

Upcoming Events

Thursday 15th October	PET day
Friday 23rd October	Hawkes Bay Anniversary (school closed)
Monday 26th October	Labour day (school closed)
Friday 6th November	Whole school planting Day - DOC
Monday 9th November	BOT meeting

Thinking of you

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Andrea Simmons. On behalf of the school and community we would like to extend our condolences to the Simmons family. Our thoughts are with you.

Thank You

Thank you to Kahikatea Farm for supplying the plants for our new gardens that are being developed.

Community Notices

Patoka Rural Kindy Fundraiser

Kindy are currently selling Village Press Olive Oils as a fundraiser this term. Each pack is \$20.00 and kindy receives \$4.00 for every unit of Olive Oil sold. These will make great presents with Christmas fast approaching. If you are interested in placing an order please email blairandbarbie@farmside.co.nz or ring Barbie on 8340132.

 <p>\$20.00 per pack (RRP \$21.00)</p> <p>\$4.00 CASH BACK</p> <p>The Village Press 1L Bag 'n Box (Barnea)</p> <p>The Village Press 1L bag 'n box is incredibly practical and easy to store as well as being great for the oil as the cask does not let in any light or air to ensure the oil is kept in premium condition. These are perfect for travelling and are easy to pack away whether you're at home or away.</p>	 <p>\$20.00 per pack (RRP \$21.00)</p> <p>\$4.00 CASH BACK</p> <p>The Village Press Varietal 3 bottle giftpack (Barnea, Frantoio & Manzanillo)</p> <p>This 3 bottle giftpack consists of 3 x 250ml bottles of our award winning Barnea, Frantoio and Manzanillo olive oils. These giftpacks are the perfect accompaniment for any 'at home' chef's pantry as each oil is unique in its own flavour and usage. These are also a great gift for someone who has everything!</p>	 <p>\$20.00 per pack (RRP \$21.00)</p> <p>\$4.00 CASH BACK</p> <p>The Village Press Infused 3 bottle giftpack (Lime, Lemon & Garlic)</p> <p>This 3 bottle giftpack consists of 3 x 250ml bottles of our delicious lime, lemon and garlic infused olive oils. This collection is designed to impress any dinner guest with their delicious flavour profiles. They are also the perfect gift for any foodie friends or family!</p>
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 <p>Barnea Smooth and buttery, delicious served with red meat or pasta.</p>	 <p>Frantoio Brings intensity and depth, drizzle over vegetables and salads.</p>	 <p>Manzanillo Adds flair to dressings with fresh and herbaceous flavours.</p>	 <p>Lime Infused A smooth oil with the light freshness of lime, delicious served with asparagus or seafood.</p>	 <p>Lemon Infused A smooth oil with a touch of zesty lemon, the perfect complement to asian dishes.</p>	 <p>Garlic Infused A smooth oil infused with a hint of garlic, drizzle over pasta, meats or bread.</p>
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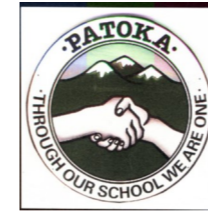
Are you up for a challenge! (Parents and children)

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!!

This week = What is the only word in the dictionary that has three pairs of repeated letters in a row?



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Patoka School Newsletter



PET Day - lets have fun!

Tomorrow is the Patoka School PET day. The weather for tomorrow looks great meaning we should have a wonderful day and a lot of fun.

We have a couple of judges lined up for the animal sections and the recycled pets.

The timetable for tomorrow is outlined below. (Please note that these are approximate times and may change)

- 9:30 Animal judging section. The whole school will be out to watch.
- 10:45 Morning tea. We will also use this time to begin setting up the market stalls and to complete the snail racing.
- 11:10 Kindy children and Room 1 parading their decorated bikes and best dressed up on the tennis court.
- 11:20 Our group activities begin. These are 15 minutes for each activity. (We hope for all children to be able to do all 7 but again this may need to change depending on time)
- 12:30 Lunch and running of the market stalls and games. The band will also be playing for us up on the deck.
- 1:30 Last two rounds of activities followed by prizes, Tug-o-war and clean up.

