

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.

Summer Fun Football for Kids

Friday Nights 4.30 - 6.00pm Bluewater Stadium, Park Island.

Starts 31 October and goes for 7 weeks.

You can come along if you are between 5 - 14 years of age.

Bring your friends; you don't have to have played before!!

Spot Prizes, small sided games, no boots or shin pads, gold coin donation, skill competitions

Kereru locals invite you to discover their rural paradise with...

'OFF THE RADAR'

...a garden walk showcasing 7 stunning and diverse properties nestled in the Kereru district.

Traditional, well-established grounds with historic homesteads over 100 years old, through to modern and developing gardens with contemporary, eco-friendly homes



- A variety of stalls
- Festive table settings
- Home-baked treats & refreshments
- Live and recorded music playing throughout selected gardens

SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2014

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(rain, hail or shine)

Tickets \$25 each
Children aged 12 and under are free

Available from September at: Palmers (Napier), Farmlands (Hastings & Napier), Garden Depot (Hastings & Tamatea), PGG Wrightsons (Hastings), Green Door (Havelock North), Oderings (Havelock North), Chook 'n' Filly (Maraekakaho), Kereru School, Curtis Fabrics (Waipuk) & Halfords Greenworld (Waipuk)

For more information contact Tish Chalmers at kererugardens1@gmail.com or Debs Stewart on 06 876 6015

All proceeds go to our outstanding little school at Kereru, of which we are immensely proud

For Sale

Free range eggs. \$3 1/2 doz 7's and above and \$5 doz mixed grade. Phone Deb on 8398820.

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

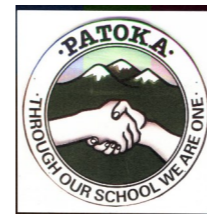
If you can work out these puzzles, write it on a piece of paper or email it to me. I will put all of the correct answers in a hat and draw out a winner who will receive a prize.

principal@patoka.schoolzone.net.nz

Last newsletter = We have to be careful what we are adding together. Originally, they paid \$30, they each received back \$1, they now have only paid \$27. Of this \$27, \$25 went to the manager for the room and \$2 went to the bellboy.

Good luck!!

This week = If you are in a dark room with a candle, a wood stove and a gas lamp. You only have one match, so what do you light first?



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Kids for Kids 2014

Next week our school choir will be performing at the 2014 Kids for Kids concert "everything is Ka Pai" at the Napier Municipal Theatre. Our choir is made up of 28 dedicated children from across all age groups. They have been attending practices on a Tuesday afternoon in preparation for this wonderful evening.

The star of this year's concert is Jackie Clarke. Our choir, along with many other school choirs will be joining Jackie in singing a wide variety of songs from some old time favourites such as Poi e, Ten guitars and If it weren't for your gumboots, through to more modern tunes such as Sensitive to a Smile, and There's something in the water.

The opportunity for our students to be part of this event is a real privilege. We have many talented and enthusiastic singers who all bring energy to each practice. As well as accompanying Jackie, there may also be the opportunity for some of our students to perform as soloists. We will have 2 students auditioning on the day of the concert, 1 student performing in the ukulele band, and 1 other student auditioning for the role of narrator. I am sure you will join me in wishing all of our students all the very best for this event. I look forward to being able to report back to you after the concert.

Finally, many thanks to all of those parents who have offered to help with transporting our choir into town on Tuesday. For all of the choir members, please remember to be at school by 8:15 on Tuesday so that we can get away on time as we are due at the theatre by 9am.

For the evening concert, it is the parents responsibility to get their children to the theatre. We are all due there by 6:45.



Patoka School

Wednesday 29th October

Quote of the Week

Whether I'm at the office, at home, or on the road, I always have a stack of books I'm looking forward to reading.

Bill Gates

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Swimming Pool working Bee



With the weather starting to warm up it is time to begin thinking about swimming and preparing the pool for the upcoming season.

This Sunday, 2nd November, there is a working bee to clean the pool, mend the fences, tidy the surrounds and carry out all of those tasks that allow us to enjoy this facility. Please bring yourselves and whatever gear you can to help out in getting this fantastic community resource up and running for the season.

Lunch will be provided, BYO drinks. Kids are also welcome as many hands make light work. For any queries please contact Steve or Lisa Wild 8397766.

T.R.U.E - be true to yourself

Trustworthiness

Respect

Unity

Excellence

Enthusiasm

Whole School Camp—some important reminders

This week I will be sending home a camp gear list. This is a general list for all of the students going on the whole school camp. The classroom teachers may also be sending home an extra notice asking for specific gear that is needed for their activities (i.e surfing, biking). When you receive your camp list please take some time to have a good look through it. It covers off all the essential items that are required to ensure that your child has a safe and enjoyable time away. If there are any items that you do not have, then please ask around as there may be people who have extra items that they do not mind lending out.

