



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: 13 December 2017

Dates to remember:

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| 14 December | Final assembly 1 pm |
| 15 December | Last day of the school year School party Parent and staff shared morning tea |

Save the Date:

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| 30 January | First day back at school for all students |
| 31 January | Swimming lessons begin for Room 2 and 3 students |
| 5 February | Swimming lessons for whole school (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays only) |
| 6 February | Waitangi Day, school closed |
| 16 March | Swimming sports 1000 - 1300 |

From the Principal, Rachel Huggins

I would like to thank each family for working with us this year, and achieving such fantastic results. I have been reviewing photos from the year past as we prepare the school hall for the end of year assembly, and am so very proud of our students, and the opportunities that we have offered them.

It is a team effort and I would like to acknowledge you as parents, working with us and helping us to guide your children. Thanks to our teaching staff and support staff who have worked tirelessly and passionately to bring your children the best we can. Thanks to the BOT for their unswerving support, all of whom are very busy and have chosen to give what little extra time they have, to make our school stronger.

We are pleased to welcome Sophie Ebbitt to the position as gardener at school. Sophie's sons are in Room 2 and the Kindergarten. We are pleased she is joining our team.

I wish you all a restful, family oriented summer and look forward to seeing you again in the new year!

School Party

We have a special day planned for the students on Friday 15 December, our last day!

- **11.00am** Visit from Mr Whippy, prices starting at \$3.50, please cash only
- **11.00am** Shared staff and parent morning tea
- **12.30-1.30pm** Water slide fun thanks to the volunteer fire brigade (**bring togs, towel and sunblock**)
- **12.30pm** onwards P&F kindly serving a BBQ (no charge)

School buses are running as usual at the end of the day

Donation thanks from AFFCO

We wish to thank the following farms for their kind donation of bobby calves, raising for the school a total of \$1177.60.

Our sincere thanks to:

- Bluff Views Ltd.
- M G Gibson & Co. Ltd.
- Maxwell Farms Patoka 1
- Maxwell Farms Patoka 2
- Maxwell Farms Patoka 3
- Mitchell Dairy Farms Ltd.
- Falling Water Farm Ltd.

Seesaw

All our students now have their Seesaw accounts set up and we thank you those parents who have already signed up. It is very easy to access on your computer or smart phone. This is a tool that we will be using next year, to build on the students' ability to think reflectively, and a way for us to connect you into your child's learning. If you need help accessing your child's seesaw account, please contact your classroom teacher.

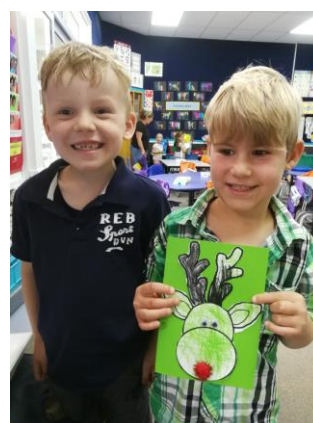
Splash planet trip

Our bus and house leaders enjoyed a great trip to Splash Planet, hosted by the Education officers of the NZ Police. We enjoyed a free BBQ. The traffic leaders across all the schools in Napier were present. It was a wonderful event and the students had a great day.



Kindergarten visits

The four-year olds from the Kindergarten enjoyed their last monthly visit and Room One had a really enjoyable morning together. We thank the parents and the Kindergarten for their support to our revised four-year-old programme, it is working so well and providing the students with plenty of opportunities to get to know the school environment, students in the class and develop a relationship with Mrs. Field, assisting the students to make a positive start to school.



Office administrator position

We are seeking a part time (20 hours, 0845-1245) Office Administrator, during the term time only. This is a pivotal role in our school. We would love to hear from you if you:

- have previous administrative experience
- have financial experience (payroll, creditor payments, account management, auditor liaison)
- have that X factor as the face of our school
- enjoy working with children, staff and parents
- have excellent computer skills

If you are interested in applying, please email:

- a letter of application
- contact details for three referees
- a Curriculum Vitae

Rachel Huggins at principal@patoka.school.nz by **December 30 2017**. Please note that interviews will be scheduled for the week starting 22 January 2018.

Stationery accounts

Please ensure that your accounts are fully paid no later than Thursday 14 December so that we may close the school year with no outstanding payments.

NEED TO TALK?



**free call or text
any time**

We're here. Free call or text 1737 any time, 24 hours a day. You'll get to talk to (or text with) a trained counsellor. Our service is completely free.

- Are you feeling anxious or just need someone to talk to? **Call or text 1737**
- Are you feeling down or a bit overwhelmed? **Call or text 1737**
- Do you know someone who is feeling out-of-sorts or depressed? Let them know they can **call or text 1737**

Whatever it is, we're here.

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Patoka Swimming Club

We are hoping to open the pool on Wednesday 12th December.

We apologise for the late start to the season.

Many thanks to everyone who gave up their time on Sunday to attend the pool working bee:
We had a fantastic turnout.



NEW MEMBERS

For those of you who are new to the district, the swimming pool on Hendley Road belongs to and is run by the Patoka Swimming Club. This is an Incorporated Society run by the Patoka Community. Everyone is welcome to become a member by purchasing an annual single/family membership. This entitles you to unlimited swimming during the current season (except when the school is using it). There is **NO CASUAL MEMBERSHIP**. If you are interested in joining the club please contact Andrew or Lisa Pollock on 8398952.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Family \$50

Single \$35

Key Deposit \$5

Please note that the **family membership is intended for a single household**. In the case of a farm with multiple houses we ask that each house purchase a family membership. We appreciate your honesty.

Memberships are payable via:

1. Patoka School Office – please place your name and the payment in a sealed envelope.
2. Online ANZ 01 0685 0029833 00 – please provide your name as the reference.
3. Contact Andrew or Lisa Pollock on 8398952 to make an alternate arrangement.

All **payments are due by Friday 23 December** and a list of paid members will be posted at the pool after this date.

Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service is to be held on Sunday 17th December at Patoka Hall at 7.30pm. All very welcome.