

# Patoka School Newsletter

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## Community Notices

### Parents & Friends Notice

There will be a P&F meeting on Monday 23rd June in the school staff room at 1:30pm. The main item for discussion will be our Spring Fun Run Fundraiser, so if you have any input or are keen to get involved, come along!

### District Phone List

We are currently in the process of updating the district phone list. If you are new to the area and wish to be added to the list, or if you know of any alterations to the current phone list, please contact the school office.



### 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.

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Good luck!!

This week =



## Get out your diaries—time to dance and run

We start this newsletter with some important information for you about some key events that are coming up. The first is the School Disco. The theme for this event is the Blast from the Past. Come dressed up and be ready to dance the night away (well two hours at least). The disco starts at 5pm on Friday 4th July.

### Patoka School Brings You...

#### The 'End of Term 2 Disco' with the theme *A Blast From The Past*

Come dressed in a costume from the PAST. Be as creative as you can as there will be prizes for some of our best dressed.

Great music + Great Dancing = Great fun!

Friday 4th July  
5pm to 7:30 pm  
Patoka Community Hall  
Entry by gold coin donation

We would ask all families to bring a small plate for supper.



Patoka School

Thursday 19th 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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The second event is scheduled for the 21st September and is being organised by our P and F group. They are organising a fun run to be held at the Glendowie Farm (Rachel and Garth Trains).

This should be a wonderful event and a lot of fun for everyone who enters. It's time to get your training shoes on and start pounding the pavements.



There will be more information to come.

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

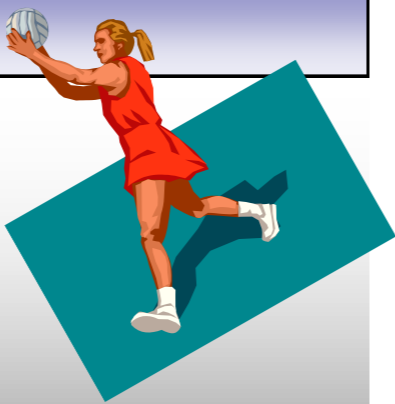
## Netball in Term 2

Term 2 saw the start of the season for the Year 5 and 6 netball players. The team plays on a Thursday night at the Onekawa Courts.

The team has three members from Sherenden School. The results so far have been great. We are currently unbeaten. Each week we all look forward to our next game. We have had three games this term.

The members of our team are: Timea, Felicity, Meg, Tania, Lucy K, Te Manu and Jessie from Patoka. We also have Maggie, Ashley and Nina from Sherenden.

By Timea Cracknell



## Crutching Day - Thank you for your support

Yesterday's crutching day which was held at Hukanui Station was a huge success. I was able to attend this myself, and having had an attempt at crutching one sheep, I am now in awe of the highly skilled famers who were working the machines.

A very big thank you must go out to Greg Percy for providing us with this opportunity and for allowing us to help out. I would also like to thank Edith Lynam for opening up the kindly which allowed parents to attend the crutching day. Finally, to all of those people who were involved in some way - thank you for supporting this event which, in turn, supports our school.



## Welcome back to Patoka School

It has been another busy week with some familiar faces returning to Patoka School. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Archie, Fynn and Charlie Coole who have returned from Singapore to spend some time with their friends here at Patoka School. I am sure you will all make them feel welcome and they will enjoy their time with us.



## Rubbish-we need your help.

For a small school we do generate our fair share of rubbish. We do try very hard to recycle what we can but we can only manage so much. One of the areas that I believe we can make a difference in is the amount of food wrappers and packets that we have at school in our rubbish. At present we ask students to take these home to dispose of. We will continue to encourage this practice at school. Your help in reminding your children that this is what is expected would be greatly appreciated.



## Election Time - Education policies

These are very challenging times for Education. It has and always will be considered as a hot topic as elections near. The current government has placed a number of key education policies on the table. The IES *Investing in Education Success* policy is being hotly debated by many, not just politicians and educationalists. It proposes some key changes to the way the leadership of schools will be organized in the future. It has many details that are still being worked out.

While I realize that you are all extremely busy I would encourage you to take the time to read up on these policies before you cast your vote. If you have any questions I am always willing to have a chat.

## Website Update

Some of you may have been trying to access the website from home. Unfortunately the HOST for our website is no longer operating meaning that we are unable to access it.

Our website was originally set up by Robyn Brady. She still plays an important role in managing the site and providing support when we need it. She has informed me that she is currently investigating some new HOST options and is hoping to have the site back up and operating as soon as possible. This is certainly an unfortunate occurrence and one that we did not see coming.



## 40 Hour Famine

The 40 Hour Famine has been and gone. It proved to be a popular event amongst our older students. We had a good number of students participating in the event. I would like to thank them for supporting such a worthy cause. The total money raised by this group was just over \$600. Well done to you all for putting the time in and being committed to this cause.



## Up and Coming Events

Year 7/8 Tech	Monday 23rd June
Patoka School Working Bee	Sunday 29th June
Interim Reports go home	Friday 4th July
School Disco (More info to come)	Friday 4th July