

# 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.

Our production 'The Lion King Junior' was a huge success and saw approximately 3000 people see the show over 6 performances in 4 days. The commitment levels and consistently high performances from students were truly amazing and the feedback has been overwhelming.

A huge thank you to all students, parents, staff and community groups that have contributed to making this year's performance such a success.

**EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE** - Last week we welcomed the ERO team as they spent time reviewing systems to support student learning. Our report will be available to view at the beginning of next year and we look forward to sharing the wonderful things we do here. A community report will be also be available to view online as well as a paper copy in the newsletter.

## **STAFFING**

In 2018, we have a number of staff changes with some departing at the end of the year. We wish them well for their future endeavours and thank them for all the wonderful work they have been doing for our students this year.

**James Lowry** - Will be taking up a position at Ashhurst School next year.

**Jess McInnes** - Is taking time to focus on family and travel.

**Phyllis Fitzgerald** - has successfully attained study leave at Te Wananga o Raukawa for 35 weeks of 2018.

**SPORTS COORDINATOR** - We have finished the appointment process for our new Sports Coordinator for 2018 and would like to welcome Chris Sanson to the PNINS team. Chris has a strong sporting background as an athlete, coach and coordinator of sports events and projects.



Chris has three main roles in this position;

1. To **strengthen** and **increase** the **opportunities** for students to **participate** in a **wide range** of sports.
2. To increase performance levels at both **local and on the national** stage.
3. To strengthen **communication** with parents and build on current **relationships** with **community groups**.

Tuesday November 2017

**ATHLETICS DAY** - On Friday 10 November, the School Athletics Sports at Massey University Complex enabled students to compete to the best of their ability in a range of athletic field and track events. Events included High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Hurdles, Shot Put, Discus, 100m and 200m.

The magnificent venue of the Massey University Athletics complex provided the atmosphere and the inspiration for a large number of our students to achieve their personal best.

The terrific attitude of students, their encouragement of each other, superb organisation, and an ideal day (weather wise), all combined to make this day enjoyable for all.

As a result of their achievements in the various events, a large number of students have been considered and selected for Super Sports Athletics taking place in Wanganui on Wednesday 29 November.

Special thanks to Ms Kennedy and Mrs Pritchard and their teams for their superb organisation of this year's School Athletics Sports and to all staff who assisted on the day.

### **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](http://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.





**PASIFIKA FONO** - On Thursday 9th November our Pasifika families came together to celebrate and hear what we have accomplished this year and discuss where to next to support our Pasifika students. It was also a fantastic opportunity to hear from one of our Pasifika community leaders. Tasa Havea, (Dr. Palatasa Havea, senior scientist at Fonterra) was an inspirational speaker who has advised the Ministry of Education on matters relating to Pasifika education. You may have seen him featured on TV lately. His message was around how we can capitalise on students aptitudes and talents, pursuing dreams, and achieving while also embracing their cultural identity.



**COMMUNITY SURVEY** - Thanks to all those parents who took the time to complete our Community Survey as we set about developing our learning programmes for 2018. There has been a large response for us to consider and we will be sharing the changes we have planned in the next newsletter.



**TRANSITION** The smooth transition of students from Primary School to Intermediate is important to us.



The following sequence of visits and events are all aimed to familiarising current Year 6 students with their new school for 2018:

**Wednesday 22 November**

West End, Hokowhitu, Russell Street, Winchester

**Thursday 23 November**

Central Normal, Tiritea, Riverdale, Aokautere, St James

**Friday 24 November**

College Street



**BLUE BADGE ASSEMBLY** - We will be holding our final Blue Badge assembly for the year this Friday with many students receiving badges and stars for the four dimensions of learning.

Badges and stars are worn with pride at PNINS and demonstrate the commitment students have given over the two years they are with us. We are now selling the Blue badge ribbons which allow badges to be displayed once they have been taken off their jerseys, especially if they are to be sold at the second hand sale.

### **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**

Brooklyn Hamilton  
Zachary Gibbons  
Leo Xu  
Caleb Boyens  
Brooke Kingsbeer  
Zeth Jackson  
Aalao Rahim  
Charlotte Syme

#### **Tangaroa**

Jack Flynn  
Jack Knightbridge  
Makayla O'Donnell  
Riley Kinloch  
Summer-Haze Ward  
Laura Lopez  
Fergus Doolan  
Brooke Townend

#### **Ikatere**

Alex King  
Maddi West  
Leila  
Connor-Douglas  
Tokio Okada  
Emma Ogilvie  
Philip Cocks  
Nada Fouda

#### **Kahukura**

Stevie Bos  
Min Dahl  
Cody Duncan  
Anne Le  
Joseph Livingston  
Javahn Stevens

#### **Rangitane**

Kayla Jones  
Haroon Shariff  
Dylan Swart  
Natasha Foot  
Sienna Collins  
Jacob Orr  
Maryann Ali Akbar  
Shadikshya Biswa

#### **Manawanui**

Jack Billing  
Gihara Fernando  
Mollie Gardner  
Kim Schalk  
Ivy Ho  
Connor Genereux  
Aiden Vickers  
Maya Funez McLennan

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE**

We would be thrilled if any parents were able to assist with our second hand uniform sale on Monday 18 December please let the office know.

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

### **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.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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
- 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

**Nāku noa**



**Hamish Ruawai**  
Principal