Some important points

- Please bring some **money** with you to help support the market stalls that our Room 2 and 3 children will be running. There will be food and drinks on sale, and some games to have a go at. The prices range from 50c to around \$2 so small change would be easier for our children to work with.
- School buses will run as normal
- We will have an area set up for the calves and lambs to be kept in the morning. Dogs may need to be secured to the fence in the shade.
- Parent helpers are still needed for a couple of activities.
- **Children bringing a lamb need to provide 250mls of milk and their own bottle. Teats will be provided.**

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Quote of the Week

In the end we only regret the chances we didn't take.

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

U Learn 15 Conference

The teaching staff attended the U Learn15 three day conference in Auckland last week. This is one of the largest conferences run in New Zealand and is organised for educators from early childhood, primary and secondary.

The 3 key focus areas for the conference this year were:

- Re-imagining learners and learning
- Re-imagining teaching practice
- Re-imagining leaders and leadership

The staff were able to choose from a very large number of breakout sessions that were being run across the three days. There were 6 time slots that these sessions were run in.

As well as the breakout sessions we also had three keynote speakers sharing their message with us.

This year's conference attracted over 1700 teachers from across New Zealand. This certainly provided us with the opportunity to meet and share with a large number of people from around the country.

I asked the teachers to provide some feedback on their experience at the conference. The key thing that came out of the conference for us was the fact that it reaffirmed what we are doing, what we are trying to do and the direction we want to keep moving in. Each of us was able to come away with some new ideas or thinking that we want to bring to our own practice.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff for giving up their time in the holidays to attend this conference. The two hour shuttle trip from the airport to the hotel was certainly a challenge to start with.

From my point of view this was a hugely beneficial opportunity for us all to be together for professional development and to be able to discuss and debate the positives and negatives of what we were seeing and hearing from other practitioners. It has certainly provided us with some ideas that we are keen to explore as part of our PD for next year.

I would also like to thank the Board of Trustees for their support in providing opportunities for professional development for the staff.



School App

At a recent Board of Trustees meeting I shared with them an App that has been set up for schools called School App. The purpose of this app is to be able to provide school families with information and alerts throughout the day. It also has links to timetables, staff contacts and other information that schools may find useful to share.

There is a set up cost to have the App built for our school and then a yearly fee that we would be charged for the administration. For parents the APP would be free to download.

As the fee for the development is more than we first thought we are keen to know if our parents and families in the community would be interested in using an APP like this before we make any further decisions. We would appreciate it if you could email or contact the office if you are interested in having access to a School App for our school. For more information you can look at this website: <http://schoolapps.nz.co.nz/>



Calendar Art

Please see the insert for information on the calendar art for this year. We have examples of the products here at school. Orders need to be back at school by 28th October.

The sun is out..time for a hat



With the warmer weather now being upon us it is back to that time of the year where we expect our children to wear a hat when out in the playground.

While we do not have a set school hat we have spent some time talking to the children about which are the best hats to wear. We have suggested that a bucket hat or one with a brim is the most effective.

If the children are wearing a baseball cap then we expect them to apply sunscreen at morning tea and lunch. If you know that your child is allergic to sunscreen and you have not notified the school please let us know.

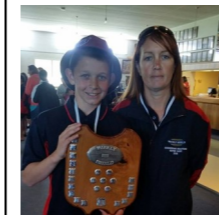
The staff will be enforcing the wearing of hats while on duty. Those children who are not wearing one are asked to go to the deck to play.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child has a named hat for school.

Rugby Success

Congratulations to Ely Williams who was part of the winning team for the Wakeley Shield.

We would also like to acknowledge Cheryl Williams for being an awesome team manager for this group.



Cups to be returned



As we have now started the fourth term we would like to start gathering up the trophies that were won last year at the prize giving.

If your child was one of the winners from last year and they still have the trophy at home could you please return it to school in a clean state.

Dates for end of Year

Below are some key dates that you might want to pop in your diary now for the end of this year:

Friday November 6th—Whole school DOC Planting Day at Balls Clearing (more information will be sent home soon)

Friday 4th December (evening)- School Disco (a theme will be decided later in the term), kindly children welcome

Friday 11th December (evening) - School concert and shared supper

Tuesday 15th December (1pm) - prize giving

Thursday 17th December - last day of year

ANZ Olympic Medals

Starting this week we will be handing out a gold, silver and bronze medal at our weekly assembly. Each week 1 class will nominate three children in their room who have been displaying the Olympic values of:

- Joy of effort
- Respect for others
- Pursuit of excellence
- Fair play
- Balance of body, mind and character



The children can keep the medals for the week and then hand them back. They will then be passed onto the next class for their nominations