



# PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER NO. 13

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Are we alone in the universe? That is the big question that has been at the heart of our inquiry for term three. I find it so inspiring to visit our classes and see all that our classes have been doing as they follow the students queries around our universe. While we hit pause on our inquiry for week six while we explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), we will be back to it in week seven. **We look forward to our celebration of learning (9-11am) and exhibition of learning (5-6pm) on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September.** We will be sharing our learning; both what we've found so far in our inquiry, and the outcomes of our STEM investigations. We love the opportunities to share what we've been learning about in classes that our celebrations of learning provide.

Important Dates for Term Three	
27 – 31 <sup>st</sup> August	North Island Primary Ski competition
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Sibling Photos
28 <sup>th</sup> August – 1 <sup>st</sup> September	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) week
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Celebration of learning 9:00-11:00 am Exhibition of learning 5:00-6:00pm
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Portrait and Class Photos
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Big Night Out! PTA fundraiser
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day of term

As a school, we are investing heavily in our students to ensure we give every child the best opportunity to achieve success. All year, we have been committed to providing reading recovery and learning support with Ms Werder working full time in learning support for year 0-2. We also have Ms Schmit working in learning support with students in year 3-8 in math, and all our students will see her working alongside their teacher in class co-teaching and taking groups to support the math teaching across the school. In addition to support teachers, through the year our board has committed to funding an additional teacher so that the class numbers can stay nice and low, especially for our youngest learners. To further support our students across the school, we have increased our in class support programmes. We have supported students from year 0-6 with additional teacher aides working alongside our teachers and supporting students in running additional groups in classes. We have also increased Ms Schmit's teaching time each week from three and a half days to five days. One other new programme is Ms Figgins running programmes to accelerate learning for students in year 3-8 through in depth study linked to our inquiry.

The design of this support is incredibly important to Parnell District School for two reasons. First, we want to achieve accelerated learning outcomes for **every student**. We must ensure that students of all abilities receive a challenging and rewarding learning programme that supports them being better than before. Second, we firmly believe that our class teachers are the best people to make a difference for our learners. Our phenomenal class teachers know their learners and their needs in depth, and they are able to use this wealth of knowledge to ensure every child receives the programme they deserve. Because of this, you will see that support programmes are designed to be in class, alongside the teachers where ever possible. We are committed to every learner and seeing them progress, and this programme of support is one tangible way we are demonstrating that focus. We are fortunate to have such a fantastically supportive community, and most of these programmes are funded through our parental donations. I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have contributed to the donation. Your generosity is translating into real support that is felt by all students across the school

Finally, our new turf is just days away from completion! This has been a long process with weather hampering the process along the way, but the new facility is looking fantastic and our students are very excited to finally get back to playing in our apex year round. **Our turf needs a name!** Please encourage your kids to think of a name that is appropriate for our turf. It's a chance to think of our community who worked to create the space, that is indeed for our community to use. The more imaginative the name the better, but if your kids come up with a new name, please email [richardg@parnell.school.nz](mailto:richardg@parnell.school.nz). The PTA will choose the final name, so all entrants need to be in by Friday.

Richard George

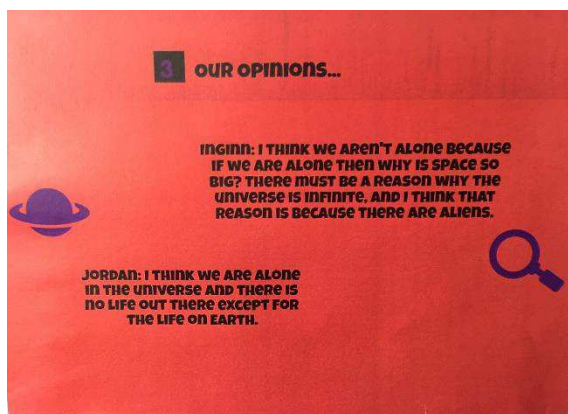
## CLASSROOM NO. 29

We have blasted into our Term 3 Inquiry focus: Are we alone in the universe?

We have created pastel scratch art to represent our thoughts around our inquiry topic. Some of us scratched the planets in no space, others have scratched a lonely person in amongst a universe teeming with stars, planets and rocket ships!



We have been discovering the Fermi Paradox, which seeks to answer the question of 'where are all the aliens?' Here are some examples of the infographics we created about this paradox:



Our writing has soared with our astronaut planet descriptions, planet Pandora adventures and packing our bag to Mars poetry!

**P** **PANDORA**  
BY JAYDEN

**SPACE ROVER**

I have designed a space craft that can travel around the land.

**Protection**

We used stable metallic glass because the creature that live in Pandora are VERY aggressive what makes it different to other glass is instead of shattering it bends. Is the creature is constantly hitting or scratching the surface, it will shatter, that's why we have replacements. For the outside layer of the spacecraft, we have used the toughest/hardest metal we could find tungsten. Just in case the monsters try to attack from all angles.

