

## Pet Day - Postponed



After discussion amongst staff and feedback from parents, the decision has been made to postpone the Pet Day for 2014. We have not made this decision lightly, however due to production, ERO visit, Fun Run and Whole School Camp, it was felt that we could not provide the quality of event that we would want to and would be expecting too much of the staff, students and their families to prepare for and manage this event. We want it to be awesome. With the event normally held before the Hawkes Bay Show Day we have not got enough time to plan this properly. The Pet Day will be placed on the calendar for 2015. Plenty of notification will be given for this event to allow all participating groups to work together to make this memorable.

## Community Notices

### Puketitiri Scramble

Saturday 1st November

\$60 entry per team (teams of three, max 1 single handicapper per team, all players must have a current handicap). Scramble format, tee off 12.30pm, 18 holes and afternoon tea included.

Great prizes—major sponsor The Puketapu Hotel. Cash and cheques welcome, no Eft-pos.

Contact Mark Simmons 8367073 or 0274270834 or mwsimmons05@gmail.com

See you there.



### Rocks Wanted for School Gardens

If you have any river rocks we could have for the school could you please drop these off by the tennis courts any-time. Any sizes would be great and we need as many as possible.

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

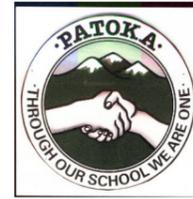
*If you can work out these puzzles, write it on a piece of paper or email it to me. I will put all of the correct answers in a hat and draw out a winner who will receive a prize.*

*principal@patoka.schoolzone.net.nz*

Good luck!!

Last newsletter was =Your Name

*This week - Sarah went for her drivers licence. When asked her age she replied; "My age today is three times what it will be three years from now minus three three times what my age was three years ago." How old is Sarah?*



# Patoka School Newsletter

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## Meeanee 7s

Another Meeanee 7s event has come and gone. This year we were blessed with some lovely weather which always adds to the occasion. While the overall numbers of schools competing were down, the actual numbers of children were up. This provided the children with up to 6 great games throughout the day—Rippa Rugby, Soccer and Netball were the order of the day.

The junior children again participated in teams of Year 0-4, and the seniors were mixed in teams across the schools from Year 5-8. One of the absolute highlights for me on the day was the fact that a teacher from another school approached me to congratulate me on the behaviour and sportsmanship of one of our senior teams. I am not sure who was in this team but if it was you—thank you. This kind of feedback is always lovely to hear.

The Meeanee 7s continues to provide all of our children with an opportunity to try out some sports that they may have not tried before. This in turn provides some lovely moments and memories. Please check out the website for an array of photos. Thanks to Lauren Percy for taking these on the day.

On a less positive note, I was disappointed that some of our students were unable to make it and that we were not notified of the intended absence. These days are still part of the school curriculum and are regarded as normal school days. With several not showing up, this left 2 of our teams short of players. A huge thank you should go out to Pakowhai School for encouraging several of their children to play for Patoka.

Finally, we can now look forward to the final cluster event of the year which will be the Pakowhai Top Town in term 4. This is always a fun and challenging day.



### Patoka School

Wednesday 17th  
September

### Quote of the Week

My heroes are and were my parents. I can't see having anyone else as my heroes.

Michael Jordan

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## The Pied Piper -only 1 week to go

Only 1 more week of rehearsals and then we are set to take the stage with the opening performance of The Pied Piper. Our rehearsal on Friday provided evidence that this will be an awesome event. Hurry and get your ticket orders to the office so that you don't miss out. Remember that seating is limited to 90 seats per night.



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

## Patoka School P and F

With the major fund raiser for our school now only a couple of days away it is a good time to take a moment and to reflect on the wonderful job that this group of dedicated parents does for our school.

Did you know that over the last 4 years the following fundraisers have been organised by P and F:

- 2014 - Spring Fun Run/ Walk, Cross Country and Swimming Sports food stalls, Sausage Sizzles
- 2013 - Patoka School Cookbook, Comedy Night, Cross Country and Swimming Sports food stalls and sausage sizzles
- 2012 - Comedy Night, Cross Country and Swimming Sports Food stalls and sausage sizzles
- 2011 - Games Night, Blue Light Disco (non-profit) and Trail Bike Ride.

As you can see from the list above, this group is constantly running events that directly benefit the children at Patoka. The funds from these events have been used to provide the following resources for our school:

- Tracksuit Tops
- Whole School Camp
- Senior Camp
- PA System and music instruments for our band
- School Flags
- Leavers Dinners
- End of Year sausage sizzles
- Plastic Curtains around Room 3
- Whole School Ski Camp

With a number of new families in the district and some new faces at school I would like to take this opportunity to encourage any new parents to contact P and F and to come along to their meetings. They are always looking for new faces, fresh ideas and a helping hand. Any help would be appreciated- whether it is 5 minutes , 30 minutes or several hours. As they say, many hands make light work. You may have strengths in certain areas that the P and F group would benefit from.

Finally, we look forward to this Sunday when we all get to experience the Spring Fun Run. Come along and support this great day out. You can walk or run., and don't forget the mud slide (pictures are on the Patoka Spring Fun Run Facebook Page). See you all on Sunday

## iPads in classrooms

Over the last couple of months I have managed to secure some funding from a number of community organisations to support the purchase of iPads and a data projector. We have now received the hardware meaning that we have 9 iPads and keyboards and 1 new data projector. These are great resources and will become very useful in supporting the learning of all our students.

There will be 3 iPads in each class from the start of Term 4. Teachers will also be able to use the school set when needed. We are limiting the number of apps on the machines at this stage so that we can get used to what we have and become experts in the use of these. A big thank you needs to go out to Infinity Foundation, First Light Community and Endeavour Foundation for their support in this project. Together they have provided \$4000 towards the cost of these new resources.



## Reading Reflex Session

A reminder that Mrs Ward will be running a Reading Reflex session on Friday in the library from 10-11. This is for all Room 1 parents and any other interested parents. Please let her know if you intend to come along.

## End of Term Sausage Sizzle



A message from P and F.....

*P and F will be putting on an end of term sausage sizzle (Friday 26th September) to say a very big THANK YOU and well done, on all the hard work they have put into the school production. There will also be free sweets and ice blocks.*

What a great way to finish the term - thanks again for your support.



## Stationery / Pie Accounts



This is a reminder that all stationery accounts are required to be paid by Thursday of this week. Please send the money along to school in an envelope with your child's name on it and stationery written on it.

We are also wanting to tidy up the pie accounts and have these sorted for the start of the next term. We would like to remind parents that the credit system is there for children to purchase pies when there is money already given to the office. We would ask that pies are not ordered on credit if arrangements have not been made with the office to have money available. If you are unsure of how much you have on credit then please feel free to contact Theresa.



## School shirts and jackets

If you still have soccer shirts, school shirts or any of the school jackets at home could you please ensure that these are washed and returned to school as soon as possible.



## Up and Coming Events

Parent Interviews	Wednesday and Thursday (17th / 18th Sept)
School Assembly	Friday 19th September
Reading Reflex Session	Friday 19th September
Polling Booth at Patoka	Saturday 20th September
Fun Run	Sunday 21st September
Dress Rehearsal	Monday 22nd September 1pm
Performances start for Production	Wednesday and Thursday 24th and 25th