



Patoka School Newsletter

Community Notices

Growsafe/Chemical Handling Certificate

Coming in April -Growsafe/Chemical Handling Certificate

Date: Mid April in Patoka

Time: 8.30- 4pm

Cost: \$275 + gst.

Call or email Pippa today on 027218665. Pippa.dixon@primaryito.ac.nz

Calf Rearers Wanted

Greg & Gail Mitchell, new owners of High Rd Dairy Farm are looking for rearers to help assist us with the calves.

flexible hours & job sharing options

From 20th July - 30th 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

Phone 06 839 8821

Fax 06 839 8933

E-mail admin@patoka.schoolzone.net.nz

Reporting to parents

The Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines clearly state that as a school we are expected to *report to students and their parents on the student's progress and achievement in relation to National Standards. Reporting to parents in plain language in writing must occur at least twice a year.*

As well as reporting to parents on the progress of their children we are also asked to send in our National Standards data to the ministry. The Ministry look at this data in relation to our Analysis of Variance document. This is a document that is compiled by the staff / board and outlines our evaluation of data we have gathered, and in particular whether we met our school's specific targets for the year.

The table below outlines the National Standards data that was sent into the Ministry from 2013. The Ministry data is broken down into year groups, ethnicity and gender. These sub groups have not been included below in order to ensure that privacy has been maintained. Not included in the data are those children who had not yet completed their 1,2 or 3rd year at school.

Maths	Year	Well Below	Below	At	Above	Total number of students
All students	2013	1 1.5%	13 20%	38 58.5%	13 20%	65
Reading	Year	Well Below	Below	At	Above	Total number of students
All students	2013	3 4.6%	11 16.9%	26 40%	25 38.5%	65
Writing	Year	Well Below	Below	At	Above	Total number of students
All students	2013	3 4.6%	12 18.5%	41 63.1%	9 13.8%	65

One of Patoka School's strengths is the support programme that is offered to many of those students who are well below / below the standard. We have a highly skilled teacher aide who works with these children and regularly reports back to the teachers. We are also fortunate to be receiving extra support from some external agencies. Teachers closely monitor the progress of these student's and regularly inquire into their own practice to see what changes can be implemented to better support these students. I would like to thank all of our staff who continue to do an amazing job in supporting and challenging the learning of all our students.

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Wednesday 5th March

Quote of the Week

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

[Benjamin Franklin](#)

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Lindisfarne College

'Founded on Tradition... Focused on the Future'

Boys' Education at its best!



Visit our OPEN DAY

Saturday 5th April 2014, 8.30am - 12.30pm

or contact the College office for an information pack.

- If you have a son, then choosing the best school is essential. Our results demonstrate consistently that all boys can achieve in the right learning environment.
- Focused on the needs of boys, Lindisfarne College offers outstanding academic success for all boys, small class sizes, accessible, affordable boarding and an outstanding sporting and cultural programme. If you want the best for your son, you should consider Lindisfarne College.

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS

Lindisfarne College congratulates our boys on their outstanding 2013 NCEA results.

- 30 Scholarships including 4 Outstanding Scholarships
- Top boys school in the region

NCEA % Pass Rate (Source NZQA)

NCEA Level 1	99%
NCEA Level 2	100%
NCEA Level 3	97%

Our Dux Stuart Curran won an Outstanding Scholar award placing him in the top 40 in New Zealand.

APPLY NOW for 2015 boarding places.

For further information please contact:-The Rector's P.A.
Phone (06) 8731136 Fax: (06) 8786955
email: rector@lindisfarne.school.nz
Website - www.lindisfarne.school.nz

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 = I start with the letter e,I end with the letter e. I contain only 1 letter, Yet I am not the letter e. What am I?



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

Trustworthiness

Respect

Unity

Excellence

Enthusiasm

Reporting to parents -continued

On **Tuesday 18th March**, starting at 7pm I will be running a meeting for all parents who are interested to come and hear more about the requirements for reporting to parents at Patoka School. The session will be run in the Patoka Community Hall.

