

Patoka School Newsletter

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Community Notices

For Sale

Child's Car Seat for sale. Model is Safe n Sound. Was purchased in 2006 but is a 2004 model. Can be converted to Booster Seat as well. Is considered one of the better brands around. Inquiries to Darryn or Stacey Ward at Patoka School.



Dog Training Day

Patoka Dog Trial Club is holding a Dog Training Day for all interested local farmers, young, old, sheep, beef or dairy. The day will be run at Arohiwi Station and will be hosted by Lloyd Smith, a well known and respected Otago dog trainer. Bring any young dogs and questions you would like Lloyd to help you with.

Date: Wednesday 30th July 2014

Start Time: 12.30pm

Place: Arohiwi Station

BBQ and refreshments provided. If interested contact David Evans on 8398889.

Puketitiri Golf Club "Sunday Sessions"

Sunday golf comes to Puketitiri!!!

If you are too busy Saturday with kids sport or work, Puketitiri Golf Club now has a golf competition one Sunday a month.

\$10 entry includes comp, 2's and afternoon tea.

(\$5 comp. Or \$5 afternoon tea)

All competition entries returned as prize money.

Bar open. All welcome. No handicap required!

1st round 20 July

12 noon tee off (entries by 11.45)

Contact: Mark Simmons 8367073 / 0274270834 mwsimmons05@gmail.com



Commercial Eeling Fisherman

Commercial eeling fisherman wanting properties for eeling. Could donate \$2.50 to school for large numbers.

Phone Guy Savage on 0275124406.

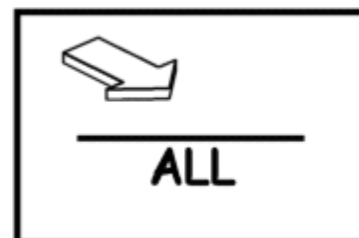
Are you up for a challenge! (Parents and children)

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 an end to Term 2

Billy Idol, Bruce Springsteen, ABBA, mobsters, clowns, men in togas, Jesus, fairies, Maid Marion, Robin Hood, Punk Rockers and many more. These were just some of the characters that appeared for the school disco on the last Friday of Term 2.



It was a fabulous turn out and a memorable way to end the term. A very big thank you needs to go out to all of the parents who assisted in some way; whether it was decorating the hall, assisting in the kitchen, taking photos, preparing costumes or helping to clean up. Your willingness to help and your eagerness to break out some dance moves ensured that everyone had a great night.

I would also like to thank those children from the kindergarten who came along. It was neat seeing the older children dancing with these younger children throughout the night.

There are many great photos from this event that were taken by Nicky Dawson. These are on the web site. Once again, - what a great way to end the term.



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Thursday 24th July

Quote of the Week

The secret of success is not in predicting the future. It's creating people who can thrive in a future that cannot be predicted.

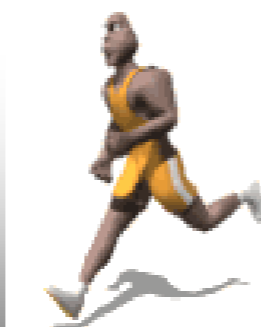
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T.R.U.E - be true to yourself
Trustworthiness Respect Unity Excellence Enthusiasm

School Cross Country

While this may seem quite early, I wanted to give you a heads up for this event. It is being held at Puketitiri Domain on Friday August 29th (postponement Friday September 5th). As in previous years, we have other schools attending this event. Invitations have been sent to Meeanee, Pakowhai and Waimarama. As long as the weather behaves it should be another great event. We will begin training with the children this week.



Website News

The website has been updated over the holidays. There are some new dates on the calendar that are important. As well as this, older posts have been deleted. My intention is to try and update the content (in particular the class pages) several times throughout the term. I am aware that not everyone has access to the internet, however our website does provide us with an opportunity to share news and celebrate the learning of our students.



Year 7 and 8 Technology

This year we started a new partnership with Tamatea Intermediate as our Year 7 and 8 Technology provider. This has been a successful venture to date with many of the students sharing stories of the activities they are participating in. One of the keys to this programme has been the way Tamatea has integrated our students into their own afternoon class programme. This has provided our students with the opportunity to mix with other students the same age. Thanks should go to Roy Sye and his teachers for the work they are doing with our students. We also need to acknowledge the contribution that Margaret Evans (and occasionally Bron Thompson) play in transporting these students to and from Tamatea every second Monday.



Speech and Drama returns

This term we welcome back the return of Natalie Sandbrook to Patoka School as our speech and drama tutor. Natalie has had the second term off after the birth of her son George. She will be running her lessons with us on a Thursday. Her programme provides a number of our students with an opportunity to develop their speaking and drama skills. If you are interested in your child participating in these sessions you can contact Natalie on 06 8395715.



Can you help?

This may seem like an odd request. We are missing an SD memory card for the Room 1 camera. We have searched high and low with no luck. We have a very vague memory of someone asking about the card, perhaps to take some photos from it, however we cannot quite pinpoint when this may have happened or who it may have been. If this has jogged any ones memory we would be most grateful if you could let us know. The card has some important photos on it from Room 1. Thank you.



P and F meeting

There is a P and F meeting being held at school on 28th July from 1:30 in the staff room. Please come along as many hands make light work. We are extremely grateful for the support that the P and F group provide for our school. They are currently working feverishly to prepare for the major fundraiser for this year which is the Fun Run being held on September 21st at the Train's Farm.



Parent School Improvement Survey

A key to the success of any school is being able to gather information from the parents and community who are so vital. Included in this week's newsletter is a Survey that we would appreciate you taking the time to fill out. The survey has a number of questions that simply require a tick in one of the 5 boxes. The final two boxes provide you with the opportunity to add any suggestions. The data that is gathered from these surveys will be collated, shared with the Board and then reported back to our community within the newsletter. We appreciate that this is a busy time of the year however we value your feedback and are always striving to be better than we are.

Please return the completed survey to the school office by Wednesday 30th July.

Parent Information Evening-August 14th

We are holding a Parent Information evening in the school library on August 14th from 6-7. We will be sharing information on **Cyber Safety (Constable Pete Gimblett will be attending)** and **Information about the Reading reflex programme that is being used with all of our students.** Please see the separate notice for further information on this event.

Up and Coming Events

BOT meeting	Tuesday 12th August
Parent Information Evening	Thursday 14th August
School Cross Country	Friday 29th August