



Patoka School Newsletter

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Community Notices

For Sale

Weaner pigs for sale—\$70. Phone Tim or Kelly on 8398619.

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Weaner pigs for sale—\$70. Phone Nick or Nicky on 8398996.

Grazing Wanted

Homes wanted for Angus heifer calves for grazing for the Patoka Educational Trading Fund. If you are able to help please phone Nick on 8398996.

Soccer Boots

Soccer boots can be traded at school so please send along old boots with names etc and please return any boots if you got them from last season.

For Sale

Guinea pigs for sale. Ashleigh has two male guinea pigs, lovely tri colours and quite fluffy, well handled, seven weeks old. \$15.00 each. Ph 8395 775.

Beach 5s

Great weather, flat sand, soft sand, a few stones and some well drilled rugby teams were what greeted our two Beach 5 rugby teams who played in the annual tournament being held at Ocean beach on the 12th and 13th March.



Our teams went into battle with a positive mind-set and the determination that is synonymous with Patoka students. I have received many favourable comments from the organisers and other spectators about the spirit in which



our teams played and the skill they showed. The Year 5/6 team were also commended for their never give up attitude as they played in the finals against some extremely large Year 5/6 students.

The results over the two days saw our Year 7/8 team finish 6th out of 16 teams and second in the cup finals section. Our Year 5/6 team finished 4th out of 16 teams, making the championship round but then having to really battle as injuries and size took its toll.

I would like to thank all of those parents who helped out on the day and also the students for the way they played and for the great leadership they showed in being positive representatives of our school. I was and am proud of you all. I am already looking forward to next year as I am sure we will all have learned a lot from the experience.

There will be a number of photos from the Year 5/6 competition on the website in the next couple of days. I would love to add photos from the Year 7/8 competition so if anyone has some they can send me, please let me know.



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Quote of the Week

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

[Benjamin Franklin](#)

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- Coffee
- Food
- Gallery
- Accom.

Situated at the Old Puketitiri School
4959 Puketitiri Rd, Puketitiri

Cafe Open Weekends, public & statutory Holidays
10 am to 4:30 pm
Closing after Easter Weekend

Kaweka Cafe Takeaways SUNDAYS

Pre-orders Only to be made by 6pm Sunday
Fish \$3, Chips \$3.00 Burgers from \$5.00



Full Menu can be viewed on our facebook page or contact us to have one sent to you.
Kaweka Cafe - Aaron & Carla - Cafe 839-8639, txt 027 939-2363 or hm ph 06 2110005
email: kawekacafe@gmail.com or facebook: www.facebook.com/kawekacafe

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!!

Last issues answer = envelope

This week... Why is it better to have a round man hole cover than a square manhole cover?



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

Trustworthiness

Respect

Unity

Excellence

Enthusiasm

Reporting to parents

Thank you to those parents who braved the weather and turned up for last night's meeting to hear about the reporting system at Patoka. While the attendance for last night's meeting was low, I do appreciate that for some parents it is difficult getting into school in the evenings due to travel and work. I would like to state that your input is always greatly valued and that it would have been nice to have more parents attending.

The changes that were shared at last night's meeting have been outlined below. These will take effect immediately and will be put in place for our younger students this term.

- Children in Year 1,2 and 3 will now receive their End of Year report at the completion of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year at school. The reports will be sent home at the end of that term where the anniversary of their time at school would fall. (They will still receive a fact sheet to support any written reports)
- Children in Year 1,2 and 3 will now receive their interim report after 6 months of their time at school. Again this will be presented at the end of that term.

An example of the following points would be—child A starts school in August 2014. He will receive an interim report in February of 2015 (after 6 months) and his end of Year report in August (or at the end of that term that August falls in)

- All parents of children in Years 1,2 and 3 will receive a letter that outlines when you can expect to receive your child's reports for that year.
- Parent interviews will be offered for these students at the same time as the reports go home so that the reports can be discussed.
- The End of Year school report will have alterations made to the levels that are recorded for writing and for reading. We will now be using sub levels to help us provide more accurate information. Instead of Level 4 you may now see 4B, 4P or 4A. The B refers to beginning that level, the P refers to being proficient or working at, and the A refers to advanced or completing that level.
- The current interim reports, end of year reports, parent interviews and fact sheets for Year 4-8 will remain the same in the way they are distributed.



Farewell to Carla Brown

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Carla Brown, not as a parent of our school, but as a staff member. Carla has resigned from her current role as school cleaner and has accepted a new job which is very exciting and we wish her all the very best. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, Carla has worked tirelessly to keep the school looking sharp and tidy for our students. Her dedication cannot be questioned. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her on behalf of all of the families, students, teachers and BOT for the amazing job she has done for us. We will miss having her around but also look forward to hearing from her about her new adventure. Thank you Carla—you are one of the best!!



Cleaner wanted

As you will have read on the previous page our school cleaner has resigned. The cleaners position is now available. This position is for 12 hours per week starting as soon as possible. This position will be filled as soon as a suitable applicant is found. This position involves cleaning the school outside of school hours and also major cleans carried out during the school holidays.



Room 2 Nonsense Poems

I saw a hungry pink kangaroo rummaging through the rubbish can.

I noticed a nice green cow jumping in the dessert while his loud feet were trumpeting.

I couldn't even hear a red bunny crawling out of an old spiders web.

I spied a loud blue snake ripping grass out of the green ground.

I found a beautiful purple sheep swooping through the blue sky.

I noticed an orange fantail climbing a very high tree.

There was a very old ape swimming in the pond in the park.

By Lucy Turner, Room 2



I heard an orange toucan rounding up sheep on his motorcycle.

I saw a young wallaby kicking a Gilbert rugby ball over his own goal post.

I saw Dan Carter chirping loudly in a Rimu Tree.

I saw a ginger cat crying because its toy was broken.

I saw a big sheep climbing up a Kowhai Tree.

I saw a horse riding a skinny man around a dirt paddock.

I spied a pink fat seal flying quickly through the air.

I saw a grey parrot rolling around in the snow.

By Eva McEvoy, Room 2

I spied a famous USA flag eating a dead hedgehog.

I noticed a hammerhead shark painting himself pink.

I spotted a pretty lantern running across the house.

I caught a rude American raccoon shining on the top of the moon.

I spied a male red stag swaying on the ground.

I spotted a flash 2007 Holden galloping on the road.

I spotted a little baby horse flying to Mars.

I caught a robber fly stealing a ruby jewel.

By Charley Ward, Room 2

I was at the park when I spotted.....

A stag stinging kids,

A bee roaring in the bushes,

A dinosaur sleeping upside down,

A seagull squirting ink at the kids ambushing him,

A bat catching fish in the near by pond,

An octopus eating bananas off the Fruit stores banana tree,

A monkey killing flies with fly spray.

By Oscar Poulton, Room 2

Up and Coming Events

Year 7/ 8 Technology	Monday 24th March
BOT meeting	Monday 24th March
PAL training	Friday 28th March