

Community Notices

Wanting to sell

Slate pool table 8ft/4ft \$1000. Phone Nick Dawson on 0273545562 .

Patoka Community Pool

The Community pool is now closed. Thanks for a great swimming season.

**Keri, Aaron, Kobey, Braydon & Jahri's Farewell
Puketitiri Domain
Wednesday 27th April from 6pm onwards
BYO & please bring
a plate**



Are you up for a challenge! (Parents and children)

If you can work out these puzzles, write it on a piece of paper or email it to me. I will put all of the correct answers in a hat and draw out a winner who will receive a prize.

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Good luck!!

This week = If it's information you seek, come and see me.
If it's pairs of letters you need, I have consecutively three.

Who am I?



Patoka School Newsletter

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Great ambassadors for Patoka



Last week was a busy week for the students of Patoka School. On Wednesday we sent 6 of our students off to Ocean Beach to represent us in the Ocean Beach 5s. On Thursday we had the cluster swimming sports at Onekawa Pool.

Once again the children who represented our school in these events showed what wonderful ambassadors for our school they are. The school values of Trustworthiness, Respect, Unity, Enthusiasm and Excellence were certainly on display in the way the children not only competed but also interacted with the other schools.

The Beach 5s team was captained by Kobey. He was well supported by Lochie, Charley, Braydon, Khan and Lexie. This team won 4 of their 6 games. They never gave up and played with a lot of heart. Their best game was definitely the last one against Twyford. I would like to thank Kelly Dinneen, Aaron and Keri Mckenzie, and Wayne Cracknell for transporting the children and supporting them throughout the day.

The Onekawa swimming sports provided another opportunity for our students to demonstrate their sporting ability. We had a large number of children swimming in the championship events (some for the first time). It was fantastic to see so many of these children gaining a placing. We also had some new faces in the relay teams and again they were fabulous in the way they represented our school.

As Principal it gives me a great deal of satisfaction when I get to see the way our students perform and represent our school. They are wonderful Ambassadors for Patoka. Thank you.

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Quote of the Week

The man who achieves makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistakes of all—doing nothing.

Ben Franklin

The finals are here-Epr08

It's now been several weeks since our two teams qualified for the finals of the EPr08 challenge. This week they get to put their technological skills into action again as they are faced with a whole lot of new challenges inside the 2 1/2 hour time frame.

I would like to wish the following teams all the very best for their event:

Doodackies (Tania, Charlotte, Timea and Eva)

Thingamjigs (Khan, Braydon, Kane and Charley)

I am sure they will have a lot of fun. I look forward to hearing about the challenges they faced and the problems they had to solve.
Good luck and enjoy the challenge!!



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Trustworthiness T.R.U.E - be true to yourself
Respect Unity Excellence Enthusiasm

Parent Interviews - Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April

Last week the parent interview notices went out. We value the opportunity to meet with our parents and to discuss the progress of your children. This first interview allows your child's teacher to provide feedback on how they have started the year, to share information on the progress they are making, and allows both parties to set some goals for the rest of the year.



Please fill out your interview form and return it to school as soon as possible. This will allow Theresa to complete the scheduling of interviews. This can be a tricky task so providing a selection of times for us certainly does help.

I would like to remind parents that these are only 15 minute interviews and that teachers often have them scheduled back to back. Please do not be offended if your child's teacher stops the interview. You are welcome to make another time to continue the discussion.

If the weather is unpleasant we will have the library open for parents to wait in.

Note: For Room 1 children, Mrs Ward will make contact with those children who are due for an interview as the junior reporting schedule is different for our younger children.

Payment of school accounts



The first lot of school accounts for this year will be coming home with your child this week. It would be appreciated if these could be paid by the 8th April.

New Gazebo -Thanks P and F

I would like to thank P and F for their support in helping us purchase a new Gazebo for school.

It is going to be a very useful resource for our school and will certainly come in useful at events such as Cross Country, Weetbix Try-Athlon, swimming sports and many other events.

It will be nice to attend events where we can advertise our school with our school flag set up next to our Gazebo.



School Buses-speed limit



I would like to remind parents that if you are passing a school bus that has stopped on the side of the road to collect a child at any time that the speed limit is 20km/hr or less until you are well past. This law applies no matter which direction you are coming from.

Community grants for ICT



Over the last couple of weeks I have received notification of two applications for community grants being successful. The Lion Foundation and First Light Community Foundation have agreed to helping us fund some of the cost of new ICT hardware for our school. They have awarded us a combined total of \$4088.

We are looking to purchase 5 new chromebooks and 6 new iPads for our students to use. In doing so we are starting to build up a good number of devices that our children can access. Our new ultra fast network is certainly making the use of these devices far more successful and beneficial to the students.

Patoka Picnic—fun in the sun



For those of you who managed to make it to the Patoka Picnic I am sure you would have enjoyed the day. 3 bands, great food (thanks to the kindy) and a wonderful setting made for a very enjoyable afternoon.

I know that there were a large number of people involved in the running of the day. To all of those people I would like to say thank you. However, I would like to make a special mention to Bruce Porter for providing the space and the passion to get this event up and running. The community pool will benefit from the money that was raised.

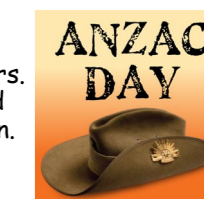
Another special mention needs to go to KOMBUCHA KING for donating drinks for the Patoka Picnic. These were certainly very popular.

I am already looking forward to the next Patoka Picnic..... I hear it may be bigger than this year.



Taradale District Schools ANZAC Commemoration

As a member of the Taradale Cluster of schools we have been offered the opportunity to participate in an ANZAC commemoration on the last day of Term 1 at the Taradale Memorial Clock Tower. It involves attending a service and each school paying tribute to the fallen soldiers. Our thinking is that we would look to take our Year 8 pupils to be part of this however we need to investigate this further. Please look out for further information that will be coming out soon.



Up and Coming Events

Year 7/8 EPr08 challenge final	Thursday 31st March
Year 5/6 EPr08 challenge final	Friday 1st April
BOT meeting	Tuesday 5th April
Parent interviews	Wednesday 6th / Thursday 7th April
ANZAC commemorative service (11-12pm)	Friday 15th April
Last day of Term 1	Friday 15th April
First day of Term 2	Monday 2nd May