

Patoka School Newsletter

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Community Notices

We have been asked to host a 'rural' afternoon for locals.
This is to meet and question Wayne Walford, the new national party candidate for Napier Electorate.
As we have a few questions for him, we agreed... but we advised there were no promises attached!
We would love to see you. A good excuse to catch up with farming friends and neighbours.
Please RSVP so we can ensure we have enough afternoon tea/refreshments.

Tuesday 12th August, from 4pm

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Piano Tuning

Appleton Pianos will be in Patoka on the 27th August. If you would like to have your piano tuned on this date please ring Nicola on 8398870.

Puketitiri Golf Club—Sunday Sessions

Bit of a false start the other week for Sunday golf due to some pretty heavy rain!!
Next round on the 10th of August will hopefully be a lot better weather, but if it isn't turn up anyway. Plenty to do indoors, and the bar will be open. 12 noon tee off so try be there before 11.45am. All welcome.

Puppies for Sale

Pups for sale—make handy farm dogs. Phone Nick on 8398996.

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 = The digits of 2014 can be arranged to make several 4 digit whole numbers. What is the difference between the largest and smallest numbers?



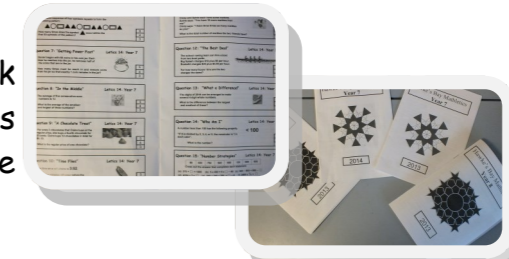
Hawkes Bay Mathletics

This week we have had three teams entered in the Hawkes Bay mathletics competition being held at St Josephs School in Hastings. The Year 7 event on Monday night was keenly contested by 20 schools from around the region. The children competed in three rounds of questions, with an individual round and then two group rounds.

While our Year 7 team did not figure in the final results a big well done should go out to them. They never gave up and worked well as a team. I am sure that they will have gained a great deal from the opportunity.

On Thursday night we have the Year 8 teams competing in their section. We wish them all the very best for their competition.

I would also like to extend a big thank you to Mr Bidwell for the work he has done in organising our teams and helping to prepare them for the event.



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Wednesday 6th August

Quote of the Week

Don't tell me the sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon.

(Thanks to Millie and Shallan for sharing this quote)

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Check out our Jackets

We have just received 25 new Patoka School Jackets. These are a top quality product that have been designed for us with our school name and logo on them. They have been used for the first time at the Mathletics competition. Thank you to our P and F group for their support in purchasing these jackets. The children are looking forward to wearing them when they are out representing the school.

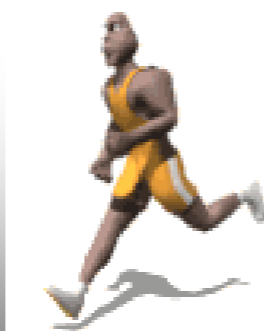


T.R.U.E - be true to yourself
Trustworthiness Respect Unity Excellence Enthusiasm

School Cross Country

Not long to go until our school cross country. We had hoped to start training with the children this week but the weather has not been kind. We will certainly be trying to get the children out and around the playground as soon as it stops raining. Judging by the never ending amounts of energy that the children display at lunchtime, the cross country should provide some more great results.

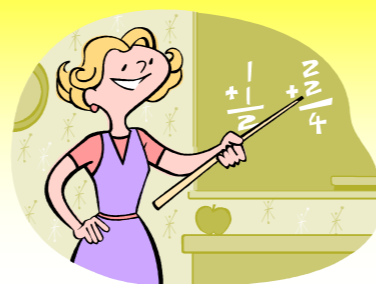
The Napier Schools cross country is not long after our event.



Welcome to Ms Faudemer

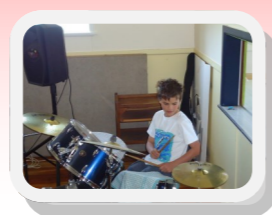
At a recent Board meeting a decision was made to employ an extra part time teacher for Room 3 until the end of the year. This was due to this class having the largest numbers, and also the fact that we have a good number of Year 8 students who are preparing themselves for High School.

We are very pleased to be able to welcome Frances Faudemer to the Patoka staff. She will be working alongside Mr Bidwell on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 9-12:30. I am sure that Frances will enjoy her time at Patoka. We are certainly looking forward to working alongside her.



The School Band Returns

After a bit of juggling of time slots and rooms we have finally been able to get the school band started again. We have a number of talented children who have shown a lot of enthusiasm in wanting to be part of this group. Tim Dineen and Lisa Chittick have kindly volunteered their time on a Friday afternoon to coach this group. I am sure it won't be long before they have a number of songs ready to perform for us.



Friday assemblies have changed.

Our assemblies are now being run on a Friday from 12-12:30 (Every second week we hold them from 11:45 as we include Kapa Haka) You are welcome to attend these assemblies. They provide an opportunity for the staff to present class certificates, for principal's awards to be handed out, for work to be shared and for the children to sing some songs.

This term our leaders have a much bigger role to play. They are presenting the assemblies digitally and are trying to gather information from students around the school to share in their presentations. The first two assemblies this term have been run successfully using this new format.

Some awesome writing from a senior student

It is great to be able to share some great writing. The story below has been written by Tim Haldane (Year 7).

I'm going on a hunt for pigs on my friend's farm. I load the dogs. I pack my .3030 and put my gear into my truck. I start up my Toyota and drive off.

I can see my friend Sam's driveway. I pull up, he loads his dog on to the back of his ATV. He gets his old 350 out of the shed and we drive to the lodge that we are staying at and put our gear in the lodge.

I go and get some fire wood so we can start a fire. Sam gets the matches out and lights the fire. We go back to bed.

The next day we have an early start. We pack our bag and take the quad bike.

The dogs are on to a pig. We leave the bikes and run after the dogs. One of Sam's dogs has caught a rabbit.

I see a black dot about 400 metres away. I think it is one of my dogs. Then I realize it's a pig. My .3030 does not have the range. My dog picks up the scent and I follow it. All the dogs run after the pig. I jump over a log. The pig is bailed up. One of the dogs is biting his leg. I dive on its back. I drive my knife into its heart.



Parent Information Evening

Thank you to those parents who have indicated that they are planning on attending the Parent Information Evening on Thursday 14th August from 6-7pm in the school library. The two topics being discussed are Reading reflex—the programme that is being used within the school for teaching reading, spelling and phonics, and cyber safety. It is not too late to register your attendance for this evening. Please contact the school office. A final decision on whether the event goes ahead will be made on Friday as numbers at this stage are disappointing and it would be a shame to lose the opportunity for Pete Gimblett to come and speak. Both the topics for the evening are important for your child's education so please make the effort to come along.

Up and Coming Events

Year 8 Mathletics	Thursday 7th August
BOT meeting	Tuesday 12th August
Parent Information Evening	Thursday 14th August
Year 7/8 Technology	Monday 18th August
School Cross Country	Friday 29th August