

# Community Notices

## Understanding the Mind

On Monday 20th April at 6pm a presentation of the basic understanding of how the mind works and utilising it to its full potential will be held at the school.

No charge but a koha welcome. Bookings made via Keri McKenzie on 8395986 or 0279438895.

All welcome—approximately two hours. Movie and babysitter available if needed.

## For Sale

14ft trampoline for sale — good condition — \$100. Phone Bruce on 8398879.

## Patoka Swimming Club

The pool will be closed on 12th April. Thank you to everyone that enjoyed the pool this summer and a big thanks to Bruce Porter who kept it running smoothly all season. We will be looking at holding a working bee/fundraising event later in the year and all help will be appreciated. Pool Committee

## Touch Rugby

Touch rugby has now finished and will look at starting it later this year.

## Farmlands Members Golf Tournament

The Farmlands Members Golf Tournament will be held on 24th April at the Puketitiri Golf Club. FMG sponsored hole-in-one. Limited to 60 places. Look forward to seeing you there.

## Fundraiser Patoka Kindy Lamb Drive

We are doing a fundraiser for Kindy where we are asking for store lambs to be donated, which will be sold at Stortford Lodge on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. PGG Wrightsons and Stephenson's Transport have kindly offered no commission and free cartage - which is greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to support our local Kindy by donating a lamb, please contact Tim Nelson ph. 839 8866 or Rob Turner ph. 839 8820. Tim and Rob will be collecting lambs on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

## Found

15 Blackface woolly lambs. ½ Moon earmark in front of ear.

Found on Puketitiri Road near Little Bush Road. Phone Rob Turner 839 8820

## 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 =

### True or False

In the box below, which of the statements is true, and which is false?

1. The number of false statements in this box is one
2. The number of false statements in this box is two
3. The number of false statements in this box is three
4. The number of false statements in this box is four



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## PAL Leadership Training

On Friday 20th March twelve of our students attended the PAL training session held at the Pettigrew Arena. The PAL programme has been set up to develop the leadership skills of our senior students as they take on the role of Playground Activity Leaders. These leaders are entrusted with the job of running lunchtime activities for our younger children on a weekly roster.

Sport Hawkes Bay provided the staff to work alongside our students on the day. As part of their training the 12 students who were chosen were taken through a range of learning opportunities. These included: communication, trouble shooting, leadership and team work and 3 practical games sessions.

Already in the two weeks since they were trained we have had some games being organised at lunchtime. I have been impressed with the initiative they have shown in organising the activities and for the way they have encouraged the children to join in. This also included a game last week on Thursday where our kindy children were also able to participate.

The PAL leaders will be meeting to sort out a roster that will run through the rest of the year. I have no doubt that they will do a great job as leaders and am looking forward to seeing them in action.



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### Quote of the Week

Don't dream your life,

Live your dream

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

## Onekawa Swimming Sports



Well done to all those children who participated in the swimming sports at the Onekawa Pool on Tuesday last week. Once again the children at Patoka School stood out in both the way they performed and the results they achieved. We had a large number of students placing in the top three in the Championship events and also a large number of children placing in the top three in the normal swimming events.

While I was not able to see any of the junior sports I have been informed that this group also represented Patoka School extremely well and gave it everything when it was their turn to race.

I would like to thank all those parents who attended and supported the children in their races. I am sure that all the children get a buzz out of seeing your faces in the stands.

It has been a very successful swimming season for many of our students. I would like to say well done to you all for your effort throughout the term. You have all made significant improvements.

## Maths Buddy

In the last newsletter I mentioned that the Maths Buddy online programme was available again for any students who would like to enrol. Those children who have had their name put forward for registration will have this completed for the start of Term 2.

I would like to further extend the invitation to all our families to register their children for Maths Buddy. The fee is \$22 for the year and this can be added to your account. To register your child all you need to do is to send an email to either Theresa or me stating that you would like your child to be part of Maths Buddy, and stating whether you would like the fee added to your account or you are paying up front.

I will keep the registrations open meaning that you can register at any time.



## ANZAC Day - Fields of Remembrance

Last week we received a kit from the Ministry of Education that has been developed for all schools in New Zealand. The kit contains a number of resources that schools are encouraged to use to create their own ANZAC Day Field of Remembrance. The kit contains 30 crosses which have stickers to go on them that are then placed in a grid on the field. We have decided that we will do this activity together in the first week back of Term 2. Our Field of Remembrance will be placed on the hill outside Room 2. We would love you to come and have a look once it is finished.



## Hawkes Bay Football-Coaching

We are very excited to be able to inform you that we have a 5 week coaching programme taking place in Term 2 for Football. This programme is being run by Hawkes Bay Football and will be held on a Tuesday for 5 weeks. Each class will have a session with the specialist coaches. More information will come out in Term 2

## Keeping Ourselves Safe



Last week you should have received a notice that highlighted the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme that we are currently running in our classrooms. Our intention is to run the programme into the first couple of weeks of Term 2.

Kevin Marshal, the Police Education Officer is currently working with us and will be facilitating a couple of lessons with each class.

One of the key components of this programme is the support that parents can provide. We have been asking our children to talk to their mums and dads about what we have discussed in class. Please take some time to chat to them about the programme. In particular talk to them about your own family rules for keeping safe, knowing where to go, who to go to and what to do if they feel in danger.

If you would like to know more about the programme please feel free to drop into school and have a chat with your child's teacher.

## Wishing you all a happy break

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and relaxing Easter break.

To all of the students, thank you for your work this term. It has been a busy term and you have done well to stay focused.

To all of my staff, thank you for the effort that goes into running your classroom everyday. I know the children enjoy being in your rooms and are always looking forward to whatever you have install for them next.

Finally, to all of the parents, many thanks for your support throughout the term. We appreciate the way you get in behind the school whether it is turning up to schools events, assisting with transport, taking sports teams, or helping out in the classroom. While I appreciate that the school holidays do not necessarily mean holidays for you, I do hope you are able to find some time to put your feet up and have a little bit of 'you' time.

I look forward to seeing you all in Term 2

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

Term 2 starts	Monday 20th April
ANZAC Day observed	Monday 27th April
Hawkes Bay United Football Coaching—all classes	Tuesday 28th April (running for 5 weeks)
BOT meeting	Tuesday 12th May