

NEWSLETTER NO 2 - Pānui Tuatahi - 21 February 2017

SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT - 'Confident, Capable and Connected Students with a You Can Do It! Attitude'

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai haere ma

The 2017 school year is off to an impressive start with students settling quickly into good learning routines.

Congratulations to:

- our Year 7 and new Year 8 students who have adapted quickly to their new school, and school expectations (The Intermediate Normal Way).
- our Year 8 students who have taken on their role as senior students in a very positive, responsible way.
- new staff who have thrived in their new school environment, building strong relationships with students, colleagues and parents.

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW CO - CHAIRPERSONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora,

Ms Carletta Macdonald and Dr Darryn Joseph (Ngāti Maniapoto) are really excited to be working together as co-chairs with new Principal Hamish Ruawai.



Carletta and Darryn have 40 years experience of teaching children and adults between them and together they have had close to 16 years of service on various Boards of Trustees. The co-governance

model was discussed at the last PNINS board meeting and they were voted on as co-chairs. The time, and skill mix, was right to continue to lead the PNINS Board's focus on raising student achievement and educational outcomes for all.

We look forward to working closely with Hamish, board members, and staff. We certainly feel privileged to represent our community, families and amazing students to the best of our abilities.

Kia Ora mai Koutou katoa
Carletta and Darryn
PNINS Co-Board Chairs

THANK YOU MR LIAM GREER

We would like to thank Liam for his contribution to the PNINS governance team as Board Chairperson over a long period of time. This role can be very demanding and requires a skill set that enables the school to stay focused on attaining its identified vision. The Chairperson and Principal relationship is critical if a school is to experience success and PNINS has achieved that over a number of years with Liam at the helm. We wish him well for the future and are grateful for his continued support as a board member during a transition phase of leadership. It is much appreciated and provides a sense of stability for the board and school community.



MESSAGE FROM LIAM

I have been honoured to be Board Chair for over 6 years, a role that gave me great personal satisfaction as the Board and school community delivered a number of initiatives targeted to positive educational outcomes.

I am really excited about the appointment of two very capable people, Darryn and Carletta, to the position of co-chair, a different governance model that previous but one that signals the Boards continue drive for innovation in an ever changing educational setting.

I look forward to contributing over the remaining Board term, focussed on the Property portfolio.

Liam Greer

COMMUNICATION

At PNINS there are so many sporting, performing arts and academic opportunities for students to participate in. At year 7 & 8, students are expected to pay close attention to when and where they are needed to register their interest. Each week we have whole school communication and sports assemblies, followed up by daily reminders to ensure students get the necessary information. However, students can still miss these notices and

it is important that we encourage them to ask when they are unsure. These years are extremely important for students to try a range of activities that may uncover future passions. So let's make the most of them!

As I met with parents at the team picnics last week many have commented on the number of newsletters that are being sent home, often finding them in the bottom of their child's bag days later. We are currently looking at a range of other options for communicating with parents more effectively in today's high paced world. New school website, school app, Facebook pages and streamlining of newsletters are all being considered.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES - You Can Do It!



At our last assembly we heard about the 'You Can Do It!' Education Programme which is very much embedded in the philosophy of PNINS. The main purpose is to support communities, schools, and homes in a collective effort to optimise the social, emotional, and academic outcomes of all young people. Its unique contribution is in identifying the social and emotional capabilities that all young people need to acquire in order to be successful in school, experience well being, and have positive relationships including making contributions to others and the community (good citizenship).

YCDI's core purpose is the development of young people's social and emotional capabilities, including:

- ✓ **Confidence**(academic, social)
- ✓ **Persistence**
- ✓ **Organisation**
- ✓ **Getting Along**
- ✓ **Resilience.**



Central to the development of these 5 Foundations (Keys) is instilling in young people '12 Ways of Thinking' that support and nourish the 5 Keys, including:

- **Accepting Myself**
- **Taking Risks**
- **Being Independent**

- **I Can Do It**
- **Giving Effort**
- **Working Tough**
- **Setting Goals**
- **Planning My Time**
- **Being Tolerant of Others**
- **Thinking First**
- **Playing by the Rules**
- **Social Responsibility** (includes the values of Caring, Doing Your Best, Freedom, Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Understanding, Tolerance, and Inclusion)

In newsletters throughout the year we will have a short YCDI! Education article highlighting ways in which parents can assist in developing and reinforcing 'The 5 Keys to School Success'.

