

Te Poutama News Term 2 - 2019

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are all looking forward to another great term ahead, filled with lots of learning and exciting activities.

Organisational and Self-management Expectations

In order to be life-long learners and fully prepared for college we encourage the children to take responsibility for their learning. This means;

- Getting to school on time. (The school bell goes at 9am)
- Managing their stationery, sports gear, bag and hat
- Being organised with time and manage deadlines.
- Coming to school with a great attitude and a willingness to try their best!

Our theme for the term is 'To Infinity and beyond' - Innovation

Wonder Project - STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)

Houston, we have lift off! Students will blast off into STEM by designing, building and launching a water rocket of their own with a little help from teachers and a STEM professional. We will be learning about Newton's laws, the engineering design process, and working as a team.

Tania Williams is our STEM ambassador. Tania is General Manager of Engineering Leadership at Engineering New Zealand. She will be working with us for an hour every Friday, starting week 1.

Equipment request.

We do need 1.5 litre plastic bottles for the rocket launching. Please send empty bottles to school if you can help.

Young Leaders Day, Wednesday 22nd May - Year 8's

All year 8's will be attending this year. A separate notice will be sent home with all year 8's.

MID-YEAR STUDENT / PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS: These are on Wednesday 5th June and Thursday 6th June. The booking site will be open shortly.

College Open Days

Paraparaumu College - 19th June. This year, all year 8's will be spending the day at Paraparaumu College. This will include attending CATS - the 2019 College production.

Kapiti College - 26th June.

Information will be sent home closer to the open days.

Homework

Tasks go home on a Monday and are due back at school on the Friday of the same week. We do not want homework to become a stressful occasion for you or your child. If at any stage tasks cannot be completed, feel free to write a note in your child's book.

- ★ Reading -students are **encouraged** to read a minimum of 20 minutes every night.
- ★ Current events quiz. students are **encouraged** to complete the quiz with you or to use their general knowledge and research skills to find the answers.
- ★ Education Perfect - All students have access to this site. They can use it to consolidate their understanding of a concept and/or to complete set tasks. Subject areas: English, Maths, Languages, Science. Login details can be found in homework books.

Self Defence Course - Girls

We have been given the opportunity to host a Girls' Self Defence course run by the Women's Self Defence Network – Wāhine Toa, jointly funded by the Ministry of Social Development and ACC.

The self defence instructor is a qualified and experienced teacher of self defence to women and girls. **There is no cost involved and is not compulsory.** An information letter will be sent home this week with all girls.

Communication Reminders

- Te Poutama Closed Facebook page is where we post reminders and copies of notices that don't quite make it home!
- School Phone App - Search 'Waikanae Primary School' in the app store and download. You can then go through and create your subscriptions for the year depending on what class your child is in and what activities they are involved with. You'll get important alerts AND it gives the option of letting us know if your child is away without needing to phone the office.

Term Activity Fee

Education Perfect (Online maths, English, Languages), Survivor Day Term 1
Payment details will be sent out from the office over the next week.

Dates for the Calendar

- ★ First Gardasil Year 8 BOYS and GIRLS- 30th May
- ★ School Cross Country Friday 31st May
- ★ Interschool Cross-Country Tuesday 12th June
- ★ Parent Interviews 5th and 6th June
- ★ Year 8 Orientation Day: Paraparaumu College 19th June
Kapiti College 26th June

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Nancy, Lucy, Lisa and Sam