that is going on. I would encourage you to pop in and have a look around during the day if you are ever near the school. It is great to be able to walk into a classroom and see what goes on during the day.

I realise that during the year many of our ex pupils will have teacher only days at their high schools and are often keen to come back and visit. We would certainly welcome any visit from our past pupils. I would respectfully ask that if your child is wanting to visit the school to spend a day with us that you make contact with the school to let us know. This means that we can plan for the extra bodies in the classroom and also means we can look at ways of utilizing the vast array of skills that these students have to assist our current pupils—whether it be playing sport



## School swimming programme.

Our swimming programme will run for the first four weeks at this stage. We will reassess after that as it depends on the weather. PET are again hiring a swimming coach for the children in Room 1 and possibly the younger children in Room 2. Each student will receive 8 lessons starting on Monday of week 3 and finishing on Thursday of week 4. We are extremely thankful to PET for their assistance with this. Please make sure your child has their togs and towel each day. The pool is a lovely temperature at the moment.

Our school swimming sports will be held on Friday 21st February starting at 10:30. I will be sending home more information about this in the coming weeks. Please note that due to the size of the pool and the need for all students to be sitting beside the pool ready for their events, viewing as spectators is not that easy. If anyone has any suggestions as to how we can provide some seating for spectators (even outside the pool) please feel free to contact me.



Our cluster sports day is to be run on March 4th.

## The start of a new adventure—Tamatea Intermediate

Monday 10th February will see the start of our new technology programme at Tamatea Intermediate. Previous Year 7/8 classes have been attending William Colenso College for this programme. We have been able to negotiate a change with the Ministry of Education. We are very excited about what this new programme will offer our students.

They will leave school around 8:50 in the morning with classes due to start at 9:30. The technology dates for the year are as follows:

FABRIC	FOOD	WOOD	METAL	ART
10/2	7/4	9/6	18/8	13/10
24/2	5/5	23/6	1/9	3/11
10/3	19/5	21/7	15/9	17/11
24/3		4/8		1/12

The sessions will run until 12:30. Tamatea Intermediate have then arranged for our students to stay on for lunch and then to be integrated into some of their class programmes. They will leave Tamatea at around 2pm to return to school.

Mr Bidwell will attend the first session on Monday. We will regularly review how things are going as we are very keen to make this work. If you have any questions about the programme please contact me at school.

## Up and Coming Events

Waitangi Day	Thursday 6th February
District Council meeting	Monday 10th February
Technology starts	Monday 10th February
BOT meeting	Tuesday 11th February
Patoka Swimming Sports	Friday 21st February
Beach 5's Rugby	12th to 14th March
Leaders (PAL) training	Friday 28th March

## Guitar Lessons

Just a reminder that guitar lessons, with our very talented tutor Charlie, start Wednesday next week.

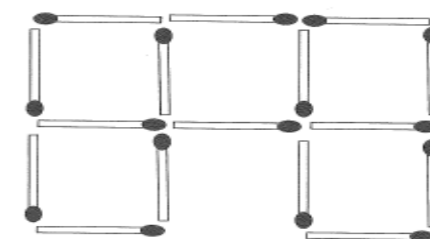
## Are you up for a challenge! (Parents and children)

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!!

This week =



Move three matches to make four equal touching squares.

