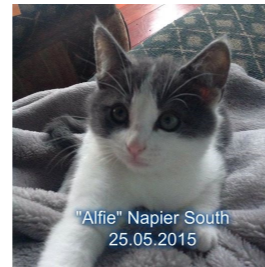


# Community Notices

## Wanted

Good home for Alfie a Rag doll/Burmese cross male cat of 6months old, desexed. Alfie needs a bigger space to run round, is city bound and parents have a baby arriving. Phone Marlene on 8398899.



## For Sale

Angus Bull Calf approx 5-6 months old, hand-reared. Duck eggs - delicious organic free range duck eggs, excellent for baking - \$4.00 per half dozen. Phone Deb on (021) 171-6137.

## Services Available

Child care, weekdays during and after school as required - Phone Deb on (021) 171-6137.

Have you got a special occasion coming up, or just feel like you deserve a treat? How about having your nails done in the comfort of your own home... wide range of colours available in both regular nail varnish or much longer lasting Gel Polish. Introductory trial offer \$20.00 for either hands or feet, or go all out and have both for \$35.00! Phone Deb on (021) 171-6137.

## Sport Hawkes Bay School Holiday Programme

Todd Astill will be our Head Hockey coach for our 3 day Hockey Camp from July 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> at the HB Sports Park International Hockey Turf, in the upcoming school holidays. Lunch provided each day - limited spaces available.

To register or to find out more information go to : [www.sportspark.co.nz](http://www.sportspark.co.nz) then click on Events. Or contact Lyndal Johansson at Sport Hawkes Bay: [lyndalj@sporthb.net.nz](mailto:lyndalj@sporthb.net.nz) Ph: 06 8459336 ext 719

## 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.*

[principal@patoka.school.nz](mailto:principal@patoka.school.nz)

Good luck!!

*This week = With the thieves I consort, with the vilest, in short, I'm quite at my ease in depravity; Yet all divines use me, And savants can't lose me, For I am the centre of gravity. What am I?*



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## A wonderful way to end last week

Last Friday provided another example of the many talented children we have here at Patoka. It also provided evidence of the support our families and children are willing to give to people in the world who are struggling.

The day started with a mufti day to support the people of Nepal. A number of our children took the opportunity to dress up as explorers and adventurers in support of Sir Edmund Hillary. As a school we raised over \$200 for this worthy cause. This was a fantastic effort and one we can all be very proud of. I would like to thank all the children who dressed up, or who gave their pocket money to help us out. Thanks also to all the families who donated a five dollar note.

After morning tea we all headed to the hall to provide an audience for the Room 3 Arts concert. This had been a focus for their learning for the last term and provided an opportunity for all of the students in Room 3 to perform to the school. The mixture of plays (with many great one liners), songs, instrumental works, and poems meant that there was something for everyone. Once again this served to demonstrate just how talented the children are at Patoka. It also went a long way to reinforcing the value that we are getting from our tutors (speech and drama, guitar) and the work the children are doing with the band. As one parent mentioned to me - "our younger children will see performing as being cool and will look to follow in the footsteps of our seniors". What pleased me the most was the level of commitment that they all showed in getting ready for the big day.

I would like to congratulate Room 3 for an outstanding effort and thank Mr Bidwell for the work that he has put into providing practice times and opportunities for the students to chose a performance that suited them.

Finally, thank you to all the parents who supported this event.



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### Quote of the Week

Never stop learning because life never stops teaching

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

Trustworthiness      Respect      Unity      Excellence      Enthusiasm

## The new school orchard

The following is an outline of our new orchard project that Billie Herries and Keri McKenzie have been organising. This is a fantastic new initiative which I know we are all looking forward to using.

