

NEWSLETTER NO 8 - Pānui Tuatoru – 19 May 2017

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

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents and Caregivers



Yesterday staff talked to students about 'KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE'. Recently, we have had two separate incidents where students have been approached by a stranger asking them if they need a ride home.

Both incidents have been reported to the police who have been dealing

with the matter. Obviously we are very pleased that our students refused and immediately went home and informed their parents who took the necessary action.

We all need to be very vigilant and I urge every parent and caregiver to have a conversation with their child/ren about ways to keep themselves safe. Here are some helpful reminders:

- Whether they walk, bike or go by bus, be clear about the rules of how they get to school and back home again. Avoid shortcuts and isolated areas.
- Where possible, students should walk together in twos or in small groups and preferably not alone. If someone is away, make alternative arrangements.
- If anything does happen that is unusual students must inform an adult.

TEACHER ONLY DAY REMINDER -

On Friday 2nd June we will be holding a Teacher Only Day where staff will be looking at the school vision and discussing our strategic goals for the future. This means that school will be closed for the day.

AIMS GAMES UPDATE

This year we intend to select our AIMS team at the beginning of week 5 this term so we can spend more time preparing them for the tournament in week 8, Term 3 (10 - 15 September).

This event is for our elite athletes to test themselves on the national stage. It will be a difficult task to select the individuals and teams to represent PNINS as we only have enough spaces for approximately 40 athletes.

Thank you to those parents who have already emailed Mr Ruawai indicating the individuals and teams they think able to compete at this level.

The application closes **3pm Friday 26th May**. Please send a detailed summary of the reasons and background information to support your reasons for entry. These can be directly emailed to hruawai@pnins.school.nz. At present there has been expressions of interest regarding soccer, hockey, table tennis, swimming, badminton, cross country, tennis & squash

Parents and coaches will be informed of their child's/team's selection and a meeting will be held to determine the organising committee in week 5, in the staffroom on **6pm, TUESDAY 4 APRIL**.

BLUE BADGE ASSEMBLY -

The Blue Badge Incentive Achievement Awards were introduced at Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School in 2004 and have become highly sought after by students across both year groups.

The awards have helped to advance and motivate the average student to a higher level of achievement. Since the introduction of Blue Badges we have noticed a high interest and an overall increase in student self-motivation, commitment, participation and effort. Children across all levels of ability earned and received these awards last year, and have been proud to display them.

At Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School, students in both Year 7 and Year 8, will be able to work towards achieving four incentive badges.

Academic

Performing Arts

Sports

Citizenship

The badge awarded is a cloth badge to be sewn on to the child's jersey (similar to our School Council Badge) on the national stage. It will be a difficult task to select the individuals and teams to represent PNINS as we only have enough spaces for approximately 40 athletes.

Each badge has its own nomination form that students can fill in. They are required to (✓) the criteria and list specific details in support of their nomination.

Each award has its own list of criteria and students will be awarded these badges on achieving the required number of criteria e.g. Academic – students need to achieve 4 of the criteria listed.

This is a new school year and all students, including Year 8 students, start from scratch towards achieving the required criteria. Year 8 students who already have Blue Badges will be awarded a small star acknowledging their achievements in 2016.

These incentive achievement awards can be awarded throughout the year when the student achieves the required number of criteria. A letter acknowledging the student's achievement will be sent home to parents.

Presentation of Blue Badge Awards - Badges will be presented at our Friday Assemblies throughout the year. **The Blue Badge Assemblies** are led by our School Councillors.

Our guest speaker for our first Blue Badge Assembly for 2017 Georgia Bergeson from Survivor New Zealand



In our next four newsletters we will have a focus of one of the '4 Dimensions to Learning at PNINS', Academia, Citizenship, Sport and the Performing Arts.

This newsletter looks at the Academic dimension to learning, the most important dimension to learning at this school.

ACADEMIC DIMENSION

The New Zealand Curriculum specifies eight learning areas: English, Mathematics and Statistics, Science, The Arts, Health and Physical Education, Learning Languages, Social Sciences, and Technology.

For each area of learning, the school has designed a curriculum implementation plan that governs the way in which Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School delivers the curriculum to its students. Each implementation plan is a working document that gives clear guidelines to teachers and reflects the intent of the New Zealand Curriculum.

A competent teaching staff, teach the majority of the learning areas within their classroom programme.

An equally competent specialist teaching team, deliver innovative instruction in Science; Music; Drama; Information Communication (Infocom); Visual Art; Food & Soft Materials, Hard Materials & Structures and Mechanisms Technology.

This Academic dimension at **PNINS** ensures that students excel to the best of their ability academically, as well as become adaptable lifelong learners. Knowledge and application are critical in the school programme. Students are encouraged to actively participate in discussions, to question and share ideas in the classrooms.

In the academic learning areas, the emphasis is also on developing independence and competency in study skills and time management. These attributes are necessary if children are to succeed at secondary school.

At the heart of the education provided by PNINS is the teaching of "The 5 Keys to School Success". This is an approach to schooling that has as its goal for all students to realise their potential and to achieve to the best of their ability. It follows on naturally from the foundations laid down by "Habits of Mind".

The goal of this programme is that all students are equipped with the attitudes and values that are the foundations for academic achievement as well as the eventual successful transition from school to work, further education and adult life.

All learning makes use of the natural connections that exist between the school's values and the 5 Keys to School Success.

Learning at PNINS is both an end, and a means: valuable in itself and valuable for the pathways it opens to other learning.