**TRANSPORT**

What do we need the most for transport in this strange planet? Well, OBVIOUSLY turbines (not huge plane ones) People need to glide through space sometimes. Turbines and big

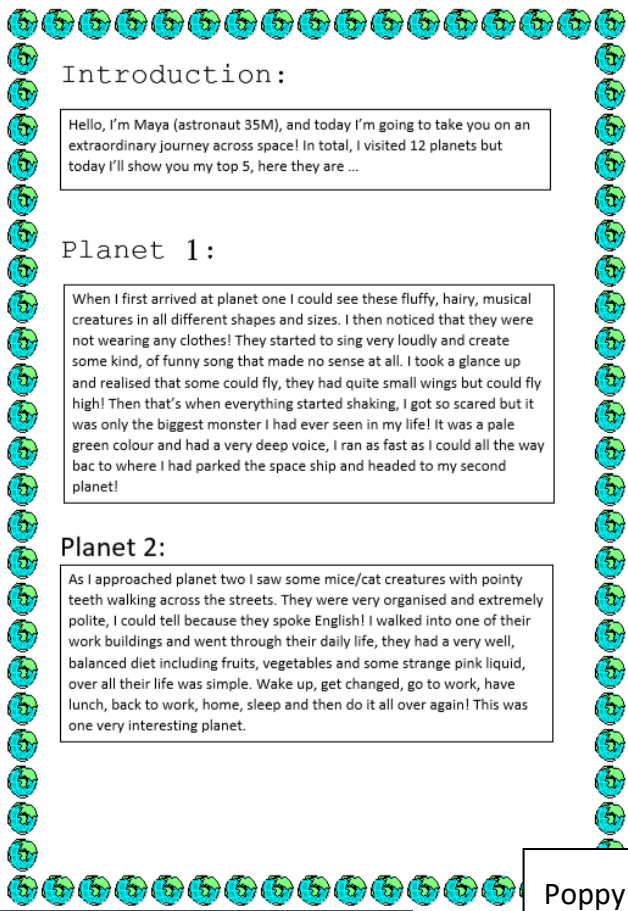
**INTRO**

Hello, this is scientist J.C. Throughout my research of planet Pandora, I have designed a template of a space craft that can travel around Pandora.

**WHAT IS PANDORA**

Pandora is one of the many moons orbiting the planet polythemus, a gas planet the size of Saturn. There is a wide variety of creatures that live on Pandora  
 Animals (that we know of)  
 Hexapod six limbed  
 Navi humanoid 9-10 feet tall  
 Dire horse six-legged behemoth used for hunting and tracking  
 Banshee used for hunting airborne

Jayden Chiunda



**Introduction:**

Hello, I'm Maya (astronaut 35M), and today I'm going to take you on an extraordinary journey across space! In total, I visited 12 planets but today I'll show you my top 5, here they are ...

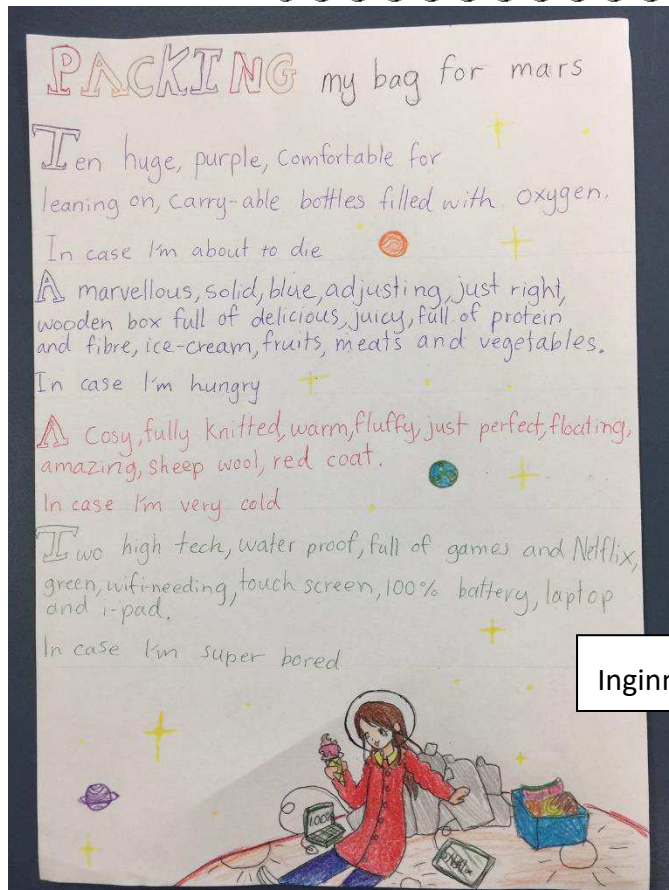
**Planet 1:**

When I first arrived at planet one I could see these fluffy, hairy, musical creatures in all different shapes and sizes. I then noticed that they were not wearing any clothes! They started to sing very loudly and create some kind, of funny song that made no sense at all. I took a glance up and realised that some could fly, they had quite small wings but could fly high! Then that's when everything started shaking, I got so scared but it was only the biggest monster I had ever seen in my life! It was a pale green colour and had a very deep voice, I ran as fast as I could all the way back to where I had parked the space ship and headed to my second planet!

