



Patoka School Newsletter

Community Notices

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BIKENZ 'LEARN TO RIDE' SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

A SPECIALISED ONE DAY PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR 7-10YR OLDS TO HELP DEVELOP THEIR FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS, CONFIDENCE AND ENJOYMENT OF CYCLING. THIS PROGRAMME IS DELIVERED IN A SAFE, OFF ROAD ENVIRONMENT AT SPORTS PARK HB, USING THE NEW JUNIOR CYCLE TRACK AND LIMESTONE PATHWAYS.

DATE: TUESDAY 8TH JULY (BACK UP DAY - WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY)
TIME: 9AM - 2.30PM
COST: \$30 (THIS INCLUDES BIKE AND HELMET IF NEEDED).

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, VISIT:
WWW.SPORTSPARK.CO.NZ
 (LOOK UNDER 'EVENTS')

OR CONTACT LYNDAL JOHANSSON:
LYNDALJ@SPORHTB.NET.NZ OR 845 9336 EXT 719



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!!

The challenge is taking a week off—look out for next weeks challenge.



The Pied Piper of Hamelin Can you help????

Coming to a community hall near you is the 2014 whole school production—The Pied Piper of Hamelin. As a school we will be spending much of Term 3 working on the development of this production.

Work on the production has already begun with many of the Room 3 students reading through the script to identify roles that they may be keen to take on. The great thing about this production is that it allows all of our students to be involved in some way, whether it be singing, dancing or speaking.

As we start to think more seriously about our show we are now on the lookout for any parents who would like to volunteer their services to assist in some way. We are looking for people to help with costumes, assist with putting on makeup when we perform, help with building any props or extra scenery, those who can spare some time to listen and read through the roles with the students, or who can offer their services in other areas. We are also interested in hearing from any parents who may be able to donate any resources to help with the scenery or who have connections in the area of stage lighting.

All of these roles are important. We are keen to put on a great show for our community and will certainly accept any help that we can get. Thanks must go to Michelle Carswell who has already made a start on designing a back drop for the production.

If you are able to help in any way, please let Theresa know in the office.



Patoka School

Wednesday 4th June

Quote of the Week

Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.

Charles R. Swindoll

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

Crutching Day Fundraiser—Hukanui Station

WE NEED YOU - Please support this great fundraiser for our school

Wednesday 18th June 2014

Start Time 9AM

Hukanui Station woolshed, Hukanui Rd, Puketitiri

The school board has kindly been offered the opportunity to carry out Hukanui Stations hogget crutching. There are approximately 2000 hoggets so as many people as possible will be required to make the day a success. We will require crutchers, sweepers, penners and general hands.

The day is an enjoyable one for all and last year's great turn out made it easier for all involved. A BBQ and refreshments will be on offer at the end of the day.

All enquiries and offers of help can be made to Greg Percy on 8398885. Please contact Greg by Wednesday 11th June if you can help out. The postponement day is Thursday 19th June.



Welcome to Patoka School

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome 2 new pupils to Patoka School.

Leah Fankhauser has started in Room 2 with myself and Mrs Dawson. She was last at Patoka in 2013 so it is nice to be able to welcome her back.

We also have Francine Sales who has started in Room 3 with Mr Bidwell. She has come to us from St Mary's Catholic School in Rotorua.



Bare Foot 7s

On May 22nd a team of our Year 7 and 8 students headed off to Hastings Boys High School for the annual Barefoot 7's tournament. After 3 years of cancellations the event finally took place. This year the organisers brought the date forward with the hope that the weather would play ball...and yeah it did.

Mr Bidwell accompanied our students to the tournament and took great pleasure in being able to relay back to us that our team had been the team to watch. Not a single try was conceded as the team went through all of their games unbeaten.

Well done to all of our rugby players who represented us at this tournament. You did us proud! Also, thank you to the parents who helped with transport and to Mr Bidwell for being with the team on the day.



National Young Leaders Conference

The Year 8 students attended this conference last week. Quinn Porter has provided us details on some speakers from the conference.

Cam Calkoen: Cam was one of the most inspiring people for most of us because he has a disability called Cerebral Palsy. It's when parts of your body don't run as smooth as most people. For him he couldn't speak and walk as good as the rest of the world.

Jamie Fitzgerald: Jamie is a TV star and an explorer. He is an all round awesome guy. Jamie had travelled to the South Pole, rowed 5000 km across the Atlantic Ocean where he spent 3 days going no where because of a storm and tides.

A sample of writing

To weeks ago the teachers met to look through all of the writing samples of our students. This was a very valuable session that showed us that we have a number of very talented writers in our school. While I would like to be able to share all of their work with you I have chosen just one sample.

Ashes fill the air, blotting out the evening sun. A gunshot sounds in the distance, followed by screams of pain and terror. My eyes dart around the forest, but all I can see are scorched trees and blackened sky. Desperate howls fill the forest as the flames rise over the treetops. The trees behind me are engulfed in flames and they begin to swallow the forest.

An arm tugs at my sleeve, and I reluctantly follow. My eyes are watering as we stumble through the forest. Flames dance around us as my foot makes contact with a glowing ember. I see it happen, but I don't feel a thing through all the chaos.

To our left there is a faint flashing light. My rescuer pulls me towards it, and we leap over some flames licking at the bottom of a tree. A searing pain shoots up through my leg, but I grit my teeth and carry on. Pain can wait for when we are safe. I begin to panic as the wall of fire to our left closes in on us, urging us to move forward.

*I shut my eyes as we near the lights. Momentarily I am lost in my own world, then reality hits me full force as I open my eyes again. The roaring of the flames fills my ears. The trees become a blur. Then suddenly we are in the middle of a gravel road standing next to a fire engine and an ambulance. A paramedic rushes over to us, he takes a look at my leg before ordering me to lie down on a stretcher. A dressing is laid over my leg and before I know it, the sirens are wailing and I am being rushed to hospital.....**If you want to know what happens you will need to ask Molly McEvoy of Rm 3.***



Up and Coming Events

Year 7/8 Tech	Monday 9th June
BOT meeting	Tuesday 10th June
Crutching Fundraiser	Wednesday 18th June
Year 7/8 Tech	Monday 23rd June
Working Bee	Sunday 29th June
School Disco (More info to come)	Friday 4th July