

2015 Term dates

- Term 1: Starting on Monday 2nd February and ending on Thursday 2nd April
Term 2: Starting on Monday 20th April and ending on Friday 3rd July
Term 3: Starting on Monday 20th July and ending on Friday 25th September
Term 4: Starting on Monday 12th October and ending on Thursday 17th December.

Community Notices

Christmas Cheer

Xmas Cheer kicks off at 1.00pm Saturday 20th December.

Format as per programme is 3 person Ambrose. We may change this on the day depending on numbers.

All welcome - BBQ provided \$5 per person.

Non golfers most welcome, so please pass this on to anyone you think may like to join us.

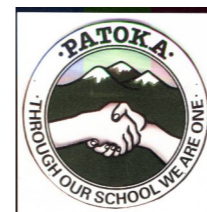


Ross and Helen

Puketitiri Lime Quarry

We have opened up our Puketitiri Lime Quarry and are going to be up and running completely in January with ag lime and roading lime.

For more information please ring Anna and Nick on 8398878 or email nick.anna@xtra.co.nz



Patoka School Newsletter

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A time to reflect and celebrate

This is the last newsletter for the 2014 school year and provides an ideal opportunity to reflect on the year that we have had. It has been an incredible year and one full of great events and many highlights. We can all look back and be proud of what we have achieved.

The following whakatauki is one that I have used many times.

Unuhia te rito o te harakeke kei whea te kōmako e kō?

Whakatairangitia - rere ki uta, rere ki tai;

Ui mai koe ki ahau he aha te mea nui o te ao,

Māku e kī atu he tangata, he tangata, he tangata!

Remove the heart of the flax bush and where will the kōmako sing?

Proclaim it to the land, proclaim it to the sea;

Ask me, 'What is the greatest thing in the world?'

I will reply, 'It is people, people, people!'

It is without doubt that the people here at Patoka have contributed to the successful and memorable year we have had. The students, the staff, the support staff, the BOT, the parents and the wider community have all played a major part in the year we have had.

To the students—thank you for your enthusiasm in learning and your willingness to give things a go.

To my staff and support staff—As Tina Turner would say—you are SIMPLY THE BEST!. I cannot express my thanks enough for the work you do every day.

To the Board—thank you for giving up your time to meet and share in the running of the school. I value the contributions you all make and look forward to another great year.

To the members of P and F—again I say thank you for your support and creativity. You do an amazing job fundraising for the school. A very special thanks to Rachel Train for her leadership of this group which has now come to an end.

To the parents -your continued support and willingness to engage in learning conversations ensures that we are able to meet the needs of all the children. We do appreciate the way you give up your time to help when you can.

To the wider community members—thank you for supporting Patoka School throughout the year.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to working alongside you all in the new year.



Patoka School

Wednesday 17th December

Quote of the Week

Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

— Carl Bard

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

Trustworthiness Respect Unity Excellence Enthusiasm

BOT casual vacancy for elected parent representative

The Board has received Lil Poultons resignation and would like to thank Lil for her contribution to the school in her many years as a board member and chairperson. We wish her all the very best for the future.

As a result of this a casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of the eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Patoka School
Hendley Rd, RD6
Napier

Over the last two terms we have had Frances Faudemer working in Room 3 to support the class. This was a board funded initiative. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Frances for the work she



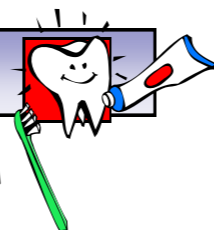
Thanks to Frances

has done and for being a part of our team for the last two terms. All the very best for the future Frances.



We will have the mobile dental van here at school for the start of the new school

Dental Nurse for 2015



year. Our nurse is Brigitte and she will be ready to begin working with our children from February 2nd

To all of our students who are moving on at the end of this year I would like to wish you all the

Farewell to our Year 8 students and other leavers

very best for the future. We are proud of you and know that you are leaving Patoka ready to take on the next challenge. We look forward to hearing from you in the future and learning of your successes and challenges. Good luck and thank you.



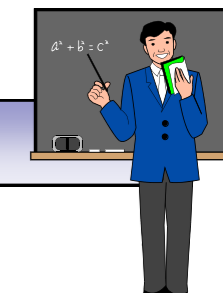
ERO review



This week we received notification of our confirmed ERO review. This will be posted on the ERO website within the next two weeks. I have included the final statement from the report below.

Patoka School is highly effective in its use of achievement information to make positive changes to student engagement, progress and achievement. The curriculum effectively promotes and supports student learning. The school is very well placed to sustain and improve its performance. The inclusion of outcomes in the school's annual plan should further strengthen the board's measurement of progress towards charter goals.

ERO is likely to carry out the next review in four-to-five years



Teacher Only Day

In 2015 we will be holding a teacher only day. The staff will be visiting a number of other schools and viewing the way they are working with ICT in the classrooms, and looking at how schools are managing the new requirements of creating a Modern Learning Environment for their students. The Ministry of Education has a plan for all schools to be fully MLE by 2020. For schools such as ours, the changes are more subtle but still need to be explored and researched.

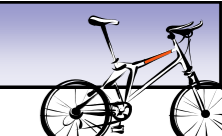
We have set the day for our Teacher Only Day as Monday 2nd March which tags it on to the end of a weekend.

Community Swimming Pool



The community pool is now open. This is a wonderful resource. Lets hope for some great weather so that we can start enjoying it. Please remember to look after the pool. One of the key ways to help keep it warm and clean is to ensure that the cover is back on at the end of the day. If you are the last one to leave please take the time to pop it back on.

Weetbix Tryathlon



The Weetbix Tryathlon is being run on the 11th February 2015. If you are keen to do this you will need to enter over the holidays. We will not do any practices at school due to the early date in February.

Up and Coming Events

Monday 2nd February	First day back
Tuesday 9th February	Year 8 careers EXPO
Wednesday 11th February	Weetbix Tryathlon