

Community Notices

APPLES FOR SALE

At roadside of 2127 Puketitiri Road - freshly picked each week. This weeks apple is : Jazz
 \$2 per bag (about 1.5kg)
 Thank you - Nic Lynam

Work Wanted

Part Time Administration Work Wanted. I can work from home or your business. I offer 15 years experience in the following areas, Payroll, Accounts Payable, Marketing, HR, Customer Service. I am local and willing to consider any hours you may have.
 Please phone: Shelley on 021 883847 or email: forbury10@gmail.com Thanks

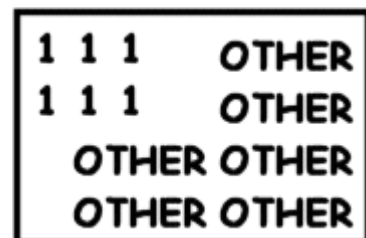
Are you up for a challenge! (Parents and children)

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 =



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Patoka School Newsletter



Pakowhai Top Team

The annual Pakowhai Top Team event was run last Tuesday. As well as teams from Pakowhai and Patoka, there were also teams from Pukehou and Sherendon. This meant that there were a large number of teams for the day which kept our children busy.

The Patoka teams again showed how well they work together and were all excellently led by either a house leader or one of our senior pupils. I was delighted with the manner in which all our teams performed and behaved. One of memories I have is of one of our teams flying through their activity where they needed to get the team across an area on chairs and other objects. This was a well drilled team who had obviously put some thought into how they could manage this task.

I would like to acknowledge the support that was shown from all those parents who turned up for part of all of the day. I have no doubt that the children get a kick out of seeing you there and encouraging them to do their best.

The final event was of course the Push the Principal in the pool. Apparently the two winners, Lucy T and Lucy C are feeling a little gipped. There is a rumour that the principal may have jumped and not been pushed at all. (An inquiry has been launched and video evidence is being viewed.) Thank you to all those children who entered this event. Perhaps it could be added to our own swimming sports.

Finally, well done to all the students. You were all wonderful representatives for our school and should feel proud of your efforts.

Photos from the event can be viewed on the website in the Gallery



Patoka School

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Quote of the Week

When writing the story of your life, don't let anyone else hold the pen.

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

Onekawa Swimming Sports

On Tuesday 24th March we have the Onekawa Swimming sports. This is our cluster swimming event. It involves the whole school with the juniors having their races in the junior pool and the seniors racing in the large pool.

Due to issues with booking the pool the start times for the junior and senior events are different. The juniors will begin at 11 and the seniors at 10:15. We would ask that all children at the pool at least 20 minutes before the event starts. This means 9:55 for our seniors and 10:40 for our juniors.

As the whole school is involved there will be no school buses running on the day. Parents are asked to make arrangements for their children to be transported to the Onekawa Pool.

Once the junior children have completed their races they will be free to join their teacher / parent to have something to eat as there will be no break for this group. It is hoped that there may be time for a free swim for this group at the end of their programme. The seniors will have time to eat between races.

The teachers will go through the programme with the children to ensure that they are in the appropriate races on the day. We are able to enter 1 child only in the championship events for any event. This decision will be made by the teachers prior to race day.

We look forward to seeing you at the pool on the day.



Patoka Squash Courts



We want to know if people of Patoka and communities would be interested in reopening the Patoka squash courts. If you or members of your family are interested we would love to hear from you so we can get the ball rolling and get the squash courts up and running .

Contact- Keri Horton- 06-8398939 Kate Cracknell- 06-8398622

Maths Buddy



Last year we were able to run the Maths Buddy programme for our students as a free trial. This is an online maths programme that caters for all age groups and addresses all the strands in maths. One of the strengths of this programme is the fact that it can be run from home using an individual account. Teachers are also able to monitor individual students progress and set specific tasks for students if they feel there is a need. The programme also allows children to complete work at levels above or below where they would normally work.

Our free trial has now finished meaning that to continue this programme there is a registration fee. This is \$22 for each student for the year. Once registered your child will have access to the programme and all of its activities and interactive learning tools.

We are keen to have as many students as possible involved with this programme this year.

If you are interested in registering your child for this programme please send an email to school using one of the email addresses from the front page by **Wednesday 25th March**. We will put the registration fee on your account. The school will be invoiced for all those who are registered. If you have any other questions please fee free to contact me at school.

MyGrain Stockfeed - Cash4schools

Included with today's newsletter you will find an insert that details the Cash for Schools programme that is being run by MyGRAIN Stockfeed NZ Ltd.

MyGrain Stockfeeds are making a donation to a school of the farmers choice when they put their stockfeed and / or feed supplement requirements through My Grain Ltd. There is no cost to farmers. My Grain are simply passing on suppliers discounts and rebates that they would normally receipt.

Donations will be made to the school by MyGrain Stockfeeds, but on the farm / farmers behalf, meaning that appreciation will go to the local farming family or agribusiness.



Room 2 Recounts



Room 2 went outside and had a go at a night trail during the day. They were blindfolded and had to find their way through the native bush by following a rope. Here are some examples of the recounts written by Johannah Paterson and Braydon Gregory

As I got led to the trail I wondered if it was going to be hard or not. When I started I was a little nervous because I thought I was going to bang into a tree.

I had to be careful so I didn't hurt myself. I was a bit sacred at the time. I hunted for the end and eventually I found it. (Johannah)

My head was aching from bumping into the trees. My teacher had set up a night trail. We did the night trail in the day time. When I tripped over a log everyone laughed at me. Mr Ward was also scaring people.

You get blindfolded and put your hands on the rope. You follow it to the end with out taking your blind fold off. I lost the rope and had to find it. It was very challenging for me. You had to trust Mr ward and listen. (Braydon)

Up and Coming Events -please put these in your diary

PAL Leaders training	Friday 20th March
Cluster swimming (Whole school event)	Tuesday 24th March
Maths Buddy Registrations Close	Wednesday 25th March
Parent / Teacher Interviews	Tuesday 31st / 3 and Wednesday 1st April
Last day of Term 1	Thursday 2nd April
Term 2 starts	Monday 20th April