



# 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:** 31 January 2018

## **Dates to remember:**

31 Jan & 1 Feb	Swimming begins for Rooms 2 & 3
5 February	Swimming begins for whole school (Monday-Thursday)
6 February	Waitangi Day (school closed)
8 February	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
14 February	Year 7/8 Technology at Tamatea Intermediate
21 February	Year 7/8 Technology at Tamatea Intermediate

## **Save the Date:**

26 February	Year 5/6 EPro8 competition, 1300 Flaxmere Primary School
28 February	Year 7/8 EPro8 competition, 1700 Tamatea Intermediate
2 March	PALS training, Pettigrew Green Arena, 0930-1245
8 March	Mitre 10 Tough Kids Rooms 2 & 3 0930-1400
16 March	Swimming Sports, Patoka Community Pool, 1000-1330

## **From the Principal, Rachel Huggins**

Welcome back to the year, the staff have had a wonderful first day with the students and it certainly feels like a real school with our students back after all our preparation!

We are delighted to welcome Xanthe Milne, Max Douglas and Beau Douglas to Room 1 as Year 1 students.



I am pleased to introduce our team and the roles they will operate in this year:

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>
Office Administrator	Jane Waldie-Smith	office@patoka.school.nz
Room 1 teacher (Years 1-2)	Madelene Field	madelene@patoka.school.nz
Room 2 teacher (Years 3-4)	Tracey Bough	tracey@patoka.school.nz
Room 3 teacher (Years 5-8)	Emma Lorentz	emma@patoka.school.nz
Principal	Rachel Huggins	principal@patoka.school.nz
Teacher Aide	TBC	
Itinerant Music Teacher	Ross Turner	turnerross1@gmail.com
Gardener	Sophie Ebbitt	
Groundsman	John Watts	
Cleaner	Rebecca Selwood	

Please note that the person filling the Teacher Aide position will be confirmed next week once we have completed our recruitment process.

We welcome Tracey and Jane to our team and have prepared a brief introduction.

### **Tracey Bough**

Tracey is in her ninth year of teaching and has training and experience in both primary and Early Childhood teaching. She is originally from Dunedin and has worked across New Zealand in rural and city schools. Her hobbies include animal care, bird breeding, reading and technology and she enjoys learning new things.

### **Jane Waldie-Smith**

Jane recently moved to Patoka and she lives on the Incline farm on Price Cockburn Road. Her qualifications and past employment are in the accounting and administration field. Her accountancy focus has been farming, forestry and fisheries. In the last ten years she has lived in the Waikato and has also managed a delicatessen. She enjoys the rural life.

### **News from the BOT**

Our BOT members this year are:

Julianne Carpenter	Anna Dinneen
Matthew Gibson	Yvonne Hopewell
Sally Newell	Krystle Norman
Rachel Huggins	Caroline Hartree-Slone (secretary)

We will be appointing a staff representative this term. The Board portfolios are yet to be confirmed and we will update you on the subcommittees on which the members serve.

Throughout the year you can contact the Patoka BOT by email [patokaschoolbot@gmail.com](mailto:patokaschoolbot@gmail.com) with your questions or comments.

### First Light Grant approved

We are delighted to announce that the school have received funding to purchase sports equipment totalling \$1944.20. The sports equipment that we will be purchasing includes hockey sticks, tennis racquets and tennis balls, hula hoops, skipping ropes and pool equipment. Many thanks to Sally Newall for undertaking this application process.

### Music lessons @ Patoka School

Enrolments for music lessons at Patoka School for 2018 are now open. Lessons for the following instruments are available:

- **Guitar** \$25 per 30-minute lesson. Lessons are one on one. A book will be provided for guitar lessons at an additional cost of \$20.
- **Keyboard** \$25 per 30-minute lesson. Lessons are one on one.
- **Ukulele** \$18 per 20-minute lesson. These will be group lessons and are available for juniors.
- **Drums** \$25 per 30-minute lesson. Lessons are one on one.

There is a change with the pay in advance deal-please read over the page Lessons will be held on Tuesdays and will start week 1 2018. Music theory will be incorporated with hands on playing. To sign up, please fill out the slip below and return to the school office. Alternatively, you can email Ross Turner with your details at [turnerross1@gmail.com](mailto:turnerross1@gmail.com). Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

Student Name.....

Age.....

Parent/Caregiver Name.....

Rm.....

Email.....

Phone.....

Guitar Keyboard Ukulele Drums (Please circle or underline)

Ross Turner Provisional Member (IRMT)

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[turnerross1@gmail.com](mailto:turnerross1@gmail.com)

### Pay In Advance

This year I have changed my pay in advance deal. Instead of paying for 10 weeks in advance and receiving an 11th lesson free of charge. I will now be offering the last lesson of term free of charge. Pricing for the terms will be as follows:

11 week term (paying for 10 weeks)	10 week term (paying for 9 weeks)	9 week term (paying for 8 weeks)
\$25 lesson-\$250	\$25 lesson-\$225	\$25 lesson-\$200
\$18 lesson-\$180	\$18 lesson-\$162	\$18 lesson-\$144

The no lesson no fee rule still applies and this will be deducted off your invoice for the following term should your child have any absences from music lessons.

You are also welcome to pay on a weekly basis but please note the free lesson is only offered for those that pay in advance.

You are welcome to pay by cheque, cash or online banking. My bank details will be on the invoice which will be emailed to you each term.