

NEWSLETTER NO 4 - Pānui Tuatoru – 21 March 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 / Caregivers

TEACHER ONLY DAY - 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.

SCHOOL APP - We are currently developing a School App that aims to better communicate with parents. Just a few years ago, schools and teachers had to rely on the child giving the letter, report card, or document to their parents.

Essentially, a school app allows us to send out blanket communications to parents, saving a lot of time and money whilst keeping everyone better informed. Benefits include:

- Up to date information on timetable changes, **reminders of upcoming events, school newsletters** and parents don't have to go searching for bits of paper or trying to find them on the school website, they can simply click on the app and get connected.
- It's quick and **simple to download** and generally easy to use. Not only that, **it's free**.
- The great thing about the school app is that it can send parents push notifications. So if there's a problem or mum and dad need a reminder about something it will come up on the smartphone or tablet screen as an alert.
- **Money isn't being wasted** on sending out letters and flyers and administrative time isn't spent on trying to contact individuals to update them about any little change in the timetable.
- It allows parents to plan their lives more effectively because they can check what is going on when they have to organise their own day.
- Parents can even **interact with the app** and take part in surveys and satisfaction questionnaires which helps improve the running of our school.

ULTIMATE

CHALLENGE - To help with the development of our own school app we are running an **ULTIMATE CHALLENGE** where students can have an opportunity to design the school app.



STUDENT COUNCIL The School Student Council is an important group in our school who meet weekly to work together and present constructive ideas/suggestions from students across the school. As Principal, I have always been impressed with the enthusiasm, ideas and thoughts of our young people. Over the years many School Council ideas have been acted upon and changes have been implemented at Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School, which have resulted in making our school a better place to learn and work in.

A girl and boy School Councillor were voted in to represent each class on the 2017 School Council. The right to vote is called democracy and 714 students had their say as to the girl and boy who will represent their class on the School Council this year.

I want to acknowledge and thank all Year 8 students who put themselves forward this year to represent their class on the 2017 School Council and who also prepared and delivered a campaign speech to their class. To those who stood, and were unsuccessful – you can be proud of putting your name forward. You may not be the elected representatives for your room on the School Council but you are still leaders who can display leadership in the things you do, and engage in at PNINS in 2017.

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as School Councillors for 2017.

School Councillors 2017

Class Councillor Girl

Arataki

Rm 1 - Amy Su

Rm 2 - Josephine Myers

Rm 3 - Francisca Malley

Rm 4 - Lucy Burden

Ikatere

Rm 5- Moana Kopa-Halliday

Rm 27 - Renee Monaghan

Class Councillor Boy

Payton Bamfield

Peter Scott

Kevin Cao

Aravind Chandran

Ikatere Pod

Rm 6 - Jessica Allen

Rm 7 - Nicole Doige

Rangitane

Rm 12 - Katarina Kenzie

Rm 13 - Sarah Wade

Rm 14 - Sarah Culshaw

Rm 15 - Piper Lucas

Tangaroa

Rm 22 - Ella Hainsworth

Rm 23 - Lily Martin

Rm 24 - Tamsin Bell

Rm 25 - Cameron Waugh

Kahukura

Rm 26 - Madi Thomas

Rm 29 - Georgie Furnell

Rm 33 - Amy Grayson

Manawanui Pod

Claudia Roberts

Lauren Janssen

Manawanui

Rm 37- Holly Pearce

Rm 34 - Tiaki Pomana

Alex King

Anthony Levchenko-Scott

Will Tait-Davis

John Blackwell

Liam Prescott

Ben McQueen-Davies

Dylan Swart

Luke Theobald

Joe Hudson

Carter Underwood

Kamil Mughal

Liam Edmunds

Reihana Wetere

Rumaan Khan

Mitchell Liang

Jack Billington

Luke Cherrington

Matt Phillips

Samuel Lohrey

School Council Office Holders in 2017

All School Councillors are invited to apply in writing for one of the four key leadership positions on our School Council. The positions are:

- Co-Chairperson (Boy and Girl)
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Each applicant is required to submit a letter of application (CV not required) identifying the position they wish to apply for;

why they would like to be appointed to this position, the qualities and skills that they would bring to this position and any other relevant points to support their application.

Applications for these positions close, Wednesday, 23 March. Applicants will be shortlisted and interviews will take place 30 -31 March.

YEAR 7 & 8 PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

Year 7 Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences will take place on Wednesday 5th April at 2pm

Year 8 Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences will take place on Wednesday 12 April from 2pm.

Yesterday all Year 7 /8 students took home notices outlining the details of these conferences. These are to be completed and returned to classroom teachers by Friday 24 March.

Conferences provide an opportunity for parents, students and teachers to discuss the future learning goals and programmes of the individual student.

Included in this package will be 5 questions you might like to ask your child's teacher with regard to your child and their learning at PNINS.

As your child moves along the continuum towards becoming an independent learner we encourage him/her to attend this conference so that we can affirm and celebrate their achievement as well as identify the next steps in their learning.

School will close for all students at 2.00pm on Wednesday 5th April and Wednesday 12 April.

If you require your child to be supervised at school until 3pm then please advise the school office (Ph 358 0548) or office@pnins.school.nz

The Way Children Learn have Evolved Over Time

As parents we want our children to learn and do well at school. Over the years things have changed from what you remember when you were at school.

Learning today doesn't mean sitting at desks all the time, working through textbooks, or copying from the blackboard.