**Planet 2:**

As I approached planet two I saw some mice/cat creatures with pointy teeth walking across the streets. They were very organised and extremely polite, I could tell because they spoke English! I walked into one of their work buildings and went through their daily life, they had a very well, balanced diet including fruits, vegetables and some strange pink liquid, over all their life was simple. Wake up, get changed, go to work, have lunch, back to work, home, sleep and then do it all over again! This was one very interesting planet.

Poppy Webb



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## CLASSROOM NO. 14



Today we are in Carcassonne, a medieval city in the South of France. In the City there are restaurants, shops and medieval armory for sale. I spent my birthday money that my Grandma gave me on; a helmet, a sword, a crossbow and a leather sack of arrows, which I could tie around my shoulders and back. There were two types of arrows, one cork and one suction capped. I loved running around and storming around the forts. And seeing many different puppies! Some were in prams, bags and being carried. In France they take their dogs everywhere! On holiday, hotels and to dinner! Even to Carcassonne!

Have a great term 3  
Love from Eddie

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### MATHS WEEK

If you have any empty toilet rolls, plastic bags, newspapers and egg cartons please bring them along to the office in the next week. Thank you

### PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

Photolife are booked in to take your portrait and sibling photos on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Sibling Forms are available on **request from the Office**. These must be returned to school before Photo day.

The other dates for your interest are:

Wednesday 30 August - Portrait and Sibling Photos:

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Class Group Photos

**Once all photos have been taken** Shoot Keys and Manual Ordering envelopes will be sent out for you to order.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

A giant thank you to everyone that has supported our school by purchasing a 2017|2018 Entertainment Membership! So far our school has already raised over \$200!

We still have a few books available if you have family or friends that would like to purchase a membership of their own and help support the school further

Purchase online at:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/94164y>

**\$14 from every membership sold directly supports our school**

## PTA NEWS

We need some amazing superstars to help the amazing Catalina Wong's team with mufti day and sausage sizzle days. If you can please volunteer some time in weeks 4 and/or weeks 8 please let Lucy Bowerman know.

### **QUIZ & AUCTION NIGHT FUNDRAISER - Tickets on sale now!!**

The Parnell School annual parents' and community 'Big Night Out' Quiz Night & Auction fundraiser is coming up, Friday September 15, 2017. A big thank you to Ray White Remuera who are sponsoring the event again! Their continued support helps us towards our fundraising target and makes a real difference to our school.

**Tickets for tables of 10 are on sale now so please get your tables organised and don't miss out. Tickets are \$50 per person and you can get them at the Friday Cafe or the School Office. Tickets sell out fast so get in quick! If you have problems pulling together a table of ten, then don't be shy. Let us know and we can help put people together on tables. Just email [parnellschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:parnellschoolpta@gmail.com) or let the Office know.**

### **DESPERATELY SEEKING PRIZES FOR THE AUCTION!!**

**The PTA is desperately looking for any families who can offer us a weekend's accommodation at their bach for our the auction?**

We have had some lovely prizes donated but are running very low in some areas, particularly, we have had no offers of weekend stays at baches... Please help us make this auction a great success!!

Clothing, stationery, toys, food and wine, beauty treatments, books, movie tickets, baches, boat rides, bikes, exercise equipment, furniture... All prizes, big or small, gratefully received! **Email Lucy on [parnellschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:parnellschoolpta@gmail.com)**

### **Next PTA Meeting**

The next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6th, at 7pm in the staffroom.

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## Performing Arts Holiday Program we Give Kids Confidence

### Sing-Act-Dance

Perform in our 'Back into the Woods' Show! Epsom Girls Grammar School Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

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LEGO DISPLAY

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2017 NATIONWIDE COACHING CLINICS

In conjunction with the 2017 Silver Ferns International Calendar Leana is visiting a venue near you!

29 AUGUST 2017  
AUCKLAND NETBALL CENTRE  
ST JOHNS  
AUCKLAND

4PM - 5:30PM 11-14 YEARS  
6PM - 7:30PM 15 YEARS & ABOVE  
8PM - 9PM ATHLETE INSIGHT FOR COACHES

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Please visit [www.lbdnetball.co.nz](http://www.lbdnetball.co.nz) for further information and to register. Be sure to register today - spaces are limited!

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