SUSTAINED SILENT READING (SSR)

A daily 15 minute period of Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) takes place Monday to Friday from 1.45pm to 2.00pm. During this period all students, staff (and visitors) will engage in SSR.



Reading has been preselected for this period.

Students are free to accession books from our school library and I would encourage all students to become members of the PN City Library (if they are currently not members.)

Visitors to the school during this period (1.45pm – 2.00pm) will be invited to sit in our foyer and read some of the many books available.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT PLAN

In our last newsletter all students took home a copy of our 'Behaviour Management Plan' pamphlet outlining the school's expectations in terms of student attitude and behaviour. This pamphlet highlights the school's, students', and parents' responsibilities in Behaviour Management.

Bullying and Harassment

Enclosed in today's newsletter is our policy pamphlet on 'Bullying and Harassment'.

There is no school in New Zealand where an element of bullying does not take place.

The challenge for all schools is not to deny that bullying occurs but to put in place policy, procedures and programmes to deal with this form of behaviour.

CAMP UPDATE

As you are aware all students will be attending the Kiwi Ranch Camp, Curious Cove, in the Marlborough Sounds. The cost for this camp will be **\$460 each student** for the week. This includes bus, ferry, launch trips, food, activities (fishing, launch rides etc) and accommodation.

All teams will be fundraising to help with the cost as we understand that this is a large amount of money at this time of the year, with back to school costs, sport sign ups etc.

Parent Helpers - We are expecting to require approximately 20 plus parents for each camp and this year it is compulsory for ALL parents to be police vetted as part of the new Vulnerable Children Act. Cost for parents to attend camp will be \$240 each.

2017 CAMP DATES	
TANGAROA	Mon 13 - Fri 17 March
KAHUKURA	Mon 20 - Fri - 24 March
RANGITANE	Mon 27 - Fri 31 March
ARATAKI	Mon 1 - Fri 5 May
MANAWANUI	Mon 8 - Fri 12 May
IKATERE	Mon 15 - Fri 19 May

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS - FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

Our School Swimming Sports will take place on Friday, 3 March at two venues.

- Swimming, Championship Events – Lido, 10am – approximately 2.30pm
- Swimming, Non-Championship Events – School Pool, 10.45am – 1.00pm

An invitation is extended to parents/caregivers to support students in action at both venues. Your presence adds to the wonderful atmosphere of these events.

Lido Swimming Sports - We require a number of parents to help with time-keeping at our swimming sports at the Lido on Friday 3 March, from 10.00am - 2.30pm. Please give your name and phone number to the school office – Phone: 3580548, or email office@pnins.school.nz

SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY - PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN PICKING STUDENTS UP

With 715 plus students entering and exiting our entrances each day, we are very safety conscious

with regard to the use of cars, bikes and buses.

Your co-operation with the following, as vehicle drivers, is essential in keeping our entrances as safe as possible for students.

South Street / College Street / Linton Street

- **Keep clear of yellow lines (no parking, or stopping to drop off or collect students)**
- **Keep clear of cones on South street (no parking by signs / between cones)**
- **No Entry into South Street / Linton Street Entrances between 8.15am – 8.45am; 2.45pm – 3.30pm each day**
- **Keep clear of corners**
- **No stopping on bus stops or in neighbours' driveways**
- **No stopping in the Liquor King Carpark or the Copthorne Hotel carpark (These are private carparks and must not be used)**
- **Please refrain from doing a U-turn outside the gate in South Street / College Street or Linton Street, for the safety of other road users.**

The vast majority of parents are very supportive of the above traffic rules and arrange for their child to meet them down the road rather than outside the school gate.

