

# 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.

This is our final newsletter for 2017.

Reflecting back over the 2017 school year there have been numerous highlights that warrant mentioning if ever so briefly.

These include:

- Academic achievement of students in class, teams and at school level
- School-wide testing in October reflecting growth and progress for many students in Writing, Reading, and Numeracy Knowledge and Strategies
- A large number of students awarded Blue Badges and Star Awards in Academia, Citizenship, Sports and Performing Arts
- Student achievement at a regional and national level: including Manawatu Science & Technology Fair, Manawatu Mathex, Regional Literature Quiz, Otago Problem Solving Challenge and Australian Academic (ICAS) Competitions
- Student Council for providing leadership and student voice at PNINS, also for their work and support of school and community projects
- Depth and quality of our 'Arts Groups' performances as part of this year's Taradale Intermediate Cultural Exchange at PNINS and to school audiences at Blue Badge Awards Assemblies
- The Lion King Junior school production was an outstanding success showcasing the talents of over 100 of our students
- Tournament of Minds team winning the regional and national competitions to represent New Zealand in Adelaide, Australia where they placed second!
- Outstanding performances at school and community events from our two cultural groups – Kapa Haka and super arts cultural group.
- The sad loss of previous Principal Mr Johan Bonnevie, who will be a major

loss to the PNINS community. His impact on this school has been significant and long lasting

- Friday Assemblies throughout the year – Team, Cultural Performances, International Cultural Festival, Blue Badges
- High level of success in Super Sports / Super Arts Competitions
- Viewing our sports teams in action
- Level of success at 2017 NZAIMS Tournament in Tauranga; medals in relation to individual and team performances in 9 sporting codes entered
- The PNINS Leo Club – a student lead service club which is contributing to and making our community a better place
- Achievement of students in school and out of school at sports and cultural events
- The positive and encouraging feedback we receive from our school community
- The ERO visit which outlined key strengths that PNINS does particularly well, with the full report to be released in the new year

The highlights reflect the work of our hardworking, innovative teaching and support team, and the positive attitude and willingness of the vast majority of our students to take up new challenges and make the most of the opportunities this school offers them.

**STAFF LEAVING PNINS** - As mentioned in our last newsletter we farewell the following staff: Mr James Lowry, Mrs Jess McInnes, Mrs Michelle Thomas, Whaea Phyllis Fitzgerald (Study leave for 2018), thank you all for the excellent contribution you have made to PNINS students in your respective roles. I wish you all the best in your new positions and for the future.

We also announce and congratulate Ms Mia Kennedy who, over the weekend, was appointed to the position of Assistant Principal at Newbury School next year. Ms Kennedy has been at PNINS for 12 years and has had a significant impact on a number of students over those years. We wish her well in her new role. We will be informing parents of Mia's replacement early in the new year once we have appointed.

Tuesday 5 December 2017

**SCHOOL REPORTS** - Monday 11th December your child will bring home their End of Year Report together with Specialist Technology / Arts / Science Reports / Learning Languages Report (if applicable).

The End of Year Report informs parents and caregivers of their child's achievement, effort and progress at school this year.

There are three key sections to this report:

**Learning Areas**

- Levels of achievement grade
- Effort / Attitude grades
- Comments

**Key Competencies / 5 Keys to School Success**

- Actions and attitudes of Successful Learners
- Summation
- General Comment

The National Standards (developed by the Ministry of Education) are a description of what all New Zealand Children are expected to be able to do in Reading, Writing and Mathematics in Years 1 – 8. (They apply only to these three areas of learning.)

The grades teachers give on reports in all learning areas describe the achievement level attained, and the progress each student has made, in relation to achievement of the Learning Goals in the New Zealand National Curriculum. It cannot be expected that all students of the same age will be achieving at the same level, or progressing at the same rate.

The teacher has based their professional judgement on information from a range of sources such as samples of children's work, observations, conferencing with the child, and test results throughout the year.

