



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: 28 March 2018

Dates to remember:

28 March	Y7/8 Technology at Tamatea Intermediate 9-12pm
29 March	Softball lessons for each class, 9-11am
30 March	Good Friday, school closed
2 April	Easter Monday, school closed
3 April	Easter Tuesday, school closed
5 April	Softball lessons for each class, 9-11am, R3 Hot Cross Bun fundraiser day
9 April	BOT hosted community meeting, 5.30pm Room 2
10 April	Softball lessons for each class, 9-11am
11 April	Y7/8 Technology at Tamatea Intermediate 9-12pm, BOT meeting 5.30pm
12 April	Softball lessons for each class, 9-11am
13 April	ANZAC schools' ceremony whole school traveling to Taradale

Save the Date:

30 April First Day Term 2

From the Principal, Rachel Huggins

We are delighted to welcome James Durham and Geordie Malcom to Room 1! It is great to have new students joining us and they are settling in so well!

Field Trip updates

Room 2 and 3 have had an exciting week out in our local environment furthering their units of inquiry about environmental protection and kiatiaki.

Room 2 have been focusing on the native plants we have at school and have collected and named samples. Miss Caroline, a former student of Patoka School, gave the students a walking tour of the school explaining some of the history of the special plants in our gardens. They then went to Balls clearing on Tuesday this week and walked through the tracks taking notice of the native plants and testing their plant identification skills. Many thanks to parents who assisted with supervision on the trip.



Room 3 have collected and planted kakabeak seeds from our garden, under the advice and supervision of Billie Herries. The class also completely cleaned out the shadehouse to provide optimal growing conditions for the seedlings. Some of the seeds are also being donated to DOC to further the conservation efforts of this important plant. The students have also been creating short documentaries about the kakabeak plants to share with our Room 1 students to share their knowledge.





Last week Room 3 spent the day in the bush and learned more about the tracking and monitoring of kiwis, predator trapping and explored the bush. We are grateful to Billie and Dan Herries' expertise as well as Mary who volunteered from DOC, and the welcome offers of parent supervision and transport. It was a memorable day for the students.





Kiwi fundraiser

As part of their current unit of inquiry, Room 3 is holding a fundraiser to support both local and national kiwi conservation projects. On Thursday 5th April, they will be making and selling fresh hot cross buns for the students of Patoka School and Kindergarten to enjoy at a cost of \$1.50.

Electives

A notice was sent home this week to announce the elective choices, We are thrilled with the return rate of the notice slips coming to the office. We ask that you talk with your children about making three choices, as we cannot guarantee each student is placed in their first choice elective. We ask that you support your child in responding positively if they are not able to have their first choice. We are really excited about this idea and hope to see the students exploring a range of new ideas and skills.

P& F (Parents and Friends)

We are delighted to announce Sheree Wapp is the new President and Kate Cracknell is the new secretary of the P& F. We are also pleased to recognize many new parents joining the group. We appreciate all your support to the school, to provide the best education for your children.

Cleaning position

Regrettably we are losing our wonderful cleaner, Rebecca, next term. Our cleaning position starts in Term 2 week 4, with a session of handover in week 3. We are looking for another person to take on this role. It is a 12 hour per week position and requires someone who can clean after school hours. If you are interested please contact Rachel Huggins to discuss the position.

Puketitiri Bus driver change

Lisa Pollock will be taking a maternity leave in her work as our valued driver for this bus run and finishes on 13 April. Nimons have arranged a reliever bus driver for the time that she is away. We are excited to welcome the new member of her family soon.

News from the BOT

Greetings to the Patoka School Community from Paul Grundy Board Chair

At our last Board meeting, there was a request from a member of our school's parent roll to hold a meeting to discuss Patoka School's invested reserves and what the Board's strategic plans are to manage these. We agreed that we would hold a community meeting to discuss financial matters relevant to the school.

As the recently appointed Board Chair, I think that it is important that we begin some open dialogue with our school community. This meeting is a first step to begin this process. It would be great to continue these discussions.

Ministry of Education personnel have been invited to this meeting. There are some concerns about recent poor relationships between some members of the school community and the Board. Their brief is to observe (and if necessary answer questions about possible interventions from the Ministry).

The meeting will be held on Monday 9th April at 5.30pm in Room 2.

I will chair this meeting and outline the Agenda clearly. I will ensure that the Agenda is followed and that we are respectful in our discussion.

We look forward to a solid representation of the Parent school roll. I look forward to meeting you.

Regards

Paul Grundy

Board Chair

BOT secretary vacancy

If you have interest in applying for the position of BOT secretary please contact Rachel Huggins to express your interest. This is a paid position.

Community Notices

PATOKA RURAL KINDERGARTEN LAMB DRIVE

Its time for our annual lamb drive. Have you got a store lamb or two you would like to donate to help support our local kindy?



We will be collecting lambs on the 16th and 17th of April to be sold at the stortford lodge sale on Wednesday the 18th.

This is a great way for the community to support the kindy and any help is always much appreciated.

All enquiries to Tim Nelson 8398866 te.wairere@xtra.co.nz

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Hawke's Bay **BRICK SHOW**

THE LARGEST DISPLAY OF LEGO EVER IN HAWKES BAY!

RODNEY GREEN CENTENNIAL EVENT CENTRE

\$2 ENTRY



Sat 14th APRIL 9am - 5pm

Sun 15th APRIL 10am - 4pm



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