

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai haere mai



Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome back to an action packed Term 2 where we have plenty of sporting, academic, performing arts & leadership challenges ahead.

Today's newsletter outlines some key changes to how PNINS has operated in the

past with the annual AIMS games sports tournament and the traditional Science Fair. Please take the time to read about these changes designed to enhance learning experiences for students. We will be providing a large amount of information regarding the changes and if parents have any questions please make contact with the school office.

**TEACHER ONLY DAY Friday 2nd June.** School will be closed for students as staff will be working on how PNINS can better meet the needs of students through reviewing its curriculum. A parent survey will also be sent out asking for feedback which will then be used to review the direction of the school and its long term strategic goals.

Term 1 was an enjoyable and rewarding one for our school with students working hard and achieving to a high level in their learning, performing arts and sporting activities.

**Term 1 highlights included:**

- How well our Year 7 students have settled into their new school
- The number of Year 8 students who have 'stepped up' into leadership roles within their class, their team and the school
- The quality work produced by a large number of students
- The high standard of most students in terms of behaviour, manners and citizenship
- The presentation of many Team and VP Awards at our weekly Monday Assemblies

- The high performance level of students in the assemblies and school sports events
- The number of students who took up Ultimate Challenge 1
- Involvement of many students in the Inter Class Swimming Relays, and School Swimming Sports
- The achievement and fine manner in which our students competed in Super Sports events in Softball, Cricket, Tennis and Inter-school Triathlon
- Team camps to Curious Cove
- Parent conferences. 682 (96%) conferences were held for year 7 & 8 students, a fantastic response!
- The success of our summer sports teams in local competitions and the number of students engaged in sports
- The election of our 2017 School Council at Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School
- The number of students putting themselves forward for sports teams and now winter sports trials in Netball, Hockey and Basketball
- School ANZAC assembly and attendance at the ANZAC ceremony in the square

We are proud of our students, Year 7 and 8, for their willingness to attempt new challenges, and for the way they have represented our school this term.

I would like to thank parents / caregivers for the support and encouragement you give to your children and our school.

Special thanks to all staff for the preparation and organisation put into their teaching, learning, sports and arts auditions last term.

**SCIENCE FAIR & SCIENCE FESTIVAL WEEK**

In previous years, PNINS has run a science and technology fair in which every student completed a science board following an investigation or development of an invention of their choice.

In 2017, we are introducing a festival of science , held over a week in **Week 3, Term 3 (7-11 August)**. Students will be involved in the following ways:

1. Any student wishing to be selected for Manawatu Science and Technology fair will still need to complete a full investigation in either science or technology (by solving a need or a problem). **It is no longer compulsory for all students.** These projects must still be on a cardboard 'science fair' board. These boards are on sale at the office, for \$15 in five colour choices.

These projects will be judged in the gym on the Thursday of Scifest 17 week.

These students will need to follow the MSTF approval poster process, and obtain approval forms and help from Mr Grady (Science specialist). This year the school has authority to issue approval for most projects.

These projects will be judged during Scifest week, plus the students will be required to attend an 'open night' one hour session in which they will discuss their work with other parents, scientists and peers.

2. All remaining students who do not enter for the Science & Technology Fair, must still be actively involved in a science or technology investigation, but there is no requirement to use a board.

Teams will decide how they will develop students' science skills in the leadup to Scifest 17.

No approval is required for these students, but they are expected to act in a safe manner, and ask an adult if they are unsure.

Presentation options available for these students will be set by their team, but may include digital, paper, photographic or other options.

3. During Scifest 17 week, there will be free lunchtime science presentations in the school, an inter-class challenge, the opportunity to view the MSTF entries, and the MSTF entrants will be recognised at a special assembly (open to parents) and all students will present their work to their class or to a judge.

All students who complete any investigation will receive a printed certificate in one of three levels- gold, silver or bronze based on criteria that they will receive in term 2.

We look forward to your support in the leadup to Scifest 17. Any questions may be emailed to [wgrady@pnins.school.nz](mailto:wgrady@pnins.school.nz) or sent via a note to Mr Grady.

### AIMS GAMES

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.

We are asking parents and coaches to let Mr Ruawai know if they believe their team or individual athletes are able to compete at this level. 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](mailto:hruawai@pnins.school.nz). At present there has been expressions of interest regarding soccer, hockey, table tennis, swimming, badminton, cross country, tennis.

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.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Thank you to all those School Councillors who applied for leadership positions for our 2017 School Council. Mrs Kensington and I interviewed 24 outstanding applicants for 4 key leadership positions on our school council.

As part of the application process each applicant had to apply in writing stating the position they were applying for, the qualities and skills they would bring to this position and why they are the best person for the position.

