

# Patoka School Newsletter

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## Community Notices

### Puketitiri Golf Club - Sunday Sessions

Good first round last Sunday, mostly thanks to the weather and support from the usual suspects. Don't be afraid to bring some friends along, who might want to give golf a shot.

Next round will be 31st of August regardless of weather conditions.

See you there.

### Primary ITO - Mentors Wanted!

Primary ITO has begun a nationwide initiative to train volunteer mentors to help our trainees complete their qualifications and we are currently training mentors to be available in all areas.

We are after people like yourselves who have a passion for the primary industry and seeing young people succeed. We wouldn't expect that it would take a large amount of your time - maybe a couple of hours per week for only a few weeks at a time and probably no time at all over the busy times we don't hold any training then. It is really just to make sure that the guys and girls are on track, can understand what the question is asking of them and drawing answers out of them.

Many trainees struggle to complete their training for a host of reasons - some have literacy and/or numeracy issues and many have mind set and confidence issues, especially if they did not do well in a school setting.

To be a mentor you don't need to be a grammar or mathematics expert, the most important skill is empathy and the most important contribution you make is your time. The mentoring process works best when the mentor and mentee meet regularly.

We'll train you to do the best job you can - volunteer mentors attend a one day course run by Primary ITO. Once trained, mentors have any costs involved in being a mentor reimbursed.

For more information contact your local Primary ITO adviser on 0800208020.



Barnardos Kidstart provides in-home childcare from birth to 5 years, we offer winz subsidised care & 20 free hours for 3 & 4 year olds

To find out more phone Kelly

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## 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](mailto:principal@patoka.schoolzone.net.nz)

Good luck!!

**This week =** *On a fine sunny day a ship was in the harbour. All of a sudden it began to sink. There was no storm, nothing was placed on the ship, there were no holes in it and absolutely nothing was mechanically wrong with it. Why did it sink?*



## Pied Piper of Hamelin



We are now only five weeks away from the opening performances for the 2014 Patoka School Production of The Pied Piper of Hamelin.

All of the children have been working hard each week to learn their lines, learn the songs and learn how to react to one another on stage. I am sure that it is going to be a wonderful occasion and a great memory for this year.

We are planning three performances of the show. On Wednesday 24th September there will be a matinee and an evening performance, and on Thursday the 25th we will have an evening performance followed by a supper to celebrate the end of the show.

On Monday 22nd September we will be running a full dress rehearsal. We have the children and parents from Waimarama School joining us and the children from the kindy.

There will be no charge on the tickets for the performances however due to limited seating in the hall, parents will need to pre book. Orders will be collated at school and tickets sent home.

In week seven you will receive a notice that outlines the exact times of the performances and provides all of the details you will need to know in order to decide on which performance to attend. We would encourage you to invite grandparents, friends, aunts and uncles and anyone else you think may enjoy this occasion.

## Daffodil Day dress up



Once again we have the Daffodil Day event coming up. This is always a very worthy cause. Last year the children at Patoka dressed in yellow or green. They looked simply stunning. This year we are going to try something a little different.

For this year's event we are asking the children to come dressed as any book character they can think of. Be as creative as you can.

We will be holding this event on **Thursday 28th August**. Children will need to bring a gold coin with all the money raised going to the Cancer Society.

You will receive another notice next week as a reminder. Start going through your wardrobes now to see what you can find.

### Patoka School

Wednesday 20th August

### 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

## Patoka School Cross Country



Date: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September (Postponement date)

Schools: Patoka, Meeanee, Waimarama (new school for this event)

Venue: Hutchinson Domain - Corner of Puketitiri Rd and Hukanui Rd

Directions: Drive 50km up Puketitiri Rd from the beginning of Puketitiri Road in Taradale. Hutchinson Domain is on the right hand side of the road at the intersection of Puketitiri and Hukanui Road (approximately 45 - 50 minutes drive time)

10:00 Children Arrive  
10:30 Welcome / House Keeping  
10:35 Walk the courses  
11:15 Start of Cross Country Races

**Food Available...**  
Sausage Sizzle, drinks,  
ice-blocks, lollies

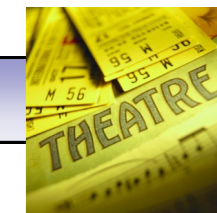
### Order of Running Events (All times are approximates)

Start Times	Age Group	Distance
11.15	Boys 12 & 12+ year olds	2500m
11.17	Boys 5 year olds	500m
11.30	Girls 12 & 12+ year olds	2500m
11.32	Girls 5 year olds	500m
11.45	Boys 11 year olds	2000m
11.47	Boys 6 year olds	500m
12.00	Girls 11 year olds	2000m
12.02	Girls 6 year olds	500m
12.10	Boys 10 year olds	1500m
12.20	Girls 10 year olds	1500m
12.30	Boys 7 year olds	1000m
12.40	Girls 7 year olds	1000m
12.50	Boys 9 year olds	1500m
1.00	Girls 9 year olds	1500m
1.10	Boys 8 year olds	1000m
1.20	Girls 8 year olds	1000m

Please note: The buses will not be running on this day. Parents please arrange transport for your child to and from the venue. They need to be at the venue by 10am with their Patoka Sports shirt (these will be handed out the day before). Please also ensure that your children are collected from the venue as soon as it finishes.



## Theatre Visit—Room 2 and 3 August 25th



On Monday 25th August the children from Room 2 and 3 will be visiting the Napier Municipal Theatre. We have organised for them to have a tour of the theatre as both classes are currently looking at the history of theatre as their unit of work. This trip will also be a valuable experience in helping to motivate the children for our own production.

We will be travelling to the venue by bus. Our departure from school will be at 9am. Please ensure that your child is at school before 8:50 so that a roll can be called. We are due at the theatre by 9:45 and will return to school by 12pm.

## School Jackets



Recently we were able to purchase a small number of new school jackets. Thanks to our P & F group. These were designed by Paladin Sports and have our school name on the back, and our logo on the front. They are black and green with some white piping and are very smart jackets. They have already been used by our senior students at the Athletics and also at the recent sports EXPO at the Pettigrew Arena.

A number of parents have been inquiring about these jackets and have shown an interest in purchasing one for their own child to wear. I have made some inquiries with the manufacturer and he is happy to provide more of these jackets on an individual basis. I will be sending home an order form next week which will have all the details you will need. The price is \$46. This includes GST. We have a number of sizes at school which you are more than welcome to come and see.

## Meeanee 7's



Once again we have been invited to the Meeanee 7's event. This year it has been brought forward into this term as there are a number of sports events taking place in Term 4 and Meeanee were keen to avoid these. It is being held at Meeanee School on Wednesday 10th September.

This was an enjoyable event last year with all of the Patoka Children performing well. Please note that for this event the school buses will not be running. We would ask all parents to make arrangements to transport their children to and from this event on the day. A separate notice will be coming out closer to the time.



## Up and Coming Events

School Assembly	Friday 22nd August
Room 2 and 3 trip to Theatre	Monday 25th August
School Cross Country	Friday 29th August
Meeanee 7s	Wednesday 10th September
Napier Primary Schools Cross Country	Tuesday 16th September
TACS Year 7/8 Cross Country	Wednesday 17th September