Children are more likely to be involved in 'doing' things, which is why just looking through their school books may not tell you much about all the teaching and learning that has taken place. Learning activities, such as cooperative work, problem-solving tasks, asking and answering questions, and working with new ideas, are all commonly used in classrooms. Learning also happens outside the classroom on sports/cultural trips, at camps, museums and at home.

What ever happened to tests?

Tests are one way of finding out how well children are making progress, but teachers are likely to use other methods for this as well, particularly at primary and intermediate school. Throughout the year, a teacher might use a combination of:

- peer assessment
- self-assessment
- teacher assessment
- group work
- inquiry
- group teaching
- group discussions
- research
- digital presentations
- work samples
- tests

These types of learning activities are now used by teachers in primary and intermediate classrooms to look at how well a child understands the knowledge and uses the skills that have been taught.

How can you as parents help your children learn

- spend time with them
- talk with them about important things
- encourage them to do their best
- find out what they are good at and what interests them
- be excited about the things they are good at
- read with them often, talk with them about the book
- discuss a news item with them to get their perspective

- give them appropriate responsibilities at home
- get them to find out things for you
- ask them their opinions about things
- have high and realistic expectations of them
- be enthusiastic about learning with them
- expect them to go to school every day
- really believe that they can do well

Whilst the way children learn has evolved over time and the learning activities they engage in are varied and more hands on, the essence of education remains focussed on student achievement and social and emotional well-being.

As a school and as parents, we work in partnership to ensure your child gets maximum benefit out of their intermediate school years.

SUPERSPORT TENNIS

On Wednesday 15th March the Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School Sports Tennis travelled to Wanganui to compete in Super Sports Tennis. Congratulations to both the Girls and Boys Teams who were placed second.

Girls

Georgie Furnell
Stevie Bos
Allie Amey
Holly Pearce

Boys

Will Tate Davis
Josh Studholm
Ashwyn Kumar
Jack Burden

It was a great day and the team had great parent support. Thank you to Miss Webber for coaching and managing the team.



AIMS GAMES - The Anchor AIMS GAMES have established themselves as the elite sporting competition for emerging adolescents in New Zealand and in 2017 offer 21 sports. PNINS has consistently sent a team for a number of years and intends to do so this year. Mr Ruawai will be the lead person selecting and organising the PNINS team to attend this prestigious event. As this is his first time he would like to hold an information evening for parents to share and contribute to the 2017 team organisation. The meeting will be in the staffroom on **6pm, TUESDAY 4 APRIL.**

Netball Payment:

There has been a change of due date for netball fees due to Netball Manawatu's registration dates. The **\$90.00** payment is now due earlier, on the **29th March**. This must be paid before this date otherwise your child will not be entered in a team.

Interschool Triathlon

On Wednesday 15th March students from Palmerston North Intermediate Normal competed in the inter-school triathlon at Skoglund Park. Congratulations to both the Girls and Boys Teams.

Year 8 Girls

Lucy Burden
Holly McInnes (2nd)
Jessica Dickason
Bella-Rose Lloyd (3rd)
Amy Grayson

Year 8 Boys

Peter Scott (2nd)
Sam Stitchbury
Alex King
Greg Austin
Matt Stewart

Year 7 Girls

Abby Thompson (1st)
Kylah Gunn (2nd)

Year 7 Boys

Wilson Hannon
Josh Smit (3rd)
Johnny Rouxel
Cole Phillips
Jake Rayner

HOMESTAY STUDENTS

Have you ever thought about being a homestay to a PNBHS international student?
PNBHS have a number of Vietnamese students arriving in June/July for a short term stay:

- **\$240 per week** for each student
- Comprehensive homestay support from PNBHS
- Rewarding & enriching experience
- Explore new cultures & languages
- Create lifelong relationships
- A wonderful addition to your family

For more information and to register your interest, please contact Wendy Christophers, Accommodation Manager, at homestay@pnbhs.school.nz or 06 354 5176 ext 775

Nāku noa

nā Hamish Ruawai
Principal

Community Notices

Kia Toa Junior Rugby are looking for players born 2004-2006 to join our teams in the 2017 season.

If this sounds like you please contact Tania 027 544 4032 or find us on Facebook under Kia Toa Junior Rugby. We will be holding a muster day on Sunday 26 March from 12-2pm at Monrad Park



JOIN SCOUTS!

We are New Zealand's biggest mixed youth organisation. We change lives by offering girls and boys fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact in our communities.

Keas (years 1-3)

Cubs (years 3-6)

Scouts (years 6-10)

Venturers (years 11-13)

For more info, and to find your nearest Scout Group, contact Elisabeth Hollier

Ph: 354 4462 Cell: 021 0550 998

Email:scouts.manawatu@gmail.com

Freyberg Junior Rugby

Looking for committed players to join our family friendly club. We are in need of a few more players children who are Turning 12, 10, 7 or 8 this year. (other ages please enquire)

Cost is \$20 per Child or \$40 a family.

If you are interested or would like more information please find us on Facebook, txt/call 027 7743195 or email beech24@hotmail.com

Rangitane Camp Raffle Results

1st - Alison Dunn

2nd - Steves Wholefoods

3rd - Paul T

4th - Jodie Fagan

Winners have been notified and their gift hampers will be delivered. Thank you to all parents and our school community for your fabulous support.

Annie Newman on behalf of Rangitane Team

