

## Furniture - make an offer

We have a number of furniture items stored under our classrooms that we are looking to send to some good homes. These include desks, chairs, computer tables, small tables and some forms. If you are on the lookout for some used furniture and are interested in seeing what we have, please pop down to school. If you find something that you would like we simply ask that you make us an offer.



## Community Notices

**Puketitiri Sports - 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015** - great family day, bring your pony or motorbike for some great events, children's' adventure race, ping pong ball drop, huge bouncy castle, shooting, sheath toss, great prizes and raffles and.....Special guest ..... The Ranfurly Shield.

### Patoka Dog Trials

The Patoka Dog Trial Club Trial is to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2015 on the Patoka Station Grounds. All welcome.

### Patersonrose Pop Up Store

CRAZY PRICES.....Sale stock up to 80% off

Plus NEW gifts

Kids linen - Rugs - Cushions - Shades - Gifts & more.....

Don't miss out

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 11 - 6 pm / Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March 10 - 4 pm

2 days only at Havelock North Community Centre, 30 Te Mata Road (next to the library)

[www.patersonrose.com](http://www.patersonrose.com)

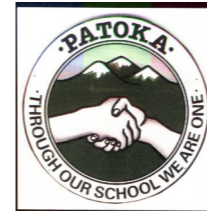
### Are you up for a challenge! (Parents and children)

*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 = In the bible, how many of each animal did Moses take on board the ark during the flood?*



# Patoka School Newsletter

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## Patoka School Swimming Sports



The pool was looking an absolute picture, the weather played it's part, a large number of parents turned up to watch, P and F were selling the essentials to keep the children going, and most of all, the children gave every race their absolute best. All of these ingredients made for another successful swimming sports.

This year was a little different from past events in that we were able to create a series of races that were designed specifically to match the skills that our younger children had been working on in their swimming programme. These events were a lot of fun to watch and were well contested by all of our swimmers who had been working with Rachel.

There are a number of people who I would like to acknowledge for their help with the sports. Firstly I would like to thank Bruce Porter for maintaining the pool and cleaning it on the morning of the sports. To Steve and Lisa Wild, many thanks for your work on the evening before the sports in tidying up the surrounds and having the pool area looking great. To P and F, thank you again for the support you provide for these events. Your dedication is always appreciated. To all those parents who helped with judging, a big thank you. This is never an easy task but it is one that is absolutely essential. I would like to acknowledge the work of the staff in the lead up to the sports and on the day. Your help ensures that the sports run smoothly. Finally, I would like to thank Rachel Train for the work she has been doing as our swim coach. Many of our children have made considerable progress throughout the season.

A lasting memory for me this year is the wonderful smiles that I saw from so many of the swimmers as they gave their all in their events. They were enthusiastic and eager to get in and certainly did themselves proud. Congratulations to all of our swimmers this year.



### Patoka School

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### Quote of the Week

The only person who ever got their work done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe .

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

## Watch out Ellen—here I come!

With a smile a mile long and still sitting on cloud nine, Keri Mckenzie arrived at the school swimming sports having just been informed that she would be winging her way to LA to become part of the audience for the Ellen Degeneres show. What an amazing experience this will be.

Keri entered a competition on The Hits radio station. Her entry consisted of a 30 second video of her dancing in her lounge. If you have not seen this video you can find it at the link below or go to the Hits Facebook page and find the video posted on the 27th February.

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=10155332089080160&set=vb.253105965159&type=2&theater>

We always knew that Keri was a groover and the video confirms it.

On behalf of the children, staff and community I would like to wish Keri all the very best on her trip and we look forward to hearing all about it. I am sure that many of us will be recording that episode.

Well done Keri!



## Parent Interviews -Week 9

The Term 1 parent interviews are going to be held in Week 9 of this term. The dates are Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April. These interviews are for all the students in Room 2 and 3.

For our Room 1 students, Mrs Ward will contact those parents who are due for an interview as the reporting process is different for our Year 0-3 students.

The partnership that is formed between parents / students / teachers is vital in ensuring that children continue to progress. These interviews allow teachers to share information on how your child has settled into school, any data they may have gathered, and information on any concerns they may have. It is also an opportunity to set goals with the parents and to look at ways where help can be provided at home.

The parent / teacher interview also provides the teachers with a window into what home life is like for your child. This information can be useful for teachers in helping them gain a better understanding of what your child likes, and how they react in different situations .

As these are only 15 minute interviews please do not be offended if teachers have to stop the interview after the 15 minutes is up. We endeavour to ensure that all parents get their allocated time. If you still have things you wish to discuss with the teacher, please feel free to make another time.

We are looking forward to meeting with you and sharing in the discussion about your child's learning. A notice will be coming out next week with further information.



## Pakowhai Top Town



**Where:** Pakowhai School  
**When:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
 9:30-2pm (to allow travel time)  
**What:** Top Team is a teams based event. The children will participate in a range of fun wet and dry activities.

**What to bring:** Togs and towel  
 Sun hat  
 Sunscreen  
 Money  
 Morning Tea/Lunch/Drink (if not buying)

**Food for sale on the day:** Sausages Sizzle \$2.00  
 Pies \$2.50  
 Cakes \$1.00  
 Drink 50c  
 Iceblocks \$1.00  
 Lolly Bags \$1.00



**Other things on the day:** Raffle Gift Basket - \$2 per ticket  
 Guess the lollies in the jar - 50c  
 Push the principal in the pool - 50c

**Please Note:** This is a normal school day for us. Because we need to pre arrange the teams and send these to Pakowhai it is essential that all children attend this event. Our school buses will not be running on the day. We ask all parents to make arrangements to transport their children to and from the event. Please ensure that you are at Pakowhai School by 9:20 as the briefing for all teams is at 9:30.

## Up and Coming Events -please put these in your diary

Pakowhai Top Town (Whole school event)	Tuesday 10th March
Year 7/8 Technology	Monday 16th March
Year 7/8 Ocean Beach 5's rugby	Tuesday 17th March
Year 4 /5 /6 Ocean Beach 5s rugby	Wednesday 18th March
PAL Leaders training	Friday 20th March
Cluster swimming (Whole school event)	Tuesday 24th March
Parent / Teacher Interviews	Tuesday 31st / 3 and Wednesday 1st April