The applications were of such quality that we interviewed all 24 applicants for the Co-Chairpersons, Secretary and Treasurer Positions. Congratulations to the following School Councillors on being appointed to leadership positions in 2017.

### School Council Leadership positions for 2017

- Co Chairperson's – Claudia Roberts (Rm36) & Liam Edmunds (Rm25)
- Secretary – Lily Martin (Rm 23)
- Treasurer – Peter Scott (Rm 2)

We look forward to working with the new School Council Leadership Team and School Council, in supporting new initiatives / ideas that can further promote citizenship and increased opportunities both within and outside the classroom / school. Special thanks to Mrs Donald and Mr Barnett, our 2017 School Council Coordinators, for the work that is already underway with school councillors, in identifying new service opportunities/responsibilities in 2017.

## ULTIMATE CHALLENGES

The first Ultimate Challenge for the year was to design the new school app home page and we will be announcing our winners this week. The second challenge will be to design our new cover page for the school Prospectus.

### 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:

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>) \$30 Plaza</b> | <b>) Plus your name on our</b>  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>) Vouchers</b>   | <b>) Prospectus recognising</b> |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>)</b>            | <b>) your effort</b>            |

**Entries Close** Friday, 26 May 2017.

Please hand in to Mr Ruawai on or before this day. **On the back of your design print in pencil lightly your:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Room No \_\_\_\_\_ Thank you for entering our 'Design a Cover' competition. You may enter more than one design.

## PNINS WHANAU HUI 2017

### 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](mailto:office@pnins.school.nz))

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

1. Mihimihi activity – Hamish Ruawai (Principal)
2. Report on Te Reo Māori/Tikanga programmes and opportunities being offered at PNINS – Phyllis Fitzgerald (Te Reo Māori Co-ordinator)
3. Kōrero mai – Discussion Time – Phyllis Fitzgerald
4. 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 UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

PNINS has a reputation for high standards and this is highlighted none more so than in the wearing of our school uniform. At Monday's assembly this week school leaders and I spoke to all students about these expectations and will be following up with those that have had to be reminded repeatedly.. The following are school winter uniform requirements for Terms 2 and 3.

### Girls Uniform

- Skirts (length on or just above the knee)
- Short sleeve white polo shirt both with logo
- Freyberg junior navy jersey with PNINS logo
- **Regulation plain black lace-up shoes (no Roman Sandals)**
- Long white socks worn just below the knee (**no ankle sports socks**)
- Navy tights are a winter option
- Plain white, black or navy blue headband or ties
- School jacket (optional) – to and from school
- School scarf only (optional to and from school).

### Boys Uniform

- Navy school shorts (boys' shorts must be of a length on or above the knees)
- School grey short sleeve polo shirt with logo
- **School socks with support to keep up**
- Grey school jersey with school logo
- **Regulation plain black lace up shoes (No Roman Sandals)** with navy school socks
- School jacket (optional) – to and from school
- School scarf only (optional to and from school)

### Physical Education / Sports Uniform

- Students are to wear the correct sports uniform only
- Lace up sports shoes are also a requirement during all sports / physical education activities outside

**All uniform items must be carefully named. It is difficult to find owners if items are not named clearly.**

#### Note:

- T-Shirts are not to be worn under school uniform shirts. If students are cold they need to wear a jersey or short sleeve V neck polyprop shirt.
- Black lace-up shoes only. **No buckle shoes permitted.**
- **Hair regulations** – Please refer below.

Sunhats can be packed away until Labour Weekend.

**HAIR COLOUR** - We ask students and their parents to note that our School Prospectus clearly states in the School Uniform Code of Appearance Section "Students attending this school are not permitted to display hairstyles and clothing that are fashion statements (the student's natural hair colour only)". Any student arriving at school with a hair colour other than their natural colour, will be asked to remove the colour before coming back to school the next day.

No hair products such as wax or gel to be worn.

- Boys – Hair to be off the face and cut so it is off

the shirt collar.

- Girls – Hair to be off the face and, if long, to be tied back with blue, black or white hair-ties.

### CYCLE SAFETY

We recommend the use of hi-vis back pack covers to make our cyclists even more visible to drivers and other road users. Sometimes hi-vis jackets can be obscured by large backpacks.

### COMING EVENTS

1 May	Arataki Camp
10 May	Supersport Volleyball
8 May	Manawanui Camp
12 May	Blue Badge Assembly
15 May	Ikatere Camp
19 May	Tangaroa Assembly
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
5 June	<b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY</b>

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES -

#### CASUAL VACANCY FOR AN ELECTED TRUSTEE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

**Darryn Joseph and Carletta Macdonald**  
**Palmerston North Board of Trustees**  
**56 Linton Street**  
**Palmerston North**



HAMISH RUAWAI  
Principal