*A few months ago the school received a grant for \$2000 for an orchard. Well there's been loads going on behind the scenes planning and collating, and now we're at the stage of piecing it all together.*

*The plan so far is that we create a learning environment as well as a place for things to grow that the children can eat.*

*We have five raised beds going in with each bed providing a different aspect of gardening eg. Bee attractors, nitrogen fixers, and medicinal herbs. We also have citrus, feijoa and berries going in.*

*The purpose and planning of the garden is to provide something edible all year round for all the children to enjoy. We are going to create a seating area with tables in the space so the school has an extra space outside to learn, grow and enjoy the outdoors.*

*If anyone is wanting to be involved this is a community project and you are more than welcome to help out. Please contact the school or Keri McKenzie / Billie Herries*

*Thank you to all that have helped so far as every bit counts and is appreciated.*



On behalf of everyone at Patoka I would like to extend our thanks to Billie and Keri for being the driving force behind this new project.

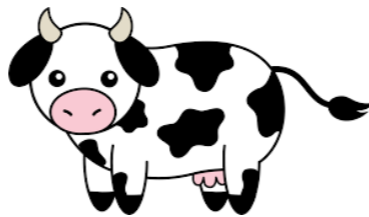
## Patoka Educational Trust (P.E.T)

We have just had another round of stock sales. These again proved very profitable. This was made possible by the following families and businesses: The Patersons, Poultons, Simmons, Dinneens, Dawsons, L.I Redshaw, Dean Freeman, Stephenson Transport, Paige Hill, Hukanui Station and Turner Farming Limited.

In the past year the trust has gifted money for many community based educational benefits including swimming coaches, soccer coaches, hall upkeep, and school athletics gear.

Currently we have funds available so applications are invited. Also, any offers of future grazing would be greatly appreciated.

Nick Dawson for P.E.T



## Hukanui Station Crutching Fundraiser

The Board has once again kindly been offered the opportunity to carry out Hukanui Station's Hogget crutching. In the past this has proved to be a fantastic day so please come along and lend a hand. There is a job for everyone i.e crutches, sweepers, penners, BBQ cooks.

**Date:** Thursday 25th June **Start Time:** 9am **Place:** Hukanui Station

BBQ lunch and refreshments will be provided.

All enquiries and offers of help can be made to James Turner 06 8398827.

Due to the large amount of help required to run this day please let James know before the 22nd June.



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## Maths - How can you help at home?

Yesterday's staff meeting was focused on maths and what the current research is saying about the way New Zealand school children are performing. There are current experts who would suggest that New Zealand children are falling behind in this area. We discussed this at length and looked at what we believe is important for us as a school.



In order for our children to keep progressing there is a need for them to have a solid foundation of number knowledge. Our students will be involved in developing a number of key skills in maths. These become more advanced the further up the school they go. However, the foundation knowledge of place value, being able to count forwards and backwards from small numbers to higher numbers, quick recall of basic facts and then the times tables (as they get older), the ability to see patterns in numbers, and the understanding of how numbers work and what they mean are all essential if our children are to keep progressing.

One of the statements within our school reports suggest ways in which parents can help at home. There are a number of websites that children can explore, there is the maths buddy programme, and there are many great YouTube clips that can help with maths. Putting all that aside, the greatest thing that you can do to help at home is to have fun with numbers—talk about them, play with them, use them, explore them, look for patterns, encourage your children to want to learn their basic facts and times tables by playing games or making it interesting. For the musical children there are some neat online songs for learning about numbers.

We certainly appreciate the support that our parents provide the students with their home learning. We are determined to ensure that the children at Patoka are not falling behind and any support you can provide at home is valuable.

## Principal's Awards



The Principal's Awards for week 5 are as follows.

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
Week 5	Kyla Armstrong	Luke Herries	Gemma Nicholas

The awards for week 6 will be handed out this week and included in the next newsletter.



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

BOT meeting	Monday 8th June
Year 7/8 Technology	Monday 8th June
NSW Writing exam	Monday 15th June
First Aid course	Thursday 4th / 11th June
NSW Spelling exam	Tuesday 16th June