



## NEWSLETTER NO. 9

14<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Dates:**            **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Parent Interviews year 4 – 8 (3 – 8pm) - Normal finish at 3.00pm today**  
                          **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – School finishes at 2.00pm for Parent Interviews year 0 – 8 (2 – 6pm)**  
                          **Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> - Disco**  
                          **Last day of Term is 7<sup>th</sup> July**  
                          **Term 3 starts July 24th**

Kia Ora All!

Today is our first of two afternoons for student involved conferences. As a school we see these conferences as the cornerstone of how we work together to achieve the important learning goals for our students. We take these opportunities to talk about how our students are currently achieving, and where we believe they can achieve by the end of the year. Just a reminder that **school finishes at 2pm on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June** to allow for all whanau to have a conference. If you are unable to arrange for your child to be collected from school at 2pm, we will have teachers available to supervise those who remain at school. After school care will begin at 3pm as usual. We did get a clear message from those parents who attended our community consultation about the current conference structure. We have taken those ideas and are looking now at how we might re-imagine the reporting and conference process for 2018.

### **Single Cohort Entry**

The Education Act has been changed slightly, and one change that will affect our community is the introduction of single cohort entry from the beginning of 2018. This means that instead of every 5-year-old starting on their birthday, new entrants would start at the beginning of a term only. In general terms, children would start up to 7 weeks before their birthday, or up to 5 weeks after their birthday. The Board of Trustees have discussed this and feel there are massive benefits for our students of introducing single cohort entry. Specifically, these relate to reduced disruption to the new entrant classes, and the ability to more clearly forecast class numbers to ensure that student teacher ratios are maintained. We will be seeking feedback from our early childhood providers and school community about the impact of introducing such a programme at Parnell, before finally deciding in the coming months. If such a programme was introduced, I want to assure you that our focus remains on putting the child's needs at the centre of any decision making.

### **Out of zone enrolments**

Due to our growing role and our desire to remain a high quality community school, we will not be offering any out of zone placements for 2018, except for very limited places in year 7/8. We do not want to see families split because of our change in policy. If you are a current out of zone family and you have children who will be starting school in 2018, please contact the Principal to discuss how we can ensure your family are able to all attend our school.

### **Fire Alarms**

You may be aware we have had three fire call outs in recent weeks. While the reasons for these range, it is a reminder that when fire engines have to attend a false alarm at Parnell District School they are unable

to attend actual fires elsewhere. We view any child tampering with a fire alarm to be vandalism, and take such actions very seriously. We ask you to support us by discussing the seriousness of such actions with your child. If any child is known to damage a fire alarm, our policy is to refer the family to the fire department and to pass the costs the school incur onto the family. We thank you for supporting the school in ensuring fire alarms are used only in an emergency.

Richard George

## From our students

CREATED BY STUDENTS IN ROOM 1

### Welcome to Room 1's learning

It has been a very busy term in room 1. We have been exploring some exciting topics as part of our inquiry into 'What secrets does the world hold?' We learnt about how some animals use camouflage in order to stay safe or be disguised in their environment. Below are some images of our own creatures being camouflaged around our school garden.

Can you see our clever camouflaged creatures?





We have also been learning about what secrets are hidden in the earth. We were lucky enough to get to see and touch a large amethyst geode. We used this experience to help inspire our writing and to include interesting and descriptive vocabulary in our stories.



Selecting a good fit book can be harder than it sounds and a very important part of our Daily 5 literacy programme. We have been working on how to find books that inspire us, to help us discover new vocabulary but also one that we can read independently. We love our Monday library sessions with Mrs Brent and the chance to hunt around the library for perfect books for us!