Details of the school end of year report and national standards are printed on the report cover that will enclose your child's report.

**CLASS CHANGES FOR SOME YEAR 8**

**STUDENTS in 2018**

Most students will remain with their current teacher and class for 2018. However, a few students will move classes for a number of reasons:

- new staff at PNINS in 2018
- balancing out the number of year 7 and year 8 students and the genders in each class
- parent and/or teacher requests
- senior management decisions

The students will find out these changes on Thursday 25th January (via email), alongside the new Year 7s finding out about their classes. Whatever the reason for the change, it is important for students and parents to take the change as a positive opportunity for the student's final year at intermediate.

**TEAM ORGANISATION FOR 2018**

**Arataki Team**

R1 Joanne Parker (TL)  
R2 Vicki-Marie Buchanan  
R3 Mia Mason

**Tangaroa Team**

R22 Emma Baker  
R23 Barb Pritchard (TL)  
R24 Matt Budd  
R27 Sarah Lonsdale

**Ikatere Team**

R4 Natalie Dean  
R5 Mayana Karena  
R6 Ashleigh Marfell  
R7 Sarah Northcott (TL)

**Kahukura Team**

R25 Tim McLay  
R26 NEW TEACHER  
R29 Deb McDonald (TL)  
R33 Alison McRae

**Rangitane Team**

R12 Amy Thompson (TL)  
R13 Finn Barnett  
R14 Maria Donald  
R15 Kaye Webber

**Manawanui Team**

R34 Ahnna Stewart  
R35 Katherine Wills (Acting TL)  
R36 NEW TEACHER  
R37 Jono Hicks

**Nga Tohunga (Specialist) Team**

Barry Jones (TL) - Music  
Helen Fotheringham \*- Food Technology  
Jeff Smith - Structures & Mechanism  
Gillian Collett - Information Communication  
Jackie Spriggs - Visual Art  
Warwick Grady - Science  
\*Technology Curriculum Leader  
(TL) - Team Leader

**Arohanui Team (Learning Support)**

Jane Walker - SENCO  
Anna Stephenson - Maths Hub  
Leanne Green - Reading Hub  
Barbara Drake - ESOL Hub

**Teacher Aides**

Roxane Freeman  
Belinda Ruebe  
Sheryll Sinclair  
Julie Khan  
Suzanne Frickleton

**Social Worker**

Courtney Murphy

**Sports Coordinator**

Chris Sanson

**Administration Team**

Heidi Rea - Principal's Secretary  
Ann Claasen – School Secretary  
Nicola McFarlane – Administrative Assistant

**Library Team**

Judine Knowles – Librarian  
Judith-Ann McKenna – Library Assistant

**Caretaker**

Geoff Phillips – Caretaker / Groundsman

**Senior Management**

Principal – Hamish Ruawai  
Deputy Principal – Vicki James  
Assistant Principal - Maryanne Kensington

**2018 START OF YEAR**

As mentioned in previous newsletters we will be starting the 2018 school year differently to what we have done in the past.

- **Year 7 students** will start with a 20minute parent conference on Wednesday (31 January) or Thursday (1 February) . Conference bookings for these will be made online and all information will be sent out via email when class lists are released on Thursday 25 January.

- **Year 7 & 8 students** will all start on Friday in their classes.

**Powhiri** - A short powhiri will be held on Friday 2 February at 9am in the gym to welcome students to school. Therefore, students can put their bags in their classes and then head over to the gym. A newsletter will be handed to year 7 parents at their conference to outline the process of the powhiri.

**URGENT ATTENTION - Non payment of school fees**

The Board of Trustees thanks those parents who have paid their 2017 School Donation and actual fees – Activity Fee / School Stationery over the last week. There is still a number of actual expenses (School Activity Fee/ School Stationary) and accounts to be paid.

The school requests that arrangements be made with the school office this week for the payment of these outstanding accounts by **Friday 15 December 2017**.

