



PALMERSTON NORTH INTERMEDIATE NORMAL SCHOOL

**'Confident, Capable and Connected Students with a
'You Can Do It! Attitude'**

Malo e lelei,
kia orana, kia
ora, namaste.

At PNINS we are blessed to have so many talented, committed and hardworking students and staff who give their best everyday. We are focused on teaching, modelling and encouraging students to use our 5 Keys to Success and this newsletter outlines some amazing achievements based on these. The use of **CONFIDENCE, RESILIENCE, PERSISTENCE, being WELL ORGANISED and GETTING ALONG** have all contributed to students attaining their goals and overcoming challenges along the way.

This week, in our assembly, we talked about having a great **ATTITUDE** that underpins the keys. By having a **POSITIVE** and **ENTHUSIASTIC** attitude students are able to take on challenges and deal with life's ups and downs.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are extremely proud to announce that the Tournament of Minds team that travelled to Adelaide to compete in the Asia Pacific games were placed second. This is the highest ever placing PNINS has achieved in the four times they have attended this event. As the New Zealand champions and representing our country, it was a big challenge for our students to travel and compete in the short time frame allowed. However, to be placed second is a marvellous achievement.

Our team was made up of seven students and was mentored by our marvellous science teacher Mr Warwick Grady.

Team members:

- Poppy Mudgway
- Alex Murray
- Ella Wingfield-Smith
- Josephine Myers
- Emma Clark
- Kacey Weavers
- Phillipa Anderson

In 2018, the final will be rebranded as the TIF (Tournament of Minds International Final) due to its global popularity; the competition is growing with added countries such as Uganda, South Africa, Vietnam and China etc.



We would like to thank those people and organisations that supported the team and especially Ms Joanne Parker for all her organisation within a tight timeframe.

PRINCIPAL PIN OF EXCELLENCE-

This award recognises an individual's or team's excellence in one of the four dimensions of learning at PNINS. The first time it is presented the recipients receive the Principal's Certificate of Excellence and The Excellence Pin.

It is an award that is rare and recognises outstanding achievement at a national / international level and where excellence had been achieved.

- o Holly McInnes - National & Regional Cycling Excellence
- o Josephine Myers - High Distinction ICAS Spelling
- o Emma Wang - High Distinction ICAS Spelling
- o Charlotte Ross-Graham - High Distinction ICAS Writing
- o Emma Kaiser - High Distinction ICAS English
- o Olivia Goodman - High Distinction ICAS English
- o Aadesh Ganugapati - High Distinction ICAS Maths
- o Josephine Myers - Winners - Tournament of Minds NZ
- o Ella Wingfield-Smith - Winners - Tournament of Minds NZ
- o Emma Clark - - Winners - Tournament of Minds NZ
- o Alex Murray - -Winners - Tournament of Minds NZ
- o Kacey Weavers - - Winners - Tournament of Minds NZ
- o Poppy Mudgway - Winners - Tournament of Minds NZ
- o Phillipa Anderson - Winners - Tournament of Minds NZ

PRODUCTION FEVER - We are all so excited about the upcoming production, The Lion King Junior, this week. All the hard work has been done with a tremendous amount of hours being put into this show. The commitment levels from our students, staff and parent helpers has been truly amazing.

The opening night was a "roaring" success and further performances of "Lion King Junior" will be held in Te Tihi tonight, 1 November, Friday 3 November and Saturday 4 November. Tickets are available from

the school office and are selling fast! There will be an extra performance at the discounted price of \$5 that PNINS students may attend on Friday 3 November at 11.30am.

People attending the show are asked to park on the courts, entering South street and then departing through the Linton Street exit. This should avoid considerable congestion at the end of the evening. Please be careful at all times when driving through the school and keep speed to a minimum, as there will be many families with young children.



COMMUNITY SURVEY - At present we are reviewing our school vision starting with developing a 'learner profile' of what knowledge, skills and attributes our students need when they leave PNINS at the end of Year 8. We understand that we play a critical

role in preparing students for secondary school and believe they all need to be literate and numerate in order to access the curriculum while at high school. However, there are a number of other skills they will need to be responsible and confident citizens in our community who contribute positively.

Staff have committed a number of days this year discussing what a 'Learner Profile' should look like and now we seek feedback from parents and students. A friendly reminder to complete the survey which was included in the last newsletter and send back to school by this **Friday 3rd November**.

