

# Community Notices

## Patoka Dog Trial Club AGM

The Patoka Dog Trial Club AGM is to be held on Tuesday 2nd December at 7.30pm in the Patoka Hall. All welcome. All queries to David Evans 8398889.

## Christmas Church Service

The Christmas Church Service will be held on Sunday 21st December at 7.30pm in the Patoka Hall. Everyone welcome to come and join us for a carol evening and Christmas story.

## Puketapu and Districts Family Christmas Pageant

Our annual Puketapu and Districts Family Christmas Pageant will be held this year on Sunday December 14th at 5pm.. -a growing tradition where everyone is welcome to join us, based at the park like surroundings of the Puketapu church. This year we will have a modern themed Bethlehem pageant re-enacted with lambs, (hopefully donkey as well if someone could kindly lend theirs for this important role!) and others to set the scene. Christmas carols will be sung by the school choir for all to enjoy. Do bring your own rug and picnic, although a sausage sizzle and raffle will be held for your enjoyment after while listening to music. For further information please call Jo 8743757 or Fi 8443807.



### THINKING OF PLANTING NATIVES?

Through winter 2015 Restore Nurseries is helping your local school by donating 50 cents per plant for the first 500 plants bought by the school community.

Pricing from: \$1.80-Root Trainer's \$3.00 PB3's

Just mention your school name when ordering your plants.



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

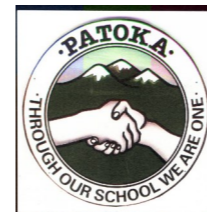
If you can work out these puzzles, write it on a piece of paper or email it to me. I will put all of the correct answers in a hat and draw out a winner who will receive a prize.

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Last newsletter = The match

This week:

Can you name four days which start with the letter "T"?



# Patoka School Newsletter

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## 2014 Whole School Camp

The camp has been and gone. I am sure there were many parents and students who needed to catch up on some much wanted sleep after the three days away.

From the first day down at the beach and lagoon, to the Thursday night thunder storm and then the final day bike rides, aquarium visits and surfing lessons, there were many lasting memories. While I am not sure if I class it as a highlight, I did enjoy the well organised skit from the parents during the Thursday night concert. My skin has never felt so fresh and clean. Coleslaw and mayo work miracles.

Matahiwi Marae was the ideal base for this camp. It was spacious, and we were made to feel very welcome. The fact that we were able to sleep in the whare and have the seniors in tents outside meant that we were able to cater for all the children.

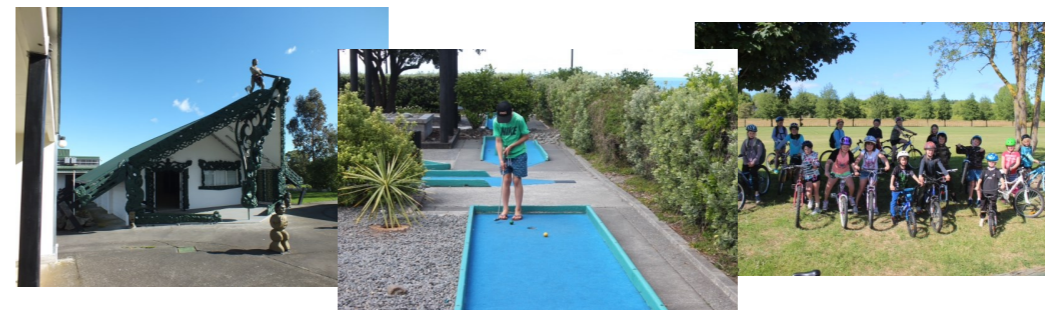
As we look back on the three days we had away it is fair to say that we could not have managed it without the wonderful group of parents who stayed, visited or even acted solely as transporters. Your willingness to support this event in whatever way you could was appreciated. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding effort put in by the parent relay team on the Wednesday night. They set a very high standard and were a tough team to beat.

To all of the teachers and staff who went on camp. Thank you for your help, your patience and sharing your knowledge of previous camps. To all of the students—well done and thank you. I loved the energy you showed, the way you interacted with each other and looked after each other, and the performances you put in during the concert.

