

Parkland PRIDE

The Newsletter of
Parkland School

Term 1 - Week 3 of 10

15th February 2024



Rise to the Challenge
Whāia te iti Kahurangi

Nga matua ma nga kaitiaki, Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Haere mai, welcome to Parkland School for 2024. It is wonderful to be back at Parkland after eight years away. I have loved reconnecting with past colleagues, families and friends, and meeting many new people. Thank you for being patient as I learn new names, too!

Special welcome to our three new staff members, Miss Leana Reardon (teaching in Room 2) and our two new Teacher Assistants, Krishna and Kristina. Welcome to the Parkland Team. 😊

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our "Connecting 2024" tonight. It will follow a similar format to last year with classes open to visit, for you to chat with teachers and for your child/ren to show you around their classroom. There will be brief information sessions in the hall for each team at the following times.

Senior Team - hall 4:00-4:15pm

Junior Team - hall 4:30 - 4:45pm

Middle Team - hall 5:00-5:15pm

All classrooms will be open for visits from 4pm-6pm, except during the team's talk. The focus of the team talks is to introduce the team to you, who is in which classroom and how the team runs.



We will have a FREE sausage sizzle (outside Room 9) thanks to the generosity of one of our Parkland parents, Laura Zhang from Property Brokers. Thanks, Laura!

Carolyn Jones and I will be available for any queries you may have. If you are unable to attend, we have paper copies of all handouts available at school. These will also be emailed to families tomorrow.

Smiles,
Sonia Mudgway
Principal



WELCOME!



Special welcome to all of the new students and families who have joined us at the start of this term. We hope you enjoy your time at Parkland.



Introducing our 2024 Librarians!



Introducing our 2024 Road Patrollers!

PTA UPDATE

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Due to rising costs we need to slightly increase the prices of some of our items.

Prices are: sausage/bread \$2, large cookie \$2, small cookie \$1. Pizzas are still \$2.50

We also need more helpers for our lunch orders. If you can spare some time (even once or twice a term) we would love to hear from you. We need help each Friday at the following times:

Sausage Sizzle (odd weeks of the term - the day after the newsletter) - 8:15am-9:15am for taking and processing orders, and then 12:15pm-1:15pm for cooking and serving.

Pizza (even weeks of the term) - 8:15am-9:30am for taking and processing orders, and then 12:30-1pm for serving.

TOMORROW (Friday 16th) IS SAUSAGE SIZZLE - Please order before school (between 8:30-8:50am) at the table outside the office - CASH only please.

ADMIN MESSAGES

SUNHATS

Please remind your child to bring their sunhat every day (or leave it at school). Sunhats are compulsory during Term 1 & 4 when children are outside for breaks or sport.

WATER ONLY

Parkland School places a huge importance on healthy eating habits. We prefer that every child's lunch-box is packed with healthy fruits/vegetables, yoghurt and sandwiches, and that they have a suitable option for 'brain food' each day. Children are encouraged to bring a (named) water bottle to school. It must only contain WATER. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

GARDEN HELP NEEDED

We would love a few parents to help us with the school vege gardens on a regular basis. If you are keen to help (either on your own, with a friend or supervising a group of children) weed and tend to the garden beds, please let us know.

SPORTS NEWS

Weetbix Tryathlon 2024

The Palmerston North Weetbix Tryathlon is being held on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 at Ongley Park. This is open to all children aged 6 years old to 15 years old (on the day of the event). Children can enter individually or as a team. Parents and caregivers can register their child/children online via the Weetbix Tryathlon website. As this is not a Parkland School run event, parents and caregivers are responsible for organising their children on the day. This includes transporting your child to and from the event. We will have a school gazebo set up at Ongley Park for Parkland School children and their whānau to use as a base. We will also have a school staff member there to assist you on the day. A short meeting will be held at school on Tuesday 12th March in Room 12. This is an opportunity to ask questions, gather information and meet families who will be attending the event.



Date: Tuesday 19th March, 2024

Location: Ongley Park

Entry age: 6 - 15 year olds (based on age on event day)

Entry options: Splash & Dash 6 years, Individual TRYathlon 7 - 15 years, Junior Team 7 - 10 years and Senior Team 11- 15 years.

Both team members must meet age requirements. Teams can be mixed gender. One team member completes the swim, one team member completes the cycle and both complete the run.

To enter and more details: <https://tryathlon.co.nz/>



Summer Sports

Summer sports have started this week:

Hockey on Tuesday (Yr0-4) and Wednesday (Yr5-6)

Badminton on Thursday (Yr5-6)

Summer sports starting next week:

Netball (Yr0-2) begins on Monday 19th Feb and (Yr 3-4) on Wednesday 28th Feb.

Teeball - Begins on Saturday 17th February.

Information can be found on the sports page found on the Parkland School website.

Please pay your registration fees at the office or online before the first game.

Thank you to the coaches and family members on the sideline for supporting our students on the sports field.

Have an enjoyable season of sport, remember to show respect and consideration to the other team, the referee and your own players.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Keyboard lessons are available at Parkland School on Monday mornings during class time. Lessons are taken by Terrie Smith, a qualified primary school teacher with many years of music teaching experience. If you wish to enrol your child, please fill out an enrolment form on the website www.melodies.co.nz or contact Terrie on 021 136 1854

Parkland PRIDE PUZZLER for Week 3

Question: Who is our new Principal?

Answer:

Name:

Room:

Drop your entry in the lucky draw container!