

Patoka School Newsletter

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Community Notices

Parents & Friends Notices

Last weeks AGM outcome:-

Chairperson - Rachel Train
Treasurer - Michelle Carswell
Secretary - Edith Lynam

Please be aware that this will be our last year in this committee and there needs to be people to take over next year. Parents & Friends fundraising contributes/subsidizes to school camps, sports & music equipment/uniforms etc. Those extra things we give/do for our children during their time a Patoka school is supported by the Parents & Friends Committee and this group needs to keep running. If you are interested in getting involved I recommend that you attend the meetings to get an idea of what happens.

I'd like to at this point thank the great team of committee goers that attend regular meetings and to all those people that don't attend meetings but always offer help when needed. That is what makes a fundraiser a success.
THANK YOU!

SPRING FUN RUN/WALK FUNDRAISER

21st September 2014 (Sunday) I know is a busy time for us farmers but I was hoping that I could muster up a few people (and kids) to get involved with this fun event. Run approx 10km and walk approx 5km along same track.

At this stage if there is anyone that could gather some sponsorship in ways of spot prizes, marquees, food stuff for sausage sizzle/soups & buns, anything would be great.

For enquires and offers of help please contact
Rachel Train Ph. 8398824

Growsafe/Chemical Handling Certificate

Growsafe/Chemical Handling Certificate (get certified)

Date: 29th May 2014

Time: 8.30- 4pm

Cost: \$275 + gst. Farmalnds Cards accepted

Where: Hawkston Road, Maxwell Farms, Patoka

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

Puketitiri Golf Club, Inc—Stockies vs Cockies

Come and join us at Puketitiri Golf Club, Hutchinson Domain, Puketitiri on Friday 23rd May, tee off at 11am (18 hole stableford) for a great day of golfing. Cost \$5, no eftpos available so cash or cheques.

This is always a fun day, all abilities—dust off the clubs and join us. Phone Mark Simmons 8367073 or Grant Lomas 8340317.

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 week's answer = A bungalow doesn't have stairs.

This week—What is this puzzle? BOY \implies YOY



Patoka School Charter - What is it?

The charter is the Board's and school's number one policy statement. It sets the direction for our school over a 3 to 5 year period and clearly identifies our priorities. It is designed as a 'living' document and, as such, it requires regular review and discussion to ensure that it is still meeting the needs of the school and community.

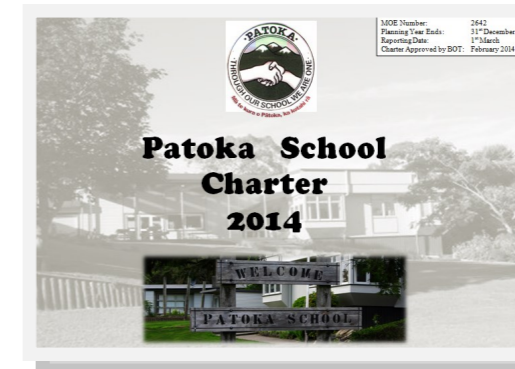
The Ministry of Education sets out requirements for what the charter should have. These include statements and / or sections that address the following areas:

- Values, mission and / or vision
- New Zealand's cultural diversity and the unique position of the Maori culture
- Inclusive education
- Strategic Direction - aims, objectives, directions and priorities
- Annual Targets—aims, directions, objectives, priorities and targets relating to student outcomes and the school's performance
- Student Targets—based around raising student achievement

The annual targets that are set for our school are reviewed throughout the year. Progress towards these goals is reported to the board. The targets that are set for the students are regularly discussed and assessed. Data is gathered and then reported back to the Ministry of Education at the end of each year through an Analysis of Variance document. All of this information can be viewed within the school's Annual Report which is sent to schools in July.

A key aspect of the charter is the fact that while it is a 3 - 5 year document , it is still updated each year, as a result of analysing the school's achievement data and progress towards meeting the goals we have set. This ensures that it is a 'living document' as stated earlier.

Our school charter can be found on the website under general information I would encourage you to have a read through it. If you have any questions please feel free to come and have a chat.



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Thursday 22nd May

Quote of the Week

Dogs have a master!

Cats have staff!

Anonymous

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

Thanks for our new sandpit!!

Monday was a great day for all of our eager users of the sandpit. Thanks to the hard work of our Year 6 students who spent part of their day digging the old sand out and preparing the pit for the new sand, we now have a fresh load to play in, get dirty in and have some awesome fun in.

A very big thank you needs to go out to Bruce Porter (for providing equipment), Mr Bidwell (for allowing the Year 6 students to assist and for supervising the work) and to Nick Dawson for sourcing the sand and then using his tractor to load it in.

This is another example of the community spirit that makes Patoka School such a wonderful place to live and work.



Sole Charge and Rural Teaching Principals' Conference

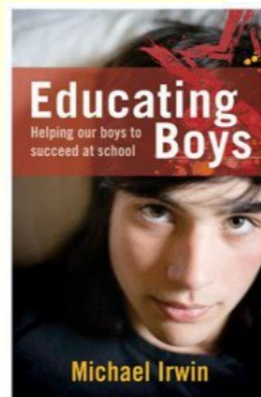
As some of you may know, I have been away at the Sole Charge and Rural Teaching Principals' Conference which was held in Palmerston North earlier this week. This was a great opportunity to meet a large number of principals who are teaching and leading in schools very similar to Patoka, and to listen to a number of keynote speakers who were presenting information that was current and topical.

The conference was attended by principals from areas such as Great Barrier Island, Chatham Island, Stewart Island, and Dipton to name just a few. The size of schools ranged from sole charge of around 7-8 students all the way to just under the 100 students.

In listening to the keynote speakers address issues such as Inclusive Education, Educating Boys, Teacher Aide Use and Collaboration in and amongst schools, it affirmed the great things that we are doing here at Patoka. It also provided me with some key questions to think about.

The highlight for me would have been listening to Dr Michael Irwin, the author of the book *Educating Boys*. He certainly challenged our thinking in regards to how we should be working with our boys and how to get the best out of them.

It is hard not to come back from a conference such as this and not want to try out all the new ideas straight away. However; I am certainly excited about the information that I will be able to share with the staff, parents, community and students and will be interested in seeking your feedback at some stage.



A sad goodbye

This week we have a number of children who are leaving Patoka School and moving away from the district. We are going to miss them all very much as they have been important members of our community and school.

To all the students and families that are moving on, I would like to say thank you for your contributions to our school, for your support and for allowing us to work alongside your children. We all wish you well for the future and look forward to hearing from you.



Can you help in the library?

We are keen to get our library up and running over the winter months for our students at lunchtime. We have a number of students who are keen to be trained as librarians. This will be taking place over the next couple of weeks.

Before we open for our students I would like to give the library a tidy up. The main task is to ensure that all of our books are arranged correctly and that any books that are damaged are repaired.

If you are able to assist with giving our library a bit of a tidy up please contact me at school. The proposed date for this session is Thursday 29th May from 9 until 11ish.

Once the library is up and running, if you would be able to assist with some of the lunchtime supervision on those wet and cold days and you have some time to spare, we would certainly be willing to accept your help.



Up and Coming Events

School Assembly	Friday 23rd May (all welcome)
Young Leaders Conference (Palmerston North)	Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th May
Queens Birthday	Monday 2nd June
Technology	Monday 9th June