On the first day we will be participating in a Powhiri before entering the marae. For many of the children this will be a very new experience. In the lead up to the camp, Dr James Graham from Ngati Kahungunu will be working with the students to prepare them for this event. We will also take some time to run through the procedures during school time to ensure that we are ready. On Fridays we have been working on the singing of waiata in preparation for the Powhiri. Thanks to Lisa Chittick for working with us each week.

Once again, thank you to all of those parents who have offered to assist in part or all of the camp. Please remember that there is a camp meeting at school on Thursday 30th October from 3-4pm at school. Your children are welcome to stay at school during this time.

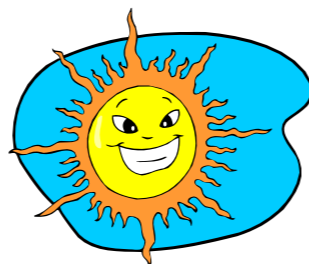
Finally, please remember that all camp fees need to be paid in full before the commencement of the camp. If you need to make arrangements for payment of these fees, please contact Theresa in the office.



Fun in the sun

As I was walking around on duty I took some moments to have a look around and see what was happening in and around the playground. On this particular day I saw the following:

- a group of older students sitting together, playing music and singing
- a number of older and younger students playing in the sand pit
- 1 group of boys attempting to master the giant Jenga set,
- 1 group of students playing giant pick up sticks
- A couple of children reading quietly under a tree
- Two children playing table tennis
- A number of students chasing each other on the playground
- Some budding Dan Carters perfecting their kicking, and finally
- A group of students playing rugby



I am sure that there were more activities going on around the school that I did not see. All of the students that I saw were highly engaged and working together. I was able to hand out a number of cracker cards to some of the groups.

It was heartening to see so many neat activities going on and to see the children working and playing together. It was a fantastic advertisement for our school motto...Through our school we are one.

Well done to you all!!

The power of Reading 'to' and 'with'



Over the last couple of weeks I have been doing some reading on Dyslexia and other specific learning needs. I have also taken the opportunity to discuss what I had read with a couple of principals and my First Time Principal's mentor. One of the main points that both the readings and the discussions with the principals raised was in regards to the power of reading to and with children who find reading difficult. The research stated that in reading to and with a child, the often high levels of frustration that these children experience because they find reading difficult started to diminish. It then talked about the fact that through discussing what was being read and asking questions, the children started to engage in the process more.

I found the readings and the discussions to be enlightening and it got me thinking about what we can do to use this information in our own setting. One of the principals mentioned that he had parents, aunts and uncles and grandparents visiting the school simply to read to children. He said that for many of his struggling readers this was a highlight of the week.

I know that for many of you what I have mentioned here is exactly what you are doing at home - reading to, with and listening to your children read. I would like to acknowledge the support that you give at home and encourage all of our parents to explore ways of making the reading at home interesting and engaging.

The main reason for writing this piece, however, was to put an invitation out to any of our parents, grandparents or friends of families who may have some spare time to come and read to and with some of our students. We have a number of children across the school whom I know would love the opportunity to be read to. If you can give 30 minutes of your time to us then please feel free to contact me or Theresa in the office. Even if it was simply a one off, it is still a great start to making reading fun and interesting.

Time to celebrate some Room 1 writers



One stormy night a girl was asleep in a house. She woke up. She saw some goop. She knew there was a monster. She went looking for the monster. She sneaked up to the monster. She grabbed his leg. **By Saskia Gibson, Room 1**

One stormy night a friend was in a boat. He caught a shark. The shark saw some little fish. He chased them. Then they headed for the poles. The boat got stuck on the rocks. Some girls helped. **By Madi Hunt, Room 1**

Kids Art work



It's that time of year again when our children are working their art work for the Kids Art Work calendars, diaries, cards and mouse pads. If you would like to view your child's art work before ordering please pop down to school and have a look. These make great Christmas presents and included with this newsletter is the order form. Please return this to school with the money in a sealed named envelope.

Up and Coming Events

Camp parents meeting	Thursday 30th October 3-4 pm
Year 7/8 technology	Monday 3rd November
BOT meeting	Monday 3rd November 7pm
Kids for Kids rehearsal / concert	Tuesday 4th November
School Camp starts	Wednesday 12th November
DOC planting afternoon (more info to come)	Friday 21st November