



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: 21 November 2018

Dates to remember:

- 21 November Y7&8 Technology at Tamatea Intermediate, 9-12pm
- 22 November NE 2019 school visits to Room 1 9-11am
- 23 November Maths Competition for selected Y6 students at Puketapu school 5.15pm
- 26 November Cricket lessons 9-11am
- 27 November NE 2019 school visits to Room 1 9-11am
- 3 December Room 3 hike to Te Puia Hut
Cricket lessons 9-11am
- 4 December Room 3 hike to Te Puia Hut
Kindergarten visit 4 year olds 9-11am
- 5 December Y7&8 Technology at Tamatea Intermediate, 9-12pm

Save the Date:

- 29 November Production Matinee 1.00pm and 6.30pm
- 6 December Bus warden trip to Splash Planet 10-2.30pm
- 11 December Prizegiving and final assembly 1.00pm
- 12 December Athletics demonstration 1.45pm, families invited to watch
- 13 December Last day of school, finish at 3pm

From the Principal, Rachel Huggins

Welcome to Claire Taylor in Room 1 who started with us on this Monday. We are thrilled to welcome you to our school.

Term Dates 2019

- Term 1 - 31 January – 12 April
- Term 2 – 29 April – 5 July
- Term 3 – 22 July – 27 September
- Term 4 – 14 October-17 December



Cricket lessons

Our students are enjoying their cricket lessons each Monday, provided by Morten from Hawkes Bay Cricket. Students are learning batting, throwing and catching skills appropriate to their level.



Y7/8 technology challenge

Our Year 7&8 students went to Tamatea Intermediate last week to participate in a Technology Challenge event. The students chose between Art, Food Technology, Mixed Materials, Hard Materials and Digital. They enjoyed the event and Mrs Lorentz was proud of their participation and enthusiasm.



Ukulele festival

Last Friday we had eleven students performing in the Hawkes Bay Ukulele festival at Bay Skate. There were approximately one hundred students performing and a professional band supporting the students as they played and sang songs from across the decades. It was a very enjoyable evening and it was great to see Patoka featuring in this event. Huge thanks to Ross Turner who has supported the students in learning the songs and kindly sat with our students during the performance.





Production update

Thank you to the families who have sent in the students' costumes, and thanks to Ange Dudman and Madelene Field who are designing the other parts of the costumes. Behind the scenes, eight of our senior students have been working hard to create a stunning backdrop for the show. The rehearsals are well underway and we enjoyed an impromptu sharing last week after the athletics rotations. Such fun!

Ticket orders can be sent to Alice Nelson, either by phone or email. There is no charge for the tickets, however we are limited by space, so please send your ticketing request to Alice as soon as possible.

REMINDER: 29 November at both 1pm and 6.30pm

Athletics

We are enjoying working on Athletics as part of our PE curriculum this term. The students are learning the skills of long jump, high jump, discus, shotput, hurdles and sprinting. Many thanks to Emma Lorentz for leading the school in this unit and training her students so ably to support our Room 1 and 2 students. We invite you to an informal sharing of the skills gained in this unit on Wednesday 12 December. At this stage we are not working on a competitive model with the students rotating around each station in mixed groups.

Enviroschools

After two years of working in the Enviroschools programme we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting our first reflection visit. There are three levels of schools and each level has quite clear sets of expectations. We are hosting our Bronze level reflection visit on Friday 7 December. This will involve a team of Enviroschool staff visiting us for approximately two hours. We will have students showing the team around our school and sharing our learning and our progress. It is designed to be a huge celebration event and if you

would like to attend, please let Madelene Field know, she is our lead teacher. Our Enviroschool facilitator will also be attending our production, and she is amazed at the opportunity for our production to be tailor made by Tracey Bough to suit our learning context. This is a wonderful achievement for the school and we are all very proud to share our journey with the visiting team.

Room 3 has gone to print

We are very excited to see that our students in Room 3 have been included in an article on saving the kakabeak, featured in the Living Hawkes Bay magazine's spring addition. A reporter visited the school earlier this year and we are thrilled to see our students' learning recognized in the region in support of DOC's efforts. If you wish to receive a copy of the article, please contact Alice in the school office.

Patoka School's part in saving the
Ngutukākā/Kākābeak

What do you get if you take a rare endemic shrub, a dedicated primary school teacher and 17 conservation warriors? The largest quantity of seed ever received by DOC's ngutukākā recovery project.

As part of their conservation education, students from Patoka School's Room 3 learnt all about the ngutukākā (and made some short videos about them for the younger students). They also collected more than 52,000 seeds from the shrubs on the school grounds to donate to DOC.

In fact, it is thanks to the work of these students that DOC was able to conduct aerial seeding this year.

Patoka student Kane says that part of his school programme was learning about the ngutukākā. "We have been growing kakābeak at our school. Just a few weeks ago we pulled all the seed pods off the plant. We are donating [them to DOC] so we can save the kakābeak, so they don't all die."

Ranger Alan Lee was amazed at the amount of seed collected by the students. "I want to thank Room 3 for the huge quantity of ngutukākā seed they prepared and sent through to DOC," he says. "Weighing in at 520g, it is by far the largest quantity I have received from any of the people growing plants for us. Keep up the good work - you guys are legendary."

Top right: The incredibly rare ngutukākā; Above: Students from Room 3 at Patoka School. They are helping to save the endangered ngutukākā

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AFFCO donation

We are delighted to receive a donation of \$800.80 as part of the 2018 Bobby Calf Cash for Schools programme. We are grateful to the following farms for supporting Patoka School: Bluff Views Ltd, M G Gibson & Co Ltd, Maxwell Farms Patoka 2, Mitchell Dairy Farms Ltd, J & R Moore Farm Trust and Falling Water Farm Limited.

BOT News

BOT elections will be held in NZ next year, and the date set at Patoka is 7 June 2019. As part of this transition, the BOT are interested in talking with parents who might like to find out more about what is involved. Please contact Paul Grundy, paulgrundy58@gmail.com, if you would like to receive more information.

Community Notices

Patoka Community Swimming Pool

Looking for a new secretary and president for this season, to be able to open. The current secretary and president are overcommitted with their young family. The continuation of the Patoka Pool is so important for the community and the children at Patoka School. We urge you to support the pool committee. We request offers of families to be put onto a lawn mowing roster.

Please ring Andrew, 839 8952 or 027 460 695

Mobile Crutching Service available. Phone Stewart 021 297 1696

Wanted House or farm cottage

In the Patoka, Puketitiri, Puketapu area. Please call Simon Welch 027 304 9200