

Cell Phone Found

A cell phone was found in the kindy carpark on Monday morning. It is an iPhone in a black leather case. If you have lost your phone or know anything about this please contact the school office.



Patoka School Newsletter

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Up and Coming Events

Frist day of Term 3	Monday 25th July
BOT meeting	Tuesday 9th August
School Cross Country	Friday 12th August
First Whole school ski camp	Wednesday 17th August

Community Notices

Farewell to the Ward Family!!!!

On behalf of the BOT, teachers, staff, pupils and the Patoka community, I would like to farewell our Principal Darryn, our Room 1 teacher Stacey and their son Charley.

Darryn you have been an inspiring leader to all our students over the past three years. Your love of music filtered through into a choir, kapa haka, assemblies, and even a rock band.

You embraced the country style quickly with buying gumboots and getting stuck into tree planting, school camps, pet days and crutching.

Your humour made us laugh, but most of all your uplifting manner always shone through. You have given your all to the role of Patoka Principal and we thank you for everything you have done.

Stacey, you have been a stand-out teacher from day one. Thank you for being the one we had to drop off our kids to on their first day of school. Not only were you respected by the students, your approachable nature with the parents was highly valued. Shaping those little kids to be ready for Room 2 is a big job and you did it with ease.

Charley, you are always smiling, you always made the new kids to school feel welcome. Keep in touch from the South Island, so we can hear about your new adventures.

We wish you all the very best of luck on your new journey ahead.

Regards
 Kate Cracknell
 BOT Chair

Patoka School

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Quote of the Week

Go confidently
 in the direction
 of your dreams!
 Live the life
 you've imagined.

-Thoreau

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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.

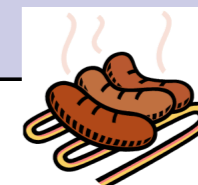
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Good luck!!

This week = I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?



The board would like to invite the community past and present, to the school to help us farewell the Ward family at 1pm on Friday 8th July. A sausage sizzle will be provided and tea and coffee will be available.



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

School Camp Parent Helper meeting



There will be an important meeting for all those parents who are helping on school camp on Tuesday 2nd August in the school library from 3:30.

If you put your name forward to be a helper then you have been accepted and will need to attend this meeting.

The meeting will cover the expectations for our parent helpers, go over the programme, share information about groupings and deal with the day to day running of the camp.

A parent helper information booklet will be handed out at the meeting. Please contact the school office if you are unable to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Let the building begin!!!

Last week we were able to sign off the building plans for the new project. This is very exciting as it means the building process can now begin.

The construction of the new deck outside Room 1 and 3, and the new doors in Room 1 will be starting next week on Monday. The building company have stated that they think it will take around 3 weeks to complete. Because most of the work can be done in the holidays it is hoped that the interruptions to the school programme will be minimal when they return after the holidays.

A key part of this process is ensuring the health and safety of the workers, our staff, parents and students. Because of this we will be blocking off the front steps to the school while the work is being done. The room 1 students will be accessing their classroom by using the door from the Room 2 corridor. The Room 3 students will be using the emergency access door around the back of their room and will need to walk along the back path to come through the Room 2 corridor. All parents or visitors who are wanting the office will also need to use the Room 2 door to the corridor. We do apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause during the building process.

I am sure that the end result will be fantastic and am certainly sad that I will not be here to see the final product.



Disco Mania!!!



I would like to extend a very big thankyou to all those children and parents who attended the disco on Friday night. It was great to see everyone dressed up in their camo gear, and to see the wonderful dancing that was going on.

Thank you also to the staff and parents who assisted with the supper and with the clean up afterwards. This is always appreciated. The highlight for me was definitely having some very cool disco lights for the evening and hearing the reactions from the children when they saw them for the first time.

After School Care Wanted



After school care is wanted for a new student (Ruby) who is starting in Room 1 on the first day of Term 3. Ruby's mum is looking for someone to help out with caring for Ruby Monday to Wednesday for up to 2 hours. If you are able to help please contact the school office or Denica on 0274524726.

Patoka Netball Team



Last Friday our senior netball team participated in a tournament at Onekawa courts. These girls have gone from strength to strength throughout the year and have become a very skilled and tight unit who are achieving some excellent results.

The team played extremely well at the tournament and ended up winning their section. We are certainly all very proud of you.

I would like to thank Kerri Horton for the amazing job she has been doing in coaching these girls. Her passion shines through. I am never quite sure who is more tired after a training session - Kerri or the girls.

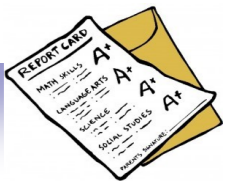
Well done to you all!!

Accounts



A reminder that with the end of the term coming up all the accounts must be paid by tomorrow. (The exception is the ski camp which must be paid before August 1st) If you have any queries please contact the office.

School Reports



On Thursday your child will be bringing home their school report (if in Years 4-8). Some of our Year 0-3 children may also have a report. The interim report is a summary of your child's progress to date. You will notice that a reference is made in regards to their progress towards meeting the National Standards for their year. While this is a ministry requirement we would like to remind parents that this is a mid year judgement and that lot of progress can still be made between now and the end of the year.

Wishing you all a happy holiday



As the term comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to wish the staff, students, parents, and whanau a happy holiday break. It has been a busy term with a lot happening. We certainly appreciate the support you all continue to provide the school. The children have managed to stay focused and keep working at their learning. This is a testament to the way they work each day.

If you are travelling away in the holidays, please travel safely. Enjoy the opportunity to spend time together as a family. I am sure the teachers will be looking forward to your return and some new and exciting learning.

Finally, to Courtney Hall—I would like to wish you all the very best as you take over in Room 1. Thank you for the fact that you have been willing to spend the last 8 days with the children. I know they will have enjoyed having you around.

Have a great holiday everyone!!!