The purpose is to outline the Ministry expectations on reporting, highlight the current methods of reporting at Patoka, and show the formats that are used. I will also outline some small changes that the staff would like to recommend for the future. These changes are mainly around the timing of the interim and end of year reports for our junior children, where we are expected to report on their progress after 1,2 and 3 years at school.

I will also provide details on the methods that teachers use to gather the data and make their final judgment.

This meeting is also an opportunity for new families to gain a better understanding of the way we do things at Patoka.

All parents are invited to attend this meeting. We will conclude with tea / coffee.



You're invited!

Cluster Swimming Sports -Hold your head up high!

This was a fantastic day yesterday. Thank you to all of the children for your dedication and support for each other. Thank you for your effort in your races. Thank you to all of the parents for your support and for your encouragement to not only your own child, but also to others.

We had a very successful day with a number of children performing very well in the championship events. I also know that many of our junior children performed extremely well in their races as well.

The following children received certificates from yesterday's event:

Dylan Atkinson	Year 6 boys 25m Freestyle (3rd)
Johnson Chittick	Year 8 boys 25m freestyle (3rd), Year 8 boys 25m backstroke (1st)
Sofia Holt	Year 4 and under girls 25m Freestyle (2nd), Year 4 and under girls 25m backstroke (3rd)
Meg Dinneen	Year 5 girls 25m freestyle (3rd)
Lucy Carswell	Year 6 girls 25m freestyle (3rd), Year 6 girls 25m backstroke (2nd) Year 6 girls 25m breaststroke (3rd)
Felicity Dawson	Year 6 girls 25m freestyle (1st), Year 6 girls 25m backstroke (3rd)
Millie Train	Year 8 girls 25m freestyle (1st), Year 8 girls 25m backstroke (3rd) Year 8 girls 25m breaststroke(1st)
Ashleigh Hammond	Year 7 girls 25m backstroke (3rd)
Marcus Keighley	Year 8 boys 25m backstroke (2nd), Open 50m freestyle (2nd)
Patoka	4 x 50m freestyle relay team (1st)
Patoka	4 x 25m freestyle relay team (2nd)
Patoka	4 x 25m medley relay team (2nd)

Congratulations on some outstanding swimming!!



Winter Sports

Is your child interested in playing a winter sport this year for school?

It is that time of the year when we need to start thinking about what winter sport teams we can enter into competitions. Please read the following options below and then email Theresa at admin@patoka.schoolzone.net.nz



We will not be entering any teams until we have collated our numbers. Your child may be able to play a sport during the week and a different sport on the weekend. Again this is completely dependent on the numbers of children who put their names forward.

We are keen to provide as much support as possible in terms of practice at school during the week. We also will require parents to help manage the teams on the weekend. If you are able to help out with either of these options please also inform the office.

Here are the options that we are looking at:

Netball-Year 3/4

Beginning Term 2 Tuesday 13th May from 3:30 at Onekawa Courts. A parent / coach would be needed for the day.

Netball -Year 5-8

We are unsure of exact details for these age groups, however an indication of numbers will allow us to take a closer look.

Hockey-Year 5-8

Again we require an indication of numbers before we can finalise anything. We are also unsure of details for any school competitions.

Soccer-Year 1-5

Soccer begins in term 2. Coaching will be done at school with Mr Ward and games on a Saturday morning. Please indicate if you are keen to play this season. Parents will be needed to manage these teams.

Please email any response by Tuesday 11th March to admin@patoka.schoolzone.net.nz



Up and Coming Events

School Assembly	Friday 7th March
Year 7/ 8Tech	Monday 10th March
Year 7/8 Beach 5	Wednesday 12th March
Year 5/6 Beach 5	Thursday 13th March
Reporting to Parents meeting 7pm	Tuesday 18th March