However, each year there are a few parents who simply ignore yellow lines/no parking areas thus putting our students and themselves at risk. Please do not park in our school neighbours' entrances.

The safety of students whether they walk, cycle, bus, or are dropped off by parents is paramount. Your support of the above will help to keep our surrounding streets safe for students and thus minimise risks.

SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

It is an expectation that students wear our uniform correctly to and from school i.e. shirts tucked in, sandals worn correctly, socks up, etc.

All children are required to go home first and not go up town in uniform unless they are with their parent/ caregiver. If your child is up town with you please ensure that they are wearing their uniform correctly including sandals or shoes and socks.

Boys Swimwear – please note that boys who are swimming must wear swim shorts or Speedos. Swim shorts must have an inner lining and be made of swimwear material. (No other shorts/or underpants are to be worn).

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM ITEMS
ARE CLEARLY NAMED**

CAFE CATCH-UPS

(7.15 - 8am) this Thursday (23 Feb) at Cafe Cuba where parents can come down and have an informal chat about their child's education, all aimed at making our school a better place for learning.

**PAYMENT OF SCHOOL DONATION / ACTIVITY FEE /
STATIONERY FEE**

As outlined in the school's prospectus last year the Board of Trustees has approved a voluntary family donation of \$80.00 per child and in addition an Activity Fee of \$130.00. In total \$210 per child is requested.

The Activity fee pays for the materials children use in specialist technology rooms, IT consumables and resources and the range of extra-curricular learning and cultural programmes that this school provides its students.

This year, the Board of Trustees has decided that parents / caregivers who pay the School Donation and Activity Fee by the end of March will have their stationery pack (valued at \$35) free.

Note: To get this benefit both the school donation and activity fee must be paid together (\$210).

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

At our weekly Monday Morning Assemblies, Achievement Awards are presented to students in each Team, recognising outstanding achievement in all the Learning Areas of our school.

We congratulate the following students who have received awards at recent assemblies.

Arataki

Auishay Naidu
Peter Scott
Jake Rayner
Aravind Chandran

Jessica Shirley
Ella Wingfield-Smith
Olivia Satherley
Maia Pattison

Ikatere

Nathaniel Rickard
Lilith Sangrouber
Alexander Hindmarsh
Van Prenter

Aadesh Ganugapati
Josh Smit
Charlotte Ross-Graham
Maru Norton

Rangitane

Isabelle Jacobs

Sienna Collins

Leynn Savage
Amy Liddell
James McDonald

Connor Dixon
Haya Aman
Piper Lucas

Tangaroa

Cruz A'Court
Sam Brown
Tamsin Bell
Cameron Waugh

Alisha Anderson
Lily Martin
Baxter McGonigal
Alana McTamney

Kahukura

Dima Liutenko
Paige Simi
Dayna Swan

Kyla Davis
Georgie Furnell
Mitchell Liang

Manawanui

Tom Tamaira
Anzac Rose
Charlotte Cobham
Kadar Partridge-Moore

Gabby Furness
Skye Finlayson
Cole Phillips
Lopeta Malu

2016 HAERE AKE RA:

did you miss getting your copy of the 2016 PNINS yearbook? We still have copies for sale from the School Library or Office. Just \$15 per copy.

**KAHUKURA/TANGAROA/ARATAKI TEAMS
FUNDRAISING FOR CAMPS TO THE**

MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS



**Car Boot Sale!!!
Saturday, 4 March 2017
8.30am – 11.30am**

at PNINS (main courtyard, South St)

Great Bargains

Homewares, Jewellery, Clothing, Sports and
Outdoor Equipment, Toys and lots more

Don't miss out!!!

Maria Donald/Phyllis Fitzgerald/Joanne Parker
– Teachers In Charge-

COMING EVENTS

21/2 Arataki Parents Picnic

22/2 Supersport Softball

24/2 Inter Class Swimming Relays (School pool
2.15pm)

12/2 Assembly "Introduction / 5 Keys to School
Success", 2.20pm start in Te Tihi
28/2 School Council
1/3 Supersport Cricket
3/3 School Swimming Sports