



Patoka School

through our school we are one

Our values are T.R.U.E.E – Trustworthiness, Respect, Unity,
Excellence and Enthusiasm

Date of Issue: 1 August 2018

Dates to remember:

- 1 August Y7/8 Technology 9-12pm
- 7 August Kindergarten visit 4 year olds 9-11am
BOT meeting 5.30pm
- 15 August NZEI teacher strike whole day – no school

Save the Date:

- 7 September Patoka Cross country 11-1300
- 11 September BOT meeting 5.30pm
- 14 September TACS Y7-8 rep cross country
- 18 September Napier Primary rep cross country Y3-6
Student-led conferences 3.16-6pm
- 19 September Student-led conferences 3.16-6pm
- 25 September Performance assembly 1.30pm, Patoka Hall for school and family of Ross
Turners' students
- 27 September Parent & staff information session, 1230-1330 Niall McCormack

From the Principal, Rachel Huggins

We are delighted to welcome G.T. Jazz Ngaronoa to Room 1 and Redemption Ngaronoa to Room 2.



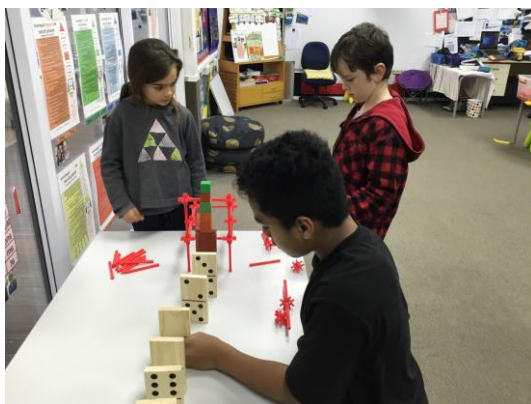
Term 2 Electives

We had such a wonderful end to the term through our electives programme and have included some photos from the activities. Last week we had a sharing session so that the children were able to see what each group did and this week in assembly we are excited that the drama group will be performing in assembly!

Drama



Physics Chain reactions



Ruahine tramp



Photography



Candle and soap making



School Garden

Many thanks to Billie Herries for helping advise us on establishing the school garden, and to Tim and Alice Nelson for providing us with sheep manure.

News from Jane at the front desk

Please note that P & F pie accounts that run in debit (pay on invoice) are to be kept below \$20 per student and \$30 per family. We have had a fabulous response from parents and caregivers in maintaining these accounts and I would like to pass on my thanks.

Parent and Staff information session

We are delighted to announce that Niall McCormack has offered to come to Patoka School at the end of term 3, 27 September, at 1230-1330. Mr McCormack, who has 23 years optometry experience and is the owner of Specsavers Hastings, is a renowned optometrist and can complete behavioural optometry assessments. His experience and the care of his reporting is a huge asset to families in the Hawkes Bay. He will be talking to us about ways we can help our students and can answer questions you may have about your child's vision, and the way their eyes need to function to support their learning. He works closely with the Hawkes Bay Hospital and pediatricians through the Child Development Unit. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community and we encourage you to save this date.

BOT News

School camp notification

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our Board has sought advice from NZ School Trustees Association on the proposed Teachers/ Principals strike action on 15 August, which unfortunately coincides with the Patoka School camp to Wellington.

The NZEI members from the staff are required to follow the decision of their membership, who nationally have agreed to strike. The Board is legally required to comply with this strike decision, meaning that teachers can't work on this day. This includes outside the classroom activities such as camp.

Due to Health and Safety requirements, I have recommended to the Board that we cancel camp. The safety of our children are our first priority.

The Board and staff are grateful to parents who have agreed to support the camp and have made arrangements regarding leave.

There is the possibility that this strike action is called off and this will be made at very late notice, however a decision about camp has to be made now. We regret this situation.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Regards

Paul Grundy

BOT Chairperson

Community Notices

Puketitiri Golf Club is celebrating 50 Years!

On Saturday 17 November 2018, all past and present members and friends of the golf club are invited to join us for a fun afternoon of golf, reminiscing, photos, and Cake! This will be followed by a formal dinner

Please help us spread the word and pass this on.

To register your interest in attending the day, please contact Helen Donald at helen.donald@ruralkiwi.com Ph. 8398611 or Lesley O'Rourke at quarryburnquilting@gmail.com Ph. 5395903



IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE

You send your children to school to help set them up for life. Yet, schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. Schools are struggling to find enough staff to teach our children.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. There just aren't enough teachers to give your kids the education they deserve.

WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- * **More teachers – so your kids can get more attention**
- * **More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs**
- * **A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future.**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Let your teachers know you support them and join in campaign activities at your local school.