



Patoka School

through our school we are one

Our values are T.R.U.E.E – Trustworthiness, Respect, Unity, Excellence and Enthusiasm

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Dates to remember:

15 March	Year 5-8 RSA Spirit of ANZAC Speech finals, Taradale RSA for our school finalists
16 March	Tough Kids, Hawke's Bay Sports Park, 9.30am – 2.15pm all students in Room 2 & 3
17 March	School Swimming Sports 11.00am -2pm, Patoka Community Pool
24 March	PALs (Physical Activity Leaders), Pettigrew Green Arena 9.45am-12.45pm, selected Y 5-8 students
30 March	Beach Fives Year 4, 5, 6 selected students, Ocean Beach

Save the Date:

7 April	Digital Photo exhibition 1.30pm
11 and 12 April	Super Sixes, Hawkes Bay Regional Sports Park for selected Yr 5-6 students, 9.30-3.30pm
13 April	ANZAC Commemoration Service, Taradale Clock Tower 11am followed by school picnic at Anderson Park (No buses will run in the afternoon)

From the Principal, Rachel Huggins

One of our goals this year was to become an Enviro School, and this process has started so well with a large group of Year 2-8 students wanting to be part. One of the features of the programme is that it is student led. It means that issues that are important to the students are the things we will explore. It is wonderful to have Kate, our gardener, working alongside the children. This week we have focused on the worm farm. It has been in action for some time and many thanks to Billie Herries for keeping it going over the summer. There is now a student roster, posters about what to do and not do for worm farms, and also a garden plan colour coded by George Carpenter to ensure that we spread the lovely fertiliser evenly over

the school garden. I interviewed two of the students about their impressions so far of being involved in the Enviro Schools group.

What is your favourite part so far of being an Enviro School kid?

George C – it is amazing because we get to do all kinds of different projects like planting and feeding worms. It is exciting stuff and we work with Mrs Huggins.

Ayla – when we make decisions in the group, we have a vote. Some people put their hands up to choose a person. In class, we normally have our teacher choosing.

George & Ayla – It was tricky to pick who to vote for, really hard.

Ayla - Kate is also helping us to know where to put the worm farm fertilizer.

George – I noticed that the grass across the top of the HaHa wall has died. I am wondering if we can put a fence up for a little while so the grass can grow again. I am excited that we can go and meet other schools and see what types of projects they are doing and give us ideas.

With these enthusiastic beginnings, I am certain that we will see great things come! Next week we have our first official training session with our facilitator, Sonya Sunberg-Carson and we will be sure to keep you updated.

It is with pride that we see four of our students from Room 3 represent the school at the RSA Speech competition. Alyse Lynam and Nicholas Brady are competing in the Year 7/8 and Lexie Carswell and Ari Milne are competing in the Year 5/6 section against the other schools in the Taradale cluster. They have certainly risen to the challenge and have shown tremendous courage and growth throughout the process. Many thanks to Mr Bidwell for taking the time to teach this speech making unit and give time to help the students craft and present their speeches.

It is great to see so many of you meeting with teachers this week. The home and school collaboration is one of the most important aspects of your child's education. As a team we can always achieve more. Thanks to our teachers who have prepared an update for you to give you a sense of where the students are at and their next learning steps.

I hope to see as many of you at the Patoka Community Pool this Friday, cheering on your children as they show you their aquatic skills. We will be starting at 11.00am and finishing around 2.00pm. The P & F will be organising a sausage sizzle and yummy treats can be brought from them. This will be the final day of our swimming unit. Buses will run from school as usual if you are not able to join us.

Tough Kids Rooms 2 & 3

Many thanks to the parents who are assisting us in transport. It would be a great idea to send your child with a change of clothing and a warm jacket. We are expecting to get a bit muddy! Buses are running as usual at the end of the day.

Cancellations will be posted on the Facebook pages of: Mitre 10 Mega Napier Hastings and Sport Hawke's Bay if it's cancelled at 7 am on Thursday morning.

- Rapid Relief will be running a sausage sizzle from 10am-2pm for \$2 and bottles of water for \$1
- Tip Top ice-creams for \$2 and ice blocks for \$1
- Bay Espresso will have hot drinks and cookies

There will be marshalls directing you where to park – it's important we keep cars well clear of certain areas for safety.

The race briefing will be at 9.30am for the Year 3-6's and 12.30pm for the Year 7-8's. We are working on a rough guide of 10am-11am for the Year 3&4s, 11am-12noon for the Year 5&6s and 12.45pm start for the seniors. Remember there will be a teachers/adults/Mitre 10 team race at the end of the intermediate section - should be heaps of fun!

Employment:

We are looking for a person who would be prepared to undertake small repairs in the school as the need arises e.g. cupboard doors, castor wheel replacements etc. We would be very interested in talking with anyone who is handy and would like to work with us. Please contact Rachel Huggins principal@patoka.school.nz

Head lice

Can you please check your child's hair for head lice. We have a few reported cases in the school. The very best way to stop them from spreading is to treat them as early as possible. If you would like more information, please contact Theresa in the school office.

ANZ Olympic School

Did you know that we are a registered ANZ Olympic School? It is easy to help us earn points – simply ask your friends or family to name us as your school when an ANZ home loan is approved. As a school, we earn points from each loan. Once we accrue enough points, then the ANZ organises a NZ Olympic sports person to visit our school. If you would like more information, let us know!

Community Notices:

PUKETITIRI SPORTS DAY

Saturday 18th March
Hutchinson Domain

Family Fun Day Out.
Events for everyone and lots of great Prizes.
Free BBQ lunch with Dinner available at end of the day for \$5 per person
adult/child

Ponies start at 9am followed by Horse Events.
Motorbike events to commence after lunch.

No EFTPOS available cash Only!

See you there!!!

DOC COMMUNITY MEETING

Hello Folks

My name is Connie Norgate, I am the DOC Operations Manager at the Hawkes Bay Office and have just recently moved to Napier.

I would be really keen to meet with you on **Tuesday 28th March at 7.00pm at Hutchinsons Domain.**

Tea, coffee and supper will be provided.
If you have any agenda items please send them through
Look forward to meeting you all

Connie Norgate

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