

# Community Notices

## Patoka School Parents & Friends AGM

Next meeting : 1pm Monday 4th May 2015 at the school

Please come along and see how you can help make our winter fundraiser a huge success

the winter fundraiser this year is a 'Bollywood Night'

with comedian Tarun Mohanbhai performing D'Arranged Marriage

We look forward to seeing you there!

## For Sale

Slate Billiard Table built by Executive Billiard Tables Auckland. Includes cues, balls etc. Felt in very good condition.

Please phone Peter @ 8398615 to view

A donation of 10% of sale will be made to Patoka School.

## Puketitiri Golf Club

### April golf at Puketitiri:

Friday 24th: Farmlands Tournament - Contact Farmlands to book

Saturday 25th: Anzac Day Club Day

### May golf at Puketitiri:

Sunday 3rd: Fairfield Round 1 (Note Sunday - Saturday is duck shooting opening)

Friday 15th: Stockies/Cockies 11.00 am tee off

Saturday 16th: Club Day

Saturday 23rd: W & K Putting Round 2

Saturday 30th: Club Day (Queen's Birthday weekend)

### Coronation Cup

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th at Hawke's Bay Golf Course



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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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Good luck!!

Can You Spot the Differences?  
There are 15 differences. Can you spot at least 10?



# Patoka School Newsletter

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Welcome back to school for the start of the second term. I hope you have all had a chance to recharge your batteries and that the holidays provided some time for all the family to relax.

As I take some time to reflect on the first term the scariest thought is simply the fact that we are now in Term 2. I cannot believe how fast the term went.

Term 2 means that it is now time to start focusing on winter sports. We have a number of teams entered in soccer and netball for our school, and have a good number of our students playing rugby for their respective clubs in the weekend.

Our soccer teams will be training at school. The senior team have a new coach who will be working along side them and training on a Wednesday after school. The junior football teams will begin their training with me next week. I will train them on a Tuesday at lunchtime. They will need their boots next week.

A very big thank you to the Kindy for donating the water tray to our school. Yesterday was the first day that it was able to be used. It proved very popular. We have ordered some new water toys to support this activity.

It was lovely looking around the playground at lunchtime yesterday and seeing so many of the children engaged in a number of different activities. What was particularly pleasing was seeing the various games that involved seniors and juniors playing together.

Thank you for being united in the playground!

Finally, I would like to wish the children and their families all the very best for the coming term. I look forward to visiting the rooms and seeing the work the children have been doing.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Patoka School**

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**Quote of the Week**

Seeing my parents smile because they are proud of me is like the best thing ever.

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

Trustworthiness      Respect      Unity      Excellence      Enthusiasm

## Fields of Remembrance

This week is an important week in the lead up to the 100 year commemoration of the ANZACs at Gallipoli. Each of the classes is spending some time exploring the history of ANZAC day. I have been impressed at the level of knowledge of some of the students, and of the curiosity of others.

As mentioned in the last newsletter we have received a kit called the Fields of Remembrance. This kit has been specially designed for schools and allows the students to make a number of commemorative crosses that they can place in the playground as a way of remembering the many lives that were lost.

All of the students will be involved and will work with their school buddies. We have set aside 1:30 on Thursday to construct the commemorative crosses. I would like to encourage any parents that are free to come along and observe the children taking part in this activity. We may have some extra crosses that could be put together by any visitors.



The task that the children will be involved in should only take 15-20 minutes. Once completed we will place the crosses in a grid on an area that has been chosen outside Room 2.

If you are unable to come along on Thursday, then please feel free to pop down at any time to have a look at the display. We will keep the Field of Remembrance in place for a couple of weeks.

## Staff Professional Development

I believe that one of the strengths of the teachers and support staff here at Patoka is their willingness to engage in a variety of professional development opportunities. During the holiday break the staff attended a writing workshop at Porritt School. This was a full day workshop that provided the staff with many practical activities and ideas for their writing programme.

In returning to the classroom this week I know that all of the teachers have begun to look at ways of implementing some of these ideas or have started running some of the activities.. I also know that already the teachers have noticed changes in the quality of the writing and the level of engagement and enthusiasm from their children.

We have made a point of targeting writing as our main professional development for this year and being able to attend workshops such as these will certainly help.

As well as writing PD, we also have two staff members (Toni Turner and Stacey Ward) attending a professional development course on Phonics later in May. The teaching of phonological awareness with junior children is vital for them learning to read and write effectively. The information that these staff members bring back will be of value to all of us.



## New Furniture

On Monday at 1:10 a large truck from Furnware pulled up to the gate and then backed its way onto the front court. You would have thought it was someone famous by the way the children came running from all over the school to see what was happening.

What was on board were 13 new tables for Room 3. We have purchased 6 round tables, 6 long tables and 1 high table, designed for standing and sitting on higher stools.

The new furniture is the start of our journey as a school into developing modern learning environments, a directive that is coming from the Ministry of Education as a long term goal.

The furniture that we have purchased is designed to promote collaborative learning. One of the great attributes of the new items is the fact that they can fit together to make a number of arrangements.

The children in Room 3 had a lot of fun on Monday afternoon putting

the new furniture in the room and working out exactly what it would look like. On Tuesday I popped in to have a look. The space that has been created and the different groupings of the children was exciting to see. I am looking forward to hearing more from Mr Bidwell as the term progresses. If you are picking your children up or dropping them off please feel free to pop up and have a quick look.



## Technology Dates for Term 2

Below are the dates for the Year 7/8 technology sessions at Tamatea Intermediate.

4th May

18th May

8th June

22nd June



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

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| Football training for senior team               | Wednesday 22nd April (each Wednesday)    |
| Fields of Remembrance activity                  | Thursday 23rd April 1:30                 |
| 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                         |