## ROOM 5

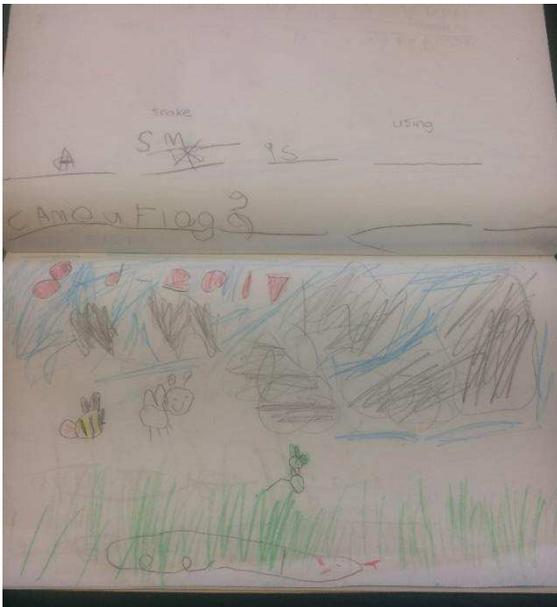
In Reading we are learning to read just right books while reading with fluency, accuracy, and expression. This week Room 5 enjoyed buddy class, Room 16. We books and after reading to buddies, we discussed the created an artistic our favourite part of the



reading to our read just right our year 3-4 books we read representation of text.



Technology is an important part of Room 5's learning. We have been learning to become enabled learners by choosing applications that interest us and help our learning. We love using the Ipads during Daily 5 when we can choose to listen to reading with our QR code stories or practice our phonemic awareness by identifying beginning sounds. During Maths, our favourite things to do are learning about patterns and practicing our number identification!



In Inquiry we have been learning about the secrets of the world. One of our initial wonderings was, "Do animals have secrets?". Last week we found out the answer to that when we learned all about camouflage! We enjoyed creating our own animals and hiding them around the school in places that they would camouflage. We also enjoyed writing about our shared experience and expanding our vocabulary in writing!

In Maths, Room 5 is not only learning about number identification and 1-to-1 counting, but we are also learning about shapes and patterns! We have really enjoyed learning to identify shapes and use them to form new shapes and create new patterns!



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### ROAD PATROLS: PARENT SUPERVISORS NEEDED

We urgently need some parents to be able to assist with crossing duty both in the morning (8:20 to 8:55 am) AND after school (2:50 to 3:10 pm) on a Wednesday. If you are able to help out with this, or would like to volunteer to help on other days, please contact: Gianluca Watson by email at: [gianluca.watson@parnell.school.nz](mailto:gianluca.watson@parnell.school.nz)

### MINI SUCCULENTS FOR TERRARIUMS

**WANTED: Do you have any mini houseplants, succulents or ferns that you would like to donate to school. Students will be making mini Terrariums so they will need to be small.**

#### Immigration Information Session for parents

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 10 am in school staff room

All welcome

Stewart Dalley is a parent to one of our students, and a senior solicitor with Ryken & Associates who specialises in immigration law (and other fields). He will provide a general information session for parents covering the how to and what not to do when it comes to applying for a visa in New Zealand. He will also provide an overview of the main type of visas available, and discuss some visa pathways to residence. In addition, he will speak about up-and-coming changes to the immigration system, both in terms of residence under the skilled migrant category and to work visas. Time will be afforded for questions.

### LUCKY BOOK CLUB

**Below is the link on how to use the Lucky Book Club.**

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/contentpageparent.aspx?code=505>

Ordering of Lucky Book Club is done online.

### BAKE SALE TOTAL

The grand total of \$1005.50 was raised from the Bake Sale. Well done.

### REPORTING ABSENCES, LATES AND APPOINTMENTS

For the reporting of Absences, Lates and Appointments please see below:

- Download the school app on to your Smartphone
- Email the school
- Ring the school

You need to notify the school by 9.00am each day.

### **Congratulations to Stella Nightingale - A Parnell Alumni**

EGGS student Stella Nightingale recently competed in Australia with the NZ U17 cycling team.

It was a tough tour for the Kiwis but they did incredibly well.

Stella placed 1st in the first two stages and 2nd in the last stage of the tour to give her 2nd overall. The New Zealand team went on to secure 1st and 2nd overall.

