



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: 27 September 2017

Dates to remember:

28 September School Disco, 5-7pm, \$2 per person

Save the Date:

Term 4

17 & 18 October Student Led conferences 3.30-5.30pm

25 October BOT meeting, 5.30pm

26 October Pet Day

2 November Digiawards finalist prize giving

15 November Planting Day

22-24 November Room 3 Camp

From the Principal, Rachel Huggins

“Effective communication requires a mutual understanding of needs, wants and desires.”

Kirk Hazlett

Our communication strategy has many facets and with so many new families joining our school this year, I thought it would be a great idea to clarify our approach.

Newsletter 100% of school families

A newsletter is written each fortnight, and is emailed or printed (upon family request) to each family in our school. It is also emailed to the wider community and may include notices that pertain to the wider community.

Paper notices

When we have school trips we send the permission slips home in paper form to each family, as we require the permission slip to be returned.

Email 100% of school families

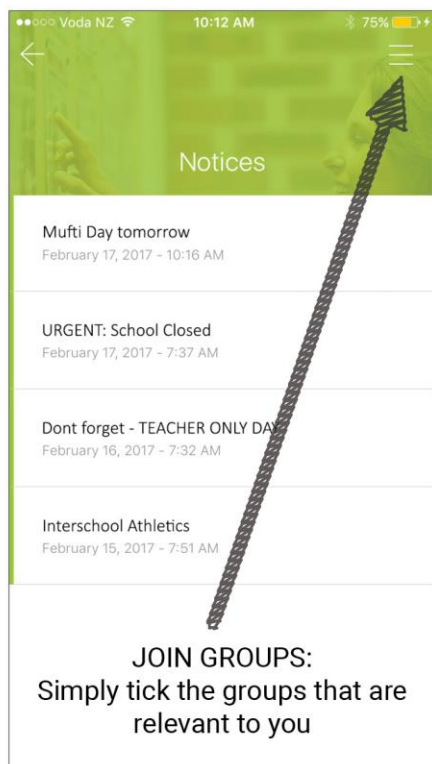
Emails are written and sent from the school with reminders or updates that occur outside of the newsletter timeframe. We appreciate that many families are able to check their emails regularly and it saves sending a lot of extra paper home.

Parent Teacher app 60% of school families

This app is useful to send text messages reminding the parents who have downloaded the app of events, as we do not have all families I will use this as an extra level of communication and never for urgent information. We will also have our dates loaded for the term 4, in case this calendar function is helpful for you as well. If you run your own business, you can advertise in this app and support our school community. I encourage you to consider downloading this app and explore the benefits of this tool, it is free!

How to:

JOIN OUR SCHOOL PUSH NOTIFICATION GROUPS



Simple free download: In the Play Store and App Store search 'Parent Teacher Calendar' and choose our school once installed.

Facebook 50% of school families

In term 4 2016, I sent a survey and many parents asked if we could use this tool to share school events. I set up a Facebook page in Term 1 2017 and share photos of events that occur at school. I use this as an extra level of communication and never for urgent information. Our facebook page address is:

<https://www.facebook.com/Patoka-School-1102040903234366/>

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about our communication, please let me know by calling or emailing me.

I want to take time to thank Luana Farquharson for her dedication and enthusiasm as she has worked with us for three terms. Luana always has a smile ready and she has brought compassion and humour to our days! Special thanks for her contribution to kapahaka, she has been the motivation and the drive behind starting the programme again. Many thanks Luana, and we wish you well in your future.

Hawkes' Bay Cross Country

We are so proud to acknowledge that three of our students have qualified to compete in the Hawkes' Bay Cross Country at the Hastings Show Grounds. We congratulate Lochie Dinneen (Year 7), Amy Robinson (Year 7) and Luke Herries (Year 5), and wish them well as they race today!

News from the BOT

The BOT are pleased to welcome Sally Cockerill to the BOT as a parent rep (with a son in Room 1) and also Nicky Dawson to the BOT as the staff representative (from Room 2).

Recently the BOT appointed an independent investigator to look into some matters that arose, and the recommendations from this process are available to read, should you be interested. Please contact the school to view this document.

The BOT are grateful for the parent survey responses that we have received, we realise this is another demand on your day and are going to take time to read through your responses.

Community Notices

Work Wanted

Hi my name is Holly Jennens and I am currently looking for house cleaning work around Patoka. Please give me a call on 02041389878.

Wanted

Relief milker wanted in a 60 bale rotary dairy farm ASAP. Please phone Mike at 0211108363.

Work Wanted

Female EIT student with completed Agriculture course diploma looking for farm work. McKenzie Friedner (Taradale) Phone 0220337513.