

Patoka School Newsletter

Community Notices

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Patoka Kindy Fundraiser

Davey Hughes (SWAZI) Thursday 1st May at the Puketitiri Domain - tickets limited so get yours before the holidays. Tickets \$20, supper provided, Top Knot & The Pizzles playing after Davey!!! Tickets from Kindy P. 8398817 or Deb Turner P.8398820 or Kelly Dinneen P. 8398619. Please note this is a cash bar and an R18 event. **C u there...**

Wanted to Buy

Wanted to Buy: pair of size 4/5 rugby boots. Please send to school for Nic to try and/or phone Edith on 8395913. Thank you

Puketitiri Ladies Golf Club

We are considering running a 9-hole competition on a Tuesday morning. For those of you who want to play golf but are a little daunted by the thought of 18 holes this would be a great way to start off.

For further information and to express your interest please contact either Lesley O'Rourke 8395903 or Margaret Evans 8398889=



Primary ITO—Growsafe/Chemical Handling Certificate

Growsafe/Chemical Handling Certificate
Date: 29th May 2014
Venue: Maxwell Farms - Unit 1 - Hawkston Road, Patoka.
Time: 8am-4.30pm
Cost: \$316.25 per person
Contact Pippa for more details. 0272168865.

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 = What is the value of 1/2 of 2/3 of 3/4 of 4/5 of 5/6 of 6/7 of 7/8 of 9/10 of 1000?



Introducing P.E.T

The Patoka community is extremely fortunate to benefit from the support of P.E.T.

P.E.T is the Patoka Educational Trading Fund. It was established in 1990. The fund was formed to supplement government funding of education in the Patoka districts. The prime source of funding is through the raising and grazing of cattle.

P.E.T is a community fund administered through its trustees and the school. The fund is available to the wider school family i.e.

- Patoka Kindy
- Patoka School
- Patoka Swimming Club
- Patoka Memorial Hall



In the last season the trust has funded nearly \$8000 towards camps, tennis lessons, swimming lessons, leadership events and new sporting equipment.

The trust would like to invite applications for the coming season by May 1st 2014. Applications can be forwarded to Theresa or Nick Dawson.

The trust also requires homes for 10 Angus Heifers.

Nick Dawson (On behalf of P.E.T)

P.A.L Leadership Training

Last Friday 10 of our senior students attended a leadership training course at the Pettigrew Green Arena. The purpose of the course was to train them as Playground Activity Leaders (P.A.L).

The morning was spent learning some new games and then attending sessions where the focus of the discussions were on trouble shooting, taking charge and communication.

The plan is to have these senior students running organised games in our playground up to 2 days a week for our younger students. We are looking forward to seeing what these young leaders can share with our children.



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Quote of the Week

It's not an easy journey, to get to a place where you forgive people. But it is such a powerful place, because it frees you.

Tyler Perry

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

Parent Interview: A Great time to celebrate success and set new goals

The first of our parent interviews for the year are being held on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th April. This is the last Monday and Tuesday of the term.

These interviews are for all of our Year 4-8 students, and those Year 0-3 students who are receiving an End of School Year Report or Interim Report. This differs from previous years. (Details of the new changes to our reporting system can be found on the webpage under the Principals page heading)

This year our interviews will start at 2:15. This means that we will be closing the school at 2pm on both the Monday and the Tuesday. **Buses will still be running but will do the home time drop off from 2pm.**

To help us with the organization on the day could you please inform the school either by phone or email if your child will not be going home on the bus at the earlier time.

Notices will be coming home this week which need to be filled out and returned to school so that you can be allocated an interview time.

We look forward to seeing you at the interviews so that we can share in celebrating the successes of your children and setting new goals for them.



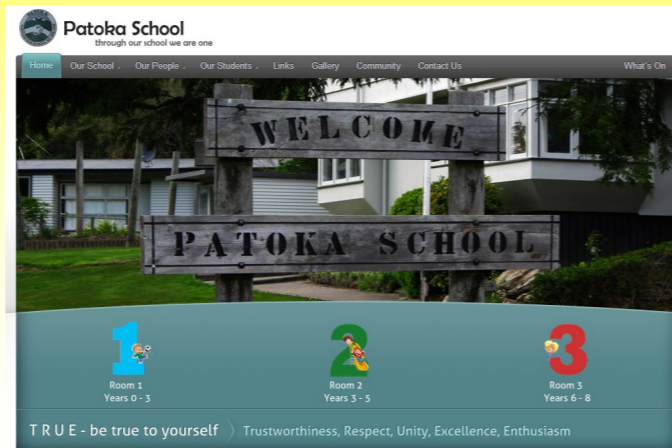
The School Webpage

Have you visited the school webpage recently? The address is patoka.school.nz

It is where you can go to find any new information, photos and reports on events that have taken place. Our fortnightly newsletter is always loaded onto the website for you to read. For those of you who have children who like to store their newsletter at the bottom of their bags, this is always a good alternative.

On our webpage you will find a calendar of upcoming events. You can click on the event to see more information if it has been loaded onto it.

Our school charter can also be found on the webpage. This is the document that sets out the strategic goals for the school and outlines our targets for the year. The webpage was developed by Robyn Brady who has done an amazing job of making it attractive and easy to use. She has also organized a fortnightly report to be sent to me that provides information on how many hits we are getting and from where in the world they are coming from. This always makes for interesting reading. We are well aware that there are sections of the webpage that can be utilized better and we will be looking to get these updated as soon as possible. In the meantime please take some time to visit the site and explore it with your children.



Patoka Community Swimming Pool

The Patoka Community Swimming Pool is now closed for the season

It has been great to see the pool being well utilized throughout the summer. A very big thank you to all those people who assisted with the lawn mowing and to all of those people who helped us out by remembering to put the cover on after they had finished.

I would also like to thank Bruce Porter for the work he did this year in cleaning the pool each week and maintaining the chlorine levels. It was fantastic and a real credit to the work he put in.



Headlice

We have recently had a run of headlice in the classrooms. Information has been sent home that outlines how to look for and treat them if you find them. We would appreciate it if you could check your children's hair and let us know if there are any issues. If you require any more information please don't hesitate to contact the office.



Room 1 - Some great writing

I hope you enjoy reading some of the great writing that has been going on in Room 1

*The dragon went to church.
My bear is turning the wheel.
My dad is stuck in stuck in a cat*

All written by Ava, Room 1

Alex the teddy is fluffy. He has a t-shirt. He is on a tropical island. He is little. He saw a dart frog - ah! He turned around and saw a bomb! A bomb! He ran and ran as fast as he could until he came to a cliff. He fell off.

By Luke, Room 1

I went to my nana's house. I went to the shop with her. I got some lollies.

By Manaia, Room 1



Term 1 Stationery Accounts

The stationery accounts for this term are included with this newsletter. It would be appreciated if you could pay these before the last Tuesday of the term (15th April).

Up and Coming Events

Year 7/8 technology	Monday 7th April
Year 7 Immunization	Tuesday 15th
Parent Interviews	Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th April
End of Term	Thursday 17th April