



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: 14 February 2018

Dates to remember:

14 February	Year 7/8 Technology at Tamatea Intermediate
21 February	Year 7/8 Technology at Tamatea Intermediate
26 February	Year 5/6 EPro8 competition, 1300 Flaxmere Primary School
28 February	Year 7/8 EPro8 competition, 1700 Tamatea Intermediate
1 March	Swimming Sports, Patoka Community Pool, 1000-1330
NEW	DATE

Save the Date:

2 March	PALS training, Pettigrew Green Arena, 0930-1245
8 March	Mitre 10 Tough Kids Rooms 2 & 3 0930-1400
13 March	Year 1-8 Learning Conferences 3-6pm
14 March	Year 1-8 Learning Conferences 3-6pm

From the Principal, Rachel Huggins

After talking with parents and staff we have decided to bring the date of the swimming sports forward to **1 March**. This will hopefully enable the water temperature to be warmer. We will continue to teach swimming lessons until 15 March. Please save this date!

We are delighted to announce that our Teacher Aide appointment is now confirmed. Caroline Slone will be working across the school with a variety of students, and sometimes working in class to support all learners. We are happy to welcome her to the team!

Caroline Slone

Caroline has joined us as a Teacher Aide. She has just returned to Patoka from Kentucky, USA where she spent ten years with her American husband. She is a past pupil of Patoka School and is very excited to be back here helping all our wonderful students.

Apps used at School

We would like to inform you of the apps that we use at school on our iPads. Some of our parents have asked what are the best apps to support their children. We use the apps specifically for learning and we are aware that there are a raft of other educational apps that can be installed. We prefer to use fewer apps, for a variety of purposes and wanted to share the main apps we use with the students.

It is **not** necessary that you have a device for the students to use at home. Our teachers will **not** require an iPad or device to complete homework, however some families may like to offer this option for their children.

<u>Literacy:</u>	Sunshine Classics
<u>Mathematics:</u>	Puffin Academy – as an app to access Maths Whizz
<u>Graphic Design / Animation:</u>	Pic Collage Comic Life I can animate Stop Motion
<u>ePortfolio:</u>	Seesaw
<u>General learning:</u>	Office suite: Word, Excel, One Note, Powerpoint Explain everything One drive (cloud based file storage for each class)

Seesaw

Our students are using a digital portfolio application called Seesaw, following our trial during Term 4 2017. Seesaw is an application that can be accessed by you on computers, iPads and smart phones. It is used by many schools around the world with great success. It is successful because it is easy for the students to share their learning with you, can be used independently by the students in class and also can allow you to choose to share with your wider family. Students “show what they know” using photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and adding links. They can write captions and explain why they are proud of their work. You can write encouraging comments to them and engage with your children using positive online behaviour.

Please note the student digital portfolios are closed and secure, and are only accessible by invitation. This invitation is sent in the form of a QR code that will be sent home by your class teachers. Look for this invitation and please come back to us with your questions.

Our goals for using Seesaw are:

- Motivating students to share their work with a genuine audience
- Increase the choices we give our students about leading their learning and evaluating their success
- Increasing parent involvement in the students' learning
- Engaging a diverse community of wider family who live beyond our area
- Teach positive online behaviours in a controlled and safe digital environment

School payments & Time payments

Our School bank account details are;

Patoka School Board of Trustees
ANZ Bank New Zealand Limited
Napier Branch
90 Hastings Street, Napier
01 0685 0029825 00

Account Statements will be issued on the 4th and 8th weeks of Term one.

Patoka School would like to offer families the option of time payments. This is to give our parents and caregivers the convenience of spreading the costs associated with a child's learning over the course of the term. Payments made be made weekly or fortnightly, as suits best. The payments will be apportioned to the appropriate account (ie; Stationery, photocopy fees) and will be reflected in your statement. Please contact Jane Waldie-Smith at the office for further details.

News from the BOT

INTRODUCING PAUL GRUNDY, BOT CHAIRPERSON

Kia ora. My name is Paul Grundy.

Following my co-option onto the Patoka School Board of Trustees, I have been appointed as Patoka Board Chairperson. It is planned that I take on this role for 6 months, at which time there will be a review for a further 6 months if required. I was co-opted onto the Board because of my expertise in school governance and management. The Board have been advised that appointing an independent Chairperson with experience would be of assistance to the school. It is with pleasure that I have accepted this role.

Last year, I resigned from my position as Principal at Lucknow School in Havelock North. I was Principal at Lucknow and in other schools for a period of 25 years, and my teaching experience over a total of 40 years has been in both rural and urban settings in a variety of

schools. I have a particular passion for rural education, having started both my teaching and Principal careers in country schools.

I'm looking forward to supporting Rachel and staff in their important work, assisting the Board in their governance of Patoka School and getting to know the community in my capacity of Chairperson.

My focus is to support the Principal, staff, Board and community to work together to ensure that students at Patoka School receive the best education possible. I will be the spokesperson for the Board. If you have any questions or concerns about Board related issues, please direct them to me via the school office or Board email (patokaschoolbot@gmail.com). I will respond in a timely manner and meet with you if required.

I look forward to a positive relationship with the Patoka School Community.

Kind Regards

Paul Grundy
Board Chairperson

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

- When: Thursday 15th Feb @ 3.15pm ish
- Location: Michelle Carswell's house- 4386 Puketiriri Rd
- Please come and share your fundraising ideas!!! Kids welcome!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Hi everyone, my name is Hannah and I'm a 23 year old Nanny currently living/working in Patoka. I am available for anything childcare related during evenings/weekends. I have a first aid certificate, covering both child and adult first aid, and my full licence. If you would like me to look after your children please message me on 0273576268. I look forward to hearing from you.

We are looking for a cleaner two/three hours a week, day is negotiable. \$20phr. If interested, or know someone who may be, please get in touch with Yvette on 0278051022.

PUKETITIRI SPORTS DAY

10th March Hutchinson Domain. Fun day for everyone. Horse and Pony events, motorbike events for adults and children. Adventure race with great prizes! Helicopter Ping Pong Drop, \$500 in prizes!!! Free lunch time sausage sizzle and Dinner available at end of the day. \$5 per person. Cash only - No EFTPOS