We are also taking this opportunity to get feedback regarding our 2 year health programme and understand that this age group requires specific education. The world is changing rapidly which demands new health programmes. Online safety, child obesity, sexuality, anxiety and depression are just some of the new health concerns that young people of today need to be aware of. Therefore, we ask that if you have other health concerns or ideas that we should consider please comment on the survey form.

Please take the time to complete this alongside your child as they will provide valuable information and ideas on how we can improve to ensure we meet the needs of your child/ren.

SUBWAY LUNCHES UPDATE

The Subway lunch option has really taken off as feedback from our students is extremely positive. The amount of orders are growing every week and we are thrilled to offer healthy options for students. We've signed up for Subway® School Days every Thursday and Friday! You can easily order and pay online subwayexpress.co.nz and lunch will be delivered straight to your child's classroom. Remember to get your order in by the cut-off: 8:30am on the day of order.

SPORTS UPDATE - As we move into our summer sports we would like to once again thank all parents and community members who have volunteered to coach, manage and be involved in getting our teams on the sports field, courts and pitch. This summer we have

- 5 cricket teams
- 8 Volleyball teams
- 5 Touch Rugby teams

We are very excited to have five touch teams this year (which is new), and great to be able to have new Touch uniforms, which we aim to have for all teams at the beginning of next year's competition.

FREYBERG TESTING - this is on Tuesday, 7 November at 12.45pm. Parents you will need to transport your children to and from this. They will need to be there at 12.30pm.

SPORTS COORDINATOR UPDATE - we aim to strengthen sport at PNINS in 2018. There has been a great response to our Sports Coordinator position available next year and we will inform the community of this appointment once completed.



SCHOOL ATHLETICS

On **Friday 10th November**, the School Athletics Sports at Massey University Complex will enable students to compete to the best of their ability in a range of athletic field and track events. Events include High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Hurdles, Shot Put, Discus, 100m and 200m. Start time is 9.30am finishing at 2.15pm.

The magnificent venue of the Massey University Athletics complex provides the atmosphere and the inspiration for a large number of our students to achieve their personal best. Results of their achievements in the various events will see students considered for selection for Super Sports Athletics taking place in Wanganui at Cook's Garden on **29 November**.

The students selected to represent our school at Super Sports Athletics will be notified of details in a separate notice.

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

Josh Toes

Ave Almandoz

Hannah Millward

Phoenix O'Loughlin

Tangaroa

Alisha Anderson

Shawny Rickard

Alex Odom

Jack Greer

Ikatere

Claudia Booth

Sky Turner

Arisha Azmi

William Bovey

Kahukura

Siu Lalakai

Ava Ternent

Leevi Tuimana

Rangitane

Maddie Izatt

Lilly Payne

Ishak Magar

Ishan Laghai

Manawanui

Grace Berkley

Ruan van Winkel

Dominic Riley

UNIFORM REMINDERS - Students are required to wear the PNINS wide brimmed hat while outside this term.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

Our Prizegiving Assembly will take place in the Regent Theatre on **Wednesday 13th December beginning at 11.30am**. We would ask that all parents and friends of the school are seated by 11.20 am.

At this assembly we will recognise the achievements of Year 7 and 8 students across all fields of learning including Academia, Sports, Performing Arts, Citizenship, and Nga Tohunga classes.

Please note the details on your calendar. We look forward to celebrating with you the achievement of our students at our annual Prizegiving Assembly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lion King Production - 1,3,4 November
- Freyberg Testing - 12.45pm - 7 November
- Athletic Sports - 10 November
- NZ Playhouse Assembly - 15 November
- PNBHS Sports Testing - 16/17 November
- Awatapu Testing - 17 November
- Year 6 Contributing School Visits to PNINS - 22-24 November
- Blue Badge Assembly - 24 November
- Supersports athletics - 29 November
- Nga Tohunga Conferences - 6 December
- Year 8 Leavers Dance - 6 December
- End of Year Reports go home - 11 December
- Team Trips - 12/14 December
- Prizegiving - Regent Theatre - 13 December
- PNGHS Second Hand Uniform Sale 14 December
- Last day of school - Spoke Relays (10am), Interval (10.30am) and Service Assembly 11.15pm. School Finishes 12.15pm.

Nāku noa



Hamish Ruawai
Principal