



Patoka School

through our school we are one

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

Date of Issue: 2 August 2017

Dates to remember:

2 August	BOT Meeting
3 August	Whole School Kapahaka
4 August	Y7/8Technology
11 August	Y7/8Technology
17 August	Whole School Kapahaka
18 August	Y7/8Technology
23 August	BOT Meeting
25 August	School Cross country at Puketitiri Golf Course 11am

Save the Date:

6 September	School trip to the Papershaper puppet show and picnic lunch
12 September	Napier Primary School (Y1-6) cross country for selected students
15 September	TACS Cross Country (Y7/8) for selected students
20 September	BOT Meeting

From the Principal, Rachel Huggins

We are delighted to welcome Johnson King to our school in Room 3.



Last term we collaborated with the Taradale Cluster of schools to offer a parent workshop about Internet safety at home. It was held at Taradale High School and presented by Anjie Webster from Netsafe Education. It was an excellent session and as there were not many of our community present I thought I would offer you an overview of the main points.

The Netsafe agency is an independent not for profit New Zealand organisation focused on online safety. They provide online safety help, support, expertise and education to people in New Zealand. Netsafe was founded in 1998 to help New Zealand internet users stay safe online and can be found at www.netsafe.org

There are a huge number of helpful guides to be used by parents when children are exploring online tools that parents may not be familiar with. Anjie explained that as parents in the

digital age we need to support our students and nurture them and help them by giving them boundaries about using ICT devices. If your children are using Facebook, Instagram or other apps and you are not sure, there are parent guides to download to help you.

Girls and boys use the technology very differently with girls using more social media to connect with their friends, to communicate ideas and feelings and seek approval, while boys use technology more for gaming, competition, watching videos and exploring humour on youtube and Instagram. Of course, these are generalisations.

Parents were encouraged to keep communication open with children about what they are using devices for, and talk about how to handle tricky issues before they happen. Families are encouraged to discuss together what is ok and not ok about online communities. Anjie encouraged parents to be involved in their children's use of devices, and entering their world.

Anjie explained that parents need to help their children:

- understand how to stay safe online,
- the importance of having secure passwords,
- about balancing screen time and learning good posture
- understand what to do if you find inappropriate content

There is a wealth of information on the Netsafe website or toll-free on 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723) for parents and students to use if you need advice.

Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser

Many thanks for all who participated, we raised \$179 dollars!



Paper Shaper show

Later this term, Wednesday 6 September, we are planning to take the children to a puppet performance, in Napier. You can google the show, it looks amazing! The play is directed by Peter Wilson, puppet designer is Tim Wilson and the music is by Gareth Farr. The show is produced by the Little Dog barking company, and is touring NZ after returning from performing in China and South Korea at arts festivals. We will be travelling by bus, and having a picnic lunch along the Napier waterfront before returning to school. A notice will be sent later, however I wanted to let you know in advance as we will be asking for parent helpers to accompany us.

Winter Sport Teams

It is wonderful to see so many of our students playing winter sport for school or clubs. We thought we'd highlight their games in the newsletters;

29 July

Sport	Team and score	Who they played and score	Player of the Day
Soccer	Patoka Possums	Marist	
Soccer	Patoka Pumas 3	Marist wizards 3	
Soccer	Marist Jets (Lexie) 5	Lindisfarne 1	
Rugby	Pirate Ninjas (Luke) 3	Hastings 11	
Rugby	Taradale Hurricanes (Khan) 10 th Grade 37	Clive 22	
Rugby	Taradale Ninjas (George C) 8	Tamatea 10	
Rugby	Taradale Stags (Brooklyn)		
Rugby	Taradale Hurricanes 12 th Grade (Nic) 27	Hastings 24	

Netball

A big thank you to Krystle for coaching the netball team this year. Also many thanks to the other parents who helped out when needed. I know the girls are disappointed the netball season is so short! Nicky Dawson

Community Notices:

Parents and Friends Meeting!!!

Aug 14th @ 1.30pm

School staff room.

Everyone welcome welcome!

Please come along and share your fundraising ideas!

Patoka Kindy Golf Day Fundraiser

Saturday 26th August

Entries and Extra Dinner tickets to Tim and Alice Nelson by 21st August

Ph. 8398866

See attached flyer for more info.