

Music Lessons—Ross Turner



Ross is again taking enrolments for guitar, keyboard and ukulele lessons as school. Guitar and keyboard lessons are \$25 per 30 minutes or pay \$250 for 10 weeks and receive the 11th lesson free. Ukulele lessons are \$18 per 20 minute lesson or pay \$180 for 10 weeks and receive the 11th lesson free. Lessons are held at Patoka School on a Tuesday. Music theory is incorporated with hands on playing covering all styles of music. To sign up or if you have any questions please contact Ross Turner, 0212440559 or turnerross@gmail.com

Up and Coming Events

Working bee	Sunday 29th May
Queens Birthday	Monday 6th June
Trans Tasman Principals' Conference	Tuesday 31st May to Friday 3rd June
Year 7/8 Tech	Monday 13th June
Next BOT meeting	Tuesday 14th June

Community Notices

Work Wanted

I am a motivated, reliable and responsible individual. I am a hard worker, physically fit and enjoy working outdoors. I can work alongside others and can work on my own in whatever job task necessary. I respect the property and homes of others.

In my spare time I hunt, fish and enjoy spending time with my family.

My goal is to have regular, stable work so I can buy a home with a bit of land.

The biggest farm I worked on was 3500 acres in Porangahau. I am 40 years old with a lot of farm experience and would like to be back doing work I really enjoy.

Skills:

Shepherding, mustering, fencing, communication, basic computer skills, boat maintenance, hoof cows and shoe horses, first aid, horse rider, chainsaw experience, stock work, train working dogs, pest control, drive quads, trucks, tractors, forklifts, boats, staff/crew management, shearing, navigation, boat and gear cleaning, farm maintenance, motorbike experience.

Work History:

2016 and 2012 Mural Town Movers (Furniture removal)

2015 Dairy Farmhand

2010 - 2014 Commercial Fisherman, Deck Boss for various companies

Shepherding - 16 years on various farms

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jamie Thompson Phone 0273809679 or email linfields@slingshot.co.nz

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.

principal@patoka.school.nz

Good luck!!

This week = If a boy and a half could eat a hot dog and a half in a minute and a half, how many hot dogs could six boys eat in six minutes?



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Growing Young Leaders

I had the pleasure, along with Nicky Dawson, of taking 11 of our Year 7/8 students to Palmerston North last Monday (16th May) for the National Young Leaders Day. Having attended a number of these events over the last few years, I was again looking forward to the messages they provide and the challenges they issue to our students. This year did not disappoint.

Throughout the day our students were able to hear from a range of speakers and watch videos about other young people who have overcome adversity in their life and have gone on to be seen as successful leaders.

I know from speaking with our own students that there were many messages that they were able to take away with them. These included:

- You need to listen—there are people who want to help you—ask for help
- Leadership is 10% talent and 90% hard work
- You don't have to be a leader to be a leader
- "I am" - most powerful words
- If you are looking behind you then you are not seeing what is in front of you

They are powerful messages that are certainly of benefit to all of us.

Once again our students represented our school well. They remained focused throughout and certainly demonstrated the school values in the way they carried themselves during the day.

We can now all look forward to the rest of the year as this very capable group of young people take the lead in our school.

Farewell to Cory and Kendra

I wanted to take the opportunity to formally say farewell to Cory and Kendra who have recently left the district. Both Cory and Kendra have made significant contributions in the community both for the school and the kindy. They will certainly be missed.

I would like to thank them both for what they have done and wish them all of the very best for the future.



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Quote of the Week

The easy thing to do isn't always right, and the right thing to do isn't always easy.

James Beck -National Attitude Manager

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

Building Project Update



These are exciting times for us as we move closer to the start of our building project. The main part of the project has now gone out for tender. We are certainly looking forward to getting this under way.

For those who are not aware we are going to be extending the covered deck area out in front of Room 1 and 3. This will go out towards the garden and will have a new roof erected that goes from the office to the end of the library. The new deck area will provide another break out space for our students to work in.

The front of Room 1 is also going to be opened up with a new set of stacker doors put in where the existing windows are (close to the office entrance).

We are certainly hopeful that this work will start soon. In terms of the disruption to the children with the work being carried out, we are unsure of actual times. We will certainly keep all of our community informed of the process and any other important information.

Ski Gear for Whole School Camp



A message from Nicky Dawson: **Ski jackets, pants and gloves.**

We are just getting organised for ski camp. If anyone has gear that they don't want and would like to sell or donate it to the school please send it along to school or contact Nicky Dawson.

Put a price on if you want to sell and name it. Nicky will compile a list of items for sale or ones that are available for sale.

Learning in our environment



Yesterday was a great day in terms of the learning that is being provided by Billie and the Shade House project. After recent discussions with Billie and the staff, our students will be working with her in the afternoons to learn about the process of growing the plants that go into our garden. This week we sent 6 children (3 from Room 1 and 3 from Room 2) to work with her. They spent some time learning about how to grow Kaka Beak. They now have a tray set up on the deck with new seeds that they are trying to germinate. They were all very excited about what they achieved. I look forward to watching the seeds grow. A very big thank you to Billie Herries for her passion and effort. Our school looks amazing.

Trans Tasman Principal's Conference

At the end of 2015 I was awarded the Don Le Prou Award by the New Zealand Principal's Federation. This is an award that is to be used for Professional Development.

I have chosen to use this award to attend the Trans Tasman Principal's Conference in Auckland next week. The NZPF run a conference every year, however this year they are combining it with principals from Australia. The main reason for wanting to attend this event is the rural schools focus group and workshop that is being run. This is an opportunity to meet with leaders and officials and to share stories and ideas about what is happening in rural schools.

The theme for the conference is *Knowledge in our Hands* and focuses on innovation and practice in education. As I am sure you are aware, education continues to change and there is always a need to keep informed of what is new, what is coming soon and what will be expected of us in the future.

I would like to thank the board for their support in allowing me to continue to seek out professional development opportunities such as this and look forward to sharing what I find out with you all.



Trans-Tasman Principals' Conference 2016
31 MAY - 3 JUNE 2016, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Working Bee-Term 2 (29 May)



Only a few days to go until the working bee. It would be great to see you there this Sunday at school from 9am.

Some of the jobs that we will need to do are:

- Gardening
- Cleaning the plastic curtains outside Room 3
- Cleaning the lights inside to clear them of the flies (sorry -not much fun)
- Construction of a new long jump pit—to be dug out, lined and framed.
- New backboards on the basketball hoops (if possible)
- Washing down of exterior surfaces
- Turning the soft fall over and loosening it up in the playground

We will need spades, rakes, clippers, a water blaster and any other tools you think will be needed on the day. We have 1 chainsaw coming and are also looking for a rotary hoe that we could use for the playground. If not we will use rakes and forks.

Please come along and join in. Bring what you can .

If you have any questions please contact the school.

See you there!!

Board of Trustees Elections

Declaration if no Parent Election held

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Board of Trustees Election Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to / fewer than (*delete whichever is not applicable*) the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Kate Cracknell
Blair Simmons
Daniel Herries
Matt Gibson
Anna Dinneen

Signed

Alice Nelson

Returning Officer

2016 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

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Declaration if no Staff Election held

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Board of Trustees Election Declaration of Staff Election Results

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received I hereby declare:

Gerry Bidwell duly elected:

Signed

Alice Nelson

Returning Officer