



# Patoka School Newsletter

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## School Camp

We did it! Three great days of action and adventure. Many thanks to the wonderful group of parents who worked together to make this event happen so successfully. A special thank you to Barbie, Kate, Lauren, Sarah, and the legendary Jackie, for organising the food.

### Patoka School

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Wednesday 24th August

## Our New Principal

Dear Patoka Parents and Community,

The Board of Trustees would like to inform you that we have employed Rachel Huggins as our new Principal to start at the beginning of term four.

Rachel has been to meet the children and staff last week and was overwhelmed with the warm reception she received. She is really excited to be part of our community and looks forward to meeting the parents when she returns next term.

The BOT would also like to thank Gerry Bidwell for stepping into the Acting Principal role over this period between Principals. Gerry led a fantastic school ski trip last week and has gone above and beyond to keep the school in check over this busy time.

Regards,

Patoka School Board of Trustees

I am very excited about joining the Patoka School community in Term 4 of this year. My family are originally from Christchurch, and have been overseas for the previous five years. I have been a teacher for 25 years, so have lots of experience and have taught children from 4-13 years old during this time.

We have travelled around different countries and worked in International Schools. I have been a Principal at Eton House Chengdu, Berlin Metropolitan School and the International School of Basel. I speak some German and French which has come in rather handy!

I will be relocating with my family, my husband Craig, and my two sons Ben and Finn. Returning to NZ has been on our heart this year and we are thrilled to come and live in the beautiful Hawkes Bay area.

I can't wait to meet you all, work together and help strengthen Patoka School!

See you very soon

Rachel Huggins

### Quote of the Week

*Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone.*

*Anthony Burgess*

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Come and join us watch the hilarious Movie



Ladies Night at.....



FROM THE GUY WHO BROUGHT YOU BRIDESMAIDS  
**TRAINWRECK**

WE ALL KNOW ONE.



Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> September - Doors open @ 7 ish

Hutchinson Domain- Puketitiri

\$10 - includes a glass of Bubbly and delicious hors d'oeuvres during the evening!

No EFTPOS / Cash BAR



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

## Patoka School Cross Country - Reminder for Friday

**Date:** Friday 26th August ( a decision to cancel will be made on Thursday)  
**Venue:** Hutchinson Domain - Corner of Puketitiri Rd and Hukanui Rd  
**Directions:** Hutchinson Domain is on the right hand side of the road at the intersection of Puketitiri and Hukanui Road (approximately 15 minutes drive time from school)



**10:00** All children to arrive  
**10:30** Welcome / House Keeping  
**10:35** Walk the courses  
**11:15** Start of Cross Country Races

Order of Running Events (All times are approximate starting times and may be adjusted depending on numbers in each event)

**Please note:** The buses will not be running on this day. Parents please arrange transport for your child to and from the venue. They need to be at the venue by 10am with their Patoka Sports shirt (these will be handed out the day before). Please also ensure that your children are collected from the venue as soon as it finishes.

This event is part of our school's curriculum therefore we expect all children to attend and

Start Times	Age Group	Distance
11.15	Boys 12 & 12+ year olds	2500m
11.18	Boys 5 year olds	500m
11.28	Girls 12 & 12+ year olds	2500m
11.31	Girls 5 year olds	500m
11.41	Boys 11 year olds	2000m
11.44	Boys 6 year olds	500m
11.54	Girls 11 year olds	2000m
11.57	Girls 6 year olds	500m
12.05	Boys 10 year olds	1500m
12.15	Girls 10 year olds	1500m
12.23	Boys 7 year olds	1000m
12.31	Girls 7 year olds	1000m
12.39	Boys 9 year olds	1500m
12.47	Girls 9 year olds	1500m
12.55	Boys 8 year olds	1000m
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participate.

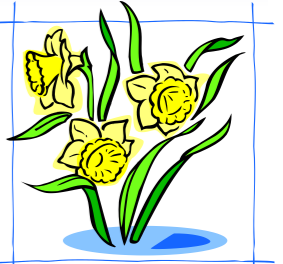
Patoka Sports shirt (these will be handed out the day before). Please also ensure that your children are collected from the venue as soon as it finishes. We will also be looking for some parents to act as marshals.

**Food Available...**  
 Sausage Sizzle, drinks, juicies and chocolate bars and fruit



## Daffodil Day - Thursday 25th August

Create a fun hat day at school on Thursday 25th August. We have loads of decorative supplies at school but if you want to bring some as well to use you can. Hats to be made and decorated at school and a gold coin donation for the Cancer Society will be collected.



## Up and Coming Events

Daffodil Day	Thursday 25th August
School Cross Country	Friday 26th August
BOT Meeting	Tuesday 6th September
Napier Primary & Districts Cross Country	Tuesday 6th September

## Community Notices

**Are you a Pastoral Farmer?  
Let's talk TANK**

We want to start a conversation with pastoral farmers. We're keen to work with landowners in the Greater Heretaunga territory as we consider our approach to a catchment-based plan change for your area.

Please join us at one of these public evening meetings, from 7.00 - 9.30pm - followed by supper

**Patoka Hall - Tuesday 30 August**  
**Sherenden Hall - Thursday 1 September**  
**Maraekakaho Hall - Tuesday 13 September**

These sessions are brought to you by Hawke's Bay Regional Council in association with Beef + Lamb NZ.

**Evening Outline**

- General introduction to the TANK programme, and a summary of water quality issues
- Why it's important for you as a farmer to get involved in the TANK Plan development to manage water quality
- Beef + Lamb overview of industry best practice, especially on sediment management

There will be plenty of time for discussion and questions.

For more information, please call Mary-Anne Baker at 06 833 5478 or email [tank@hbrc.govt.nz](mailto:tank@hbrc.govt.nz)

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