Also, a special mention to the Room 1 children. For them, 2 nights and 3 days away was a huge effort. I am very proud of you all.

I hope that everyone has now managed to recover and that you all have some great stories to tell of your time away.

Finally, just a quick reminder that we still have some bikes locked under the school from camp. Please pop down and collect these. We are also on the look out for an iPod that has gone missing. If anyone knows anything or accidentally packed it away, please let us know.



### Patoka School

Thursday 20th November

### Quote of the Week

A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.

Charles Darwin

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

Trustworthiness

Respect

Unity

Excellence

Enthusiasm

## Planting Day—Friday 21st Ball's Clearing

Tomorrow is the Ball's Clearing planting day. The students will be travelling by bus to the reserve, leaving school at 11am. They will be having lunch at the reserve before heading into the clearing and through to the farm area at the back to carry out some planting. The last time event we held was a huge success with the children proving to be very efficient planters.

We intend to be finished by 2pm with the buses then returning the children to school where the normal bus runs will resume to take the children home.

Again, thanks to DOC for their guidance and support, Simon Turner for providing this opportunity for our school, and the parent helpers who have offered to pull on the gumboots and man the spades. We will see you at the reserve.

Please remember that the children need to bring:

- Gumboots
- Sunhat / sunscreen
- Lunch / drink bottle
- Jacket / warm clothing
- Spade -if they can provide one

If for any reason your circumstances have changed and you feel that you can join us for the day then please feel free to pop down.



## Pakowhai Top Town Postponement

Unfortunately this year's Top Town event has had to be postponed. Brendon has contacted me to say that their pool is still being sprayed and repaired, and that a couple of the schools have had difficulty in trying to get to the event. He is keen to run the Top Town but has decided that it would be better to run it in the first term next year.

This now means that the normal bus runs will be running on Wednesday as we had originally cancelled these because of the Top Town.



## Parent Health Survey



Please remember to fill out your parent health survey. We value your feedback. The information that we gather from this survey will be used to help us plan what we teach for the health curriculum.

## End of year organisation

As the end of the year draws closer I thought it would be an opportune time to outline some the end of year organisation that needs to happen.

The end of year reports (or Interim for children in Year 0-3 who are due for this) will be handed out in the last week of the term. These are the children's National Standards reports. They have an insert that contains the National Standards data. This is the information that is shared with the Ministry of Education.

The end of Year prize giving will be held on the 16th December. This will be the last formal assembly for the year. More information about this event will come out closer to the time.

The last day of the school year is the 17th December. The buses will run normally on this day even though it will be our break up. This is usually a relaxed day where we complete the last of the tidying up, take some time to reflect with our children about the year they have had, have some lunch and enjoy each others company for the last day of the year.

Our Year 8 students will have a meal out. At this stage we are looking at the same night as the prize giving. Again, we will share information with you as soon as we have confirmed it.

Classes for 2015 will be shared with the students when they get their reports. Please note that while we try to confirm these before the end of the year, new families do come in over the holidays which can alter our numbers. If you are aware of any families that are coming into the district before the start of the school year, and they have children who will be enrolling with us, we would appreciate any information you can provide.



## Library Books—school books 2nd



We would like all school library books, readers or any other books that belong to the school returned by 2nd December. Please have a good look at home to see what you can find. Missing library books will need to be charged to the families of the children who have taken them out.

## Cups and trophies



As we draw closer to the end of year prize giving it is that time of the year when we need to get all of the cups and trophies returned to school so that they can be sent off for this year's winners. Please send these along to the school office as soon as possible.

## Up and Coming Events

Friday 21st November	Planting Day - Ball's Clearing
Monday 1st December	Bookclub closes (last issue of the year)
Friday 5th December	Bus monitors / Leaders splash planet
Tuesday 9th December	BOT meeting
Thursday 11th December	School Concert / Disco (info to come)
Tuesday 16th December	Prize giving
Tuesday 16th December	Proposed date for year 8 dinner—info to come