Well done to Stella and the team on your performance in Australia.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Sports blog**

All sports notices in full and photographs of PDS week of sport are now found on the school sports blog <http://parnellsport.blogspot.co.nz/>

PDS Sports uniform must be worn at Eastern Zones and Bay Suburbs sporting events

### **Bay Suburbs and Eastern Zones Term 2 sports days-**

29th June Gymnastics Funday at TriStar

25th June Barbarians Rugby Fun Day

26th June EZ Boys and Girls Hockey

4th July Year 5-8 Sports Assembly

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Next PTA Meeting is July 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Disco - Friday June 30th**

The School Disco is going to be held on Friday, June 30th in the school hall. Please mark the date in your diary and keep an eye out for further information and ticket sales!

### **Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzle**

On Thursday, June 22nd, there will be a Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzle at school. This means your child is allowed to come to school on this day in clothing other than their school uniform. We have two mufti days – Week 4 and Week 8 - each school term and this is a PTA fund-raising activity. The children pay a gold coin donation for this privilege. Barbecued sausages (including halal), drinks and muffins are for sale on mufti days for \$2 each.

### **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

A big thank you to everyone who came along to support our film fundraising event! Congratulations to all the winners of the Woodpecker Hill and Farro Fresh prize draws. A total of \$847 was raised towards this year's fundraising efforts.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

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## *Parnell Heritage Journals* *Fascinating Records of Auckland's First Suburb*



Set of 5 Journals 1 to 5	•	•	•	\$20.00 each
Single Journal	•	•	•	\$10.00 each
Journal 6	•	•	•	\$15.00 each

*Learn all about the eccentrics, academics and romantics from Parnell's past, and where they all lived and played! It all happened in Parnell.....*

### To order:

- Call/email Sue on 09 846 7661 / [enquiries@parnellheritage.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@parnellheritage.org.nz)
- Visit the mail order section at [www.parnellheritage.org.nz](http://www.parnellheritage.org.nz)

YOUNG AT ART, WINTER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS (5yrs-15yrs) are open for bookings. There are so many great projects on offer in PONSONBY and ORAKEI these holidays. Inspire and encourage your young creative while they have fun learning technique and theory along the way. For more information and bookings please check out [www.youngatart.co.nz](http://www.youngatart.co.nz) or email:

[admin@youngatart.co.nz](mailto:admin@youngatart.co.nz)

THE FLASH BANG SCIENCE CLUB WINTER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS for children aged 7yrs+ are open for bookings in PONSONBY. Bring science to life with fun filled, action packed science and technology sessions. This holidays... ELECTRIFYING SCIENCE!! For more information and bookings please check out [www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz](http://www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz) or email:

[admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz](mailto:admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz)

## Junior Netball Skills Clinics Years 1 – 3 Mt Eden

For more information contact: Serena Somlyai | Development Programme Officer  
[development@aucklandnetball.co.nz](mailto:development@aucklandnetball.co.nz) | T 09 280 4129 | M 021 577 105

**Karate** – accepting enrolments. We are located at 6 Papahia Street Parnell (old Queen Victoria School Gym) with week day kids classes 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm and Mon, Tue and Wed 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm and Saturday mornings, as well as Secondary School kids and Adult classes Mon to Wed 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Non profit sports club. Go to [www.karateremuera.com](http://www.karateremuera.com) for more information or call Murray Simpson 021 680 107. Give our 2 week free trial a go and find out if Karate is for you.

**Toolbox courses coming up in Term 3.** Our Middle Years (for ages 6-12 years) and Tweens and Teens (12 years+) are starting on Monday 14th August or Tuesday 15th August.. Please call me on 021-161-7218 if you need further information. Below is a link:

<http://www.theparentingplace.com/toolbox-parenting-courses/>



AUCKLAND GIRLS'  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
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### Information Evening 2018 Enrolments

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm – 8.30pm

If you missed our Open Day in June, we have our Information evening, where you can meet with our Principal and senior teaching staff. They will discuss with you and your daughter, the 21<sup>st</sup> century education that we can provide to nurture her learning and help her to reach her potential.

**Please ring 307 4180 or email [enrol@aggs.school.nz](mailto:enrol@aggs.school.nz) to register your attendance**

**Parking: 16 Howe Street, Gate 2 and Gate 4.**

**Venue: Auckland Girls' Grammar School Information Centre & Library (access at Gate 2)**

**Light refreshments will be provided**

***We look forward to welcoming you to our school***