AUDITIONS

Tuesday June 6 -during the day

CALL BACKS: Throughout the remainder of week 6 and week 7 – after school

Rehearsal vocal tracks for The Lion King Junior can be found by going to You Tube and putting one of the following into the search bar:

Lion King Jr. rehearsal Music

OR

<https://youtu.be/ET8WA9rEIU?list=PLlb1A1sS2On9zLgW9Drfbo4s6jMSHQqiY>

If you are auditioning for one of the leading roles – you need to choose a song that character sings for your audition as well as be prepared to read some dialogue

If you are auditioning for ensemble or choir – you may sing a song of your choice (this may, but does not have to be from the show)

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

Jack Butler
Tiana Walker
Sam Stitchbury
Carter Rhodes-Robinson

Camille Chemasle
Mackenzie Denton
Kate Dyeming
Jack Healey

Ikatere

Jasmine Sudjatmiko
Noah Kimura

Trinity Korewha
Esther Igatia

Tangaroa

Ayah Kayed
Amber Gibb
Alex Murray
Emma Kaiser

Riley Morgan
Nadia Mabey
Luke Harris

Kahukura

Quinlan Huff
Reen Al-Rimal Al-Shammari
Tom Kidd

Josh Briggs
Linnea Larsson
Lenny Gordon

Manawanui

Sophia Granich
Ahmed Shehata

Courtney Puklowski
Leonardo Nikolaa

Rangitane

Abby Thompson
Thomas Van Rysewyk
Devon Barr
Kris Parker

Mateo Godoy Da Rosa
Kyla Silk
Alexandra Gebbie
Anoushka Alate

PNINS WHANAU HUI 2017 REMINDER INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

Ma te huruhuru, ka rere te manu

With feathers, a bird can fly (with support, our children can achieve great things)

We invite you to attend our PNINS Whanau Hui on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at 5.30pm in the School Staffroom

The purpose of this hui is to provide an opportunity for all of us to meet and have discussions about different kaupapa (whakawhanaungatanga, kanohi ki te kanohi). Our programme includes;

5.30 – 5.45pm – Kapa Haka performance

5.50 – 6.30pm - Shared kai

We will provide hot chicken, chips and coleslaw. We invite you to bring a plate for shared Kai (RSVP to School Office 358 0548 or email office@pnins.school.nz)

6.30pm – Karakia/Mihi Whakatau - welcome by Dr Darren Joseph (BOT Co-chair)

Mihimihi activity – Hamish Ruawai (Principal)

Report on Te Reo Māori/Tikanga programmes and opportunities being offered at PNINS – Phyllis Fitzgerald (Te Reo Māori Co-ordinator)

Kōrero mai – Discussion Time – Phyllis Fitzgerald

Question and Answers – Hamish Ruawai

7.50pm – Karakia Whakamutunga (Dr Darren Joseph)

As a school we want to work with you in partnership to ensure that your child gets the very best learning opportunities that this school offers. Your support and input at this meeting is both appreciated and valued

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY -

Our School Cross Country will take place next Friday 26 May, starting at 1.00pm.

All children are expected to participate and a note to the classroom teacher will be required if your child is injured or ill.

There will be a First Aid post at the venue. Please advise the school office or your child's classroom teacher if any medical issues have arisen since you completed the medical information as part of the enrolment process.

An invitation is extended to all parents/ grandparents to view our Cross Country in action.

Venue: The Nikau Grange Farm (Courtesy of Michael and Pam Dransfield), signage from the Harts Road turnoff on Tiritea Road.

Parking: Stu & Margie Waters have offered to provide a field on Harts Road for off road parking. Please follow the sign. Car parking may be limited.

If you find you need to park on the road, then please turn so that your car is pointing back down Harts Road towards Tiritea Rd and that you are off the Road. Allow 10 minutes to walk to the start/ finish line.

Where possible students are encouraged to wear a tee shirt that represents their team colour along with school PE shorts or normal PE uniform.

Students are permitted to go home with their parent only and the student must inform their teacher either prior to in writing or verbally at the venue. No students are to leave this event until after the certificate presentation to the top place getter in each section below:

Starting Times:

Year 7 Girls – 1.00pm
Year 7 Boys – 1.10pm
Year 8 Girls – 1.20pm
Year 8 Boys – 1.30pm

COMING EVENTS

24 May	Supersport Hockey
26 May	School Cross Country
29 May	Nga Tohunga reports go home
30 May	ICAS Science
	PNBHS transition meeting - - 1.15pm

2 June	Teacher Only Day
5 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY
6 June	Auditions - Lion King
7 June	Supersport Badminton
9 June	Kahukura Assembly
13 June	ICAS - Writing
14 June	ICAS - Spelling
21 June	Supersport Basketball
	Superarts Drama
23 June	Hui a Te Reo Assembly
30 June	Blue Badge Assembly
5 July	Supersport Netball
7 July	END OF TERM 2

Prospectus Cover Competition

The school is due to change the cover of its Prospectus for 2017. We invite you to submit a design for consideration.

Competition Brief:

- Design the cover for our **Year 2017 SCHOOL PROSPECTUS / NEWSLETTER.**
- Your design is to be submitted on an A4 page.
- Our school focuses on a range of experiences associated with:
 - Academic
 - Sport
 - Performing Arts (eg School Band, Choir, Kapa Haka, Drama, Dance)
 - 5 Keys to School Success
 - Social / Citizenship
- Apart from the school logo and 5 keys your design should include no words.
- Use realistic colours and feature our logo in some way.

Criteria for Judges:

1. Quality of design and artwork.
2. Focuses on one or more of our Five Key areas.
3. Conveys, in art form, a clear message.
4. Includes our logo in some way.
5. Neatly presented and has visual impact.

Prizes:

1 st) \$30 Plaza) Plus your name on our
2 nd) Vouchers) Prospectus recognising
3 rd)) your effort

Entries Close Friday, 26 May 2017.

Please hand in to Mr Ruawai on or before this day.

Nāku noa



nā Hamish Ruawai
Principal

