



Parkland Pride

The Newsletter of Parkland School
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Absences: Use the App



OFFICE MESSAGES

Term 2: Monday 20th April - Friday 3rd July

ANZAC Day observed Monday 27th April

MOE Teacher Only Days - Monday 18th May (Maths) and Friday 29th May (Literacy)

King's Birthday Monday 1st June

CAREGIVER CONTACT DETAILS:

Have you shifted house? Changed your work or home phone number? Are there details in the app that are incorrect for your child? It is important that we have the correct details for you in our system. Please email or call the office if you need to update any of the information held within the app.

LOST PROPERTY:

PLEASE check the Lost Property rack! All unnamed & unclaimed items will be donated.

COMMUNICATION: Newsletters / School App are the key methods of communication. We need parents to expect the newsletters on alternate Thursdays and to pick out the information and dates that apply to you. Classes may use email and/or Seesaw to share class events, achievements and class related information.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

These were scheduled for early next term, but we have had to change the date. Once the new date has been confirmed, we will let you know. Thanks for understanding.

ATTENDANCE:

Our target is 85% and we achieve this on a regular basis. Nationally this is not the same. Punctuality is a bigger issue for us. School starts at 8.50am. Children need to be in class and ready to learn at that time. Absence Notification - Please use the School App. Our Attendance Management Plan is now available on our website.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - EVERY DAY COUNTS

The Government's target is for students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.

**Our Term 1 attendance rate was 83%.
Can we improve this next term?**

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age.

As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

From the Principal's Desk...

Nga matua ma nga kaitiaki,
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was so wonderful to see so many of our community at our whānau picnic last night. I opened our evening with a well-known whakataukī that perfectly captured the spirit of the event:

"He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata."

"What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people."

Last night wasn't just about the food or the school gates being open; it was about the connections we build and the community we grow together. It was about sharing our learning with you, and celebrating the things we are proud of. Thank you for being here.

We were delighted to see so many of you getting on board with the House points challenge. There were some very creative families! Tino pai! Well done to you all.

Thanks again to those who came to our mini working bee to spread our playground bark. The area looks so much nicer, and is safer for our children. The Prefects have plans for the area that we didn't get to....so watch this space!

Have a well-rested break and enjoy time with whānau. See you next term.

Smiles,
Sonia Mudgway
Principal



Upcoming Dates:

Term 2

Also check out the Parent Calendar on our website.

20th April - Day 1 of Term 2 - Out-of-zone Enrolments open for Term 3

27th April - Anzac Day Holiday **SCHOOL CLOSED**

28th April - PTA Meeting 7pm (staffroom)

29th April - Hoods Up, Volume Down- Quiet Hour 10-11am

29th April - PNCC & Senior Modules Group Planting Project

14th May - Board Meeting 7pm (staffroom)

15th May - Pink Shirt Day - let's celebrate diversity!

15th May - Out-of-zone Enrolments close for Term 3

18th May - Teacher Only Day - Mathematics Curriculum (school closed for students)

20th May - School Cross Country (21st May Postponement Day)



If your child is involved in something cool outside of school, let us know!

STUDENT STARS



Well done to Madeleine and Lachlan for both competing in the recent Waitarere 5km Fun Run. Ka Rawe!



Congratulations to the super stars in Room 8 who produced excellent Code work! Their book presentation is excellent too! Ka pai!

Huge thanks to the members of our community who helped at our mini working bee to spread pour playground bark. We appreciate your hard work!



Kenna and Ivy both got player of the day at hockey recently. Way to go! Tina pai!



WELCOME



Hayes R9



Buda Rm9

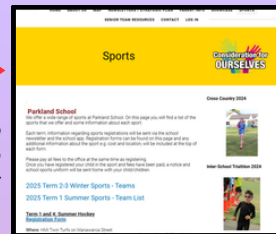
Special welcome to these children, and their whanau, who started with us recently.

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Papa Whenua. Welcome to Parkland School.

We hope you enjoy your time here.

Some of our keen gardening group had a wonderful time creating yummy recipes using some of the produce from our school garden. Ka Rawe! Awesome!





Please go to the school website to register. Please see the 'Sports' tab or click the link here:

Term 2 Cross Country

This year our school cross country will be held on **Wed 20th May** at the Palmerston North Golf Course. We will start training for the school cross country event in week two of Term 2. More information about this event will be shared next term.

Term 2 Winter Sports

Registrations are currently open for the following sports, but will close on Friday 6th April.

- Hockey - Year 1-6
- Table tennis - Year 4-6
- Basketball - Year 3-6
- Flippaball - Year 4-6

Please go to the school website to register. The links can be found on the sports tab .

Rippa Rugby

Last Friday a group of enthusiastic rippa rugby players participated in the Junior Cup Tournament at Coronation Park. They all demonstrated great passing and catching skills and learnt how important it was to play as a team. A special mention to Parkland 2, who made it into the semi finals. A big thank you to Nick Birchfield, who coached Parkland 1, as well as the parents and family members who came down to support us.



Holiday Programme - Table Tennis

TABLE TENNIS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

For age 8-15 year olds

Tuesday 14th April

Wednesday 15th April

Thursday 16th April

Friday 17th April

Location: Waldegrave Lounge

Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Cost: \$14 per day or \$42 for all 4 days

Details also on our website: www.ttmanawatu.org.nz



To register your interest in attending or for enquiries, please contact:

Matthew Ball

0273412246 or mattb.tabletennis@gmail.com

 **TABLE TENNIS**
MANAWATU

Two of our Epilepsy Warriors, Braxy & Lachie!



ERO's research centre wants to hear from parents and whānau about their child's school's assessment and reporting practices, as part of a national project.

Here is the link to a 10-minute survey:
https://www.research.net/r/Assessment_Parent_Survey

**CALLING FOR.....
 YUMMY STICKERS**
Please collect them

**MORE STICKERS = MORE SPORTS
 GEAR FOR OUR SCHOOL**

Did you know the more "yummy stickers" our school collects the more FREE p.e gear we can get!
 We can trade our "yummy stickers" for sports equipment so we would love for you to collect your stickers.
 Each class has a sticker chart, add them to this or pick up a chart for at home from Hollie Patete in Rm6 once the chart is fill drop it back to Rm 6 and repeat.
 Much appreciated.
 Any further questions email:
h_patete@parkland.school.nz

START COLLECTING!

OUR SCHOOL BOARD:

Our school works with SchoolDocs to provide a website for maintaining, updating, and reviewing our school policies. Different policies are under review each term and our school community can submit feedback. Follow the instructions below to contribute to the review.

1. Go to the SchoolDocs site for our school by clicking on [this link](#).
2. This will take you to *Current review and review instructions*.
3. Enter the username (parkland) and password (rise).
4. The policies listed here are the key policies under review this term. Click on the policy you want to review.
5. Click the "Start your review" button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Follow the prompts to submit your review.

Note that you can review any policy that has a "Start your review" button, not just the key policies listed in *Current review and review instructions*. There will be other related policies in that section of the site open for review.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

Check out the new lunch options we are trialling in Term 2! See the separate notice for full instructions.

Parkland Puzzler

Qu: What can we earn at school by collecting Yummy Stickers?



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Write the answer, along with your name and room number, on a piece of paper and post it into the mailbox outside Mrs Mudgway's office.