**2017 YEAR BOOK** - We are currently taking orders for the 2017 PNINS Yearbook. This is a great record of School Life at PNINS over the year, documenting important school events and highlighting our student achievement in 2017. The School Magazine is \$10 for year 7 students (down from \$15 in 2016) and orders are currently being taken in the Library before school each morning. This year all year 8 students will receive a **FREE** year book. The magazines will be delivered to students by the end of the year.

**PRIZEGIVING**

Our Prizegiving 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 prizegiving 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**School athletics team** - Congratulations to our athletes that competed in the Super sport event in Wanganui last week we came away with the Banner!

**Robotics team** - Congratulations to William Giles Ben Richards and Morgan Hintz who finished 3rd at the National Robotics competition held in Rotorua this week. Fantastic effort competing against 34 other teams from across the country.

**Table tennis team** - Callum McKinnon received a bronze medal in the under 15s doubles at the National Championships recently, with his partner from Otago. He has now been selected in the New Zealand Under 15 training squad.

**NZ Athletics** - Congratulations to Kylah Gunn and Johnny Rouxel who have been selected to be part of the New Zealand Trans Tasman Team which will be competing against New South Wales Australia in January 2018. Kylah has been selected for both the 800m and 1500m.

## **SERVICE AWARDS ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER**

This Assembly recognises the efforts of so many students as they do extra duties so willingly in our school.

The Assembly will take place on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in Te Tihi commencing at 11.15am. (Please be seated by 11.00am)**

Children who are receiving certificates at this assembly will be notified. Students to be acknowledged include School Councillors, Road Patrols, Library Monitors, Leo Club and others of merit.

**All children will be dismissed for the day from their class at 12.15pm.**

## **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**

Abby Turnbull  
Olivia Morrison  
Scott Rattray  
Peyton Bamfield  
Josephine Myers  
Elaine Stitchbury  
Aishah Akbar  
Christian Falloon  
Hugo Newson  
Jayden Glendinning

### **Tangaroa**

Lucy McSherry  
Jonny Lockyer  
Yasmine Elidrissi  
Saim Ahmed  
Paige Stewart  
Finis Zhang  
Emily Thomas  
Jaiden Meyer  
Harsha Heney  
Isabella Easton  
Hana Khan  
Aami Sahano

### **Ikatere**

Mady Cable  
Lilith Sangrouber  
Danielle Stewart  
Bueden Lowe  
Joshua Mulcahy  
Raven Hautapu  
Katie O'Brien  
Jacob Parlato  
Max Carran  
Angus Taylor-Collis  
Jael Bocoum-Moutsinga

### **Kahukura**

Daniel Briggs  
Darren Juru  
Jack Conley  
Ivory Huang  
Grace Donaldson  
Eljae Pukeiti-Mara  
Charlie Stewart  
Cody Duncan

### **Rangitane**

Alec Ross  
Caleb Penney  
Devon Barr  
Ayesha Jarrod  
Jhaz Pene  
Saphir Velich  
Cole Satherley  
Romiza Zubair  
Isabelle Jacobs  
Haroon Sharif  
Mila McCartney  
Rohan  
Kanagasundaram

### **Manawanui**

Angus Carthew  
Callum McKinnon  
Dylan Calder  
Holly Pearce  
Lilee McNabb  
Oliver Middleditch  
Mary Pham  
Emma Minshull  
Ryder Lennon  
Luke Cherrington  
Lauren Jansen  
Ella Ritchie

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- End of Year Reports go home 11 December
- Team Trips - 12/14 December
- Prizegiving - Regent Theatre - 13 December
- Last day of school - 15 December Spoke Relays (10am), Interval (10.30am) and Service Assembly 11.15pm. School Finishes 12.15pm.
- PNINS Second Hand Uniform Sale 18 December

Best wishes for the festive season and wishing all a safe and happy holiday



**Nāku noa**

**Hamish Ruawai  
Principal**



