

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai haere mai



Dear Parents / Caregivers

We are excited about the upcoming term and the large amount of activities planned to ensure your child gets the best possible education.

A feature of this term is our Scifest in week 3 where all students will be participating in a range of science activities. We are really excited about the changes as it is our aim to encourage science in a fun and meaningful manner.

This year 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). 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.

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.

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 received last term.

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.

### **SCOOTERS AT SCHOOL**

As of this term we encourage students to ride their scooters to and from school. Riding a scooter has many benefits for students as it gets them active and outdoors in a time where digital technology has the potential to limit physical exercise. Scooters will be placed in the lock up bike shed during the day to ensure they are safe and we urge parents to still clearly LABEL their child's scooter.



### **YEAR 7 & 8**

#### **PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES**

**Year 7 Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences** will take place on Thursday 27th July at 2pm

**Year 8 Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences** will take place on Thursday 8th August from 2pm.

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

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 Thursday 27th July & Thursday 3rd August.**

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

### **LIFE EDUCATION TRUST**

The Life Education Trust bus will be at our school for weeks 1-4 this term. The Trust facilitator, Tim Jones, will be delivering a health programme which covers the following topics:

- Our basic needs for staying happy and healthy, especially as we go through puberty
- How do we make decisions?
- What does a great friend do?
- How can we be an upstander and show resilience?
- What is peer pressure and how can we deal with it?
- What are aggressive, passive and assertive responses?
- What is a drug?
- What are the legal and illegal drugs?
- How does addiction work?
- How do drugs affect our basic needs?
- What are the effects of drugs on the body, friendships, achieving potential, family, jobs, and everyday life?

The cost of this programme is \$4 per child. Please send this to your child's class teacher by the end of next week please.

### **FIRST VOICE**

The eighteenth 'First Voice' workshop was held at the Palmerston North City Library on Tuesday 23rd May. First Voice is a collection of writing by students from non-English speaking backgrounds who attend Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School.

There are many students in this school who communicate in more than one language. First Voice is an opportunity to encourage the maintenance of their first language both in the oral and written sense. The City Library was again the

venue for the writing and the students met with an adult mentor (sourced through the Multicultural Centre) who speaks their first language. After a chat and discussion on the topic, the students wrote a draft copy of their story/article about 'Famous People'. The mentors are also there to support the student with vocabulary, spelling, etc and to do a final proof reading of the story.

The students returned to school where they published their story/article and completed a profile page. These stories are then collated into magazine form. For the past twelve years the City Library has very generously published a magazine for each student.

Encouraging the active use of their first language can have positive effects on the student's self-esteem, their relationships with their parents, their eventual proficiency in other languages and their learning in general. The students' writing is valued and celebrated.

56 students from Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School took part in the workshop. The workshop was held in the Sound and Vision section of the City Library from 9.30am until 11.30am. Twenty two languages were involved in this workshop.

Special thanks go to Jeremie Corroenne and other staff who hosted the workshop at the City Library and provided a delicious morning tea for all involved. Also many thanks to Rhia Taonui, The Pasifika Liaison coordinator at the City library who spoke about the benefits of speaking and writing in multiple languages. Finally special thanks also to the Multicultural Centre, especially Noorangi and Christine who helped find the 35 mentors who supported the children with their writing. All the above named personnel also supported Barb Drake in this project.

(In 2009, our First Voice Writing Programme received an award from the Human Rights Commission.)



## **5 KEYS TO SUCCESS**

At PNINS we believe that the 5 Keys to Success are critical if students are to be successful at PNINS.

- **RESILIENCE** - Staying calm and keeping perspective to bounce back in a positive way
- **PERSISTENCE** - Optimism while working hard and through obstacles
- **GETTING ALONG** - Being tolerant of others while playing by the rules and thinking first.
- **ORGANISED** - Setting goals and planning time to meet them
- **CONFIDENCE** - Self acceptance along with risk taking and independence

Over the next few newsletters we will be sharing explicitly what each one of the five keys looks like.

The aim of this programme is to reinforce the five keys to success and to encourage students to develop positive ways of thinking ('Habits of the Mind'). The last newsletter we talked about **CONFIDENCE** and this week we would like to unpack **GETTING ALONG**.

**Getting Along** means working well with teachers and classmates, solving problems without getting too angry, and following the rules of the classroom. It means making positive contributions to school, home and the community including protecting the rights of others and looking after the environment.



**Examples of getting along behaviour** are being helpful when working in a group, listening and not interrupting when someone else is speaking, talking rather than fighting when someone acts unfairly, following classroom rules, helping others in need and cleaning up the environment.

**Positive Habits of the mind that help develop Getting Along behaviour in a young person include:**

- **Being Tolerant of Others** – accepting that everyone acts unfairly towards others some of the time, and not making overall judgments of people's character ("good person," "bad person" based on their differences or behaviour.

- **Thinking First** – thinking that when someone treats me badly I need to think about different ways I can react, the consequences of each, and the impact of my actions on the other person's feelings.
- **Playing by the Rules** – thinking that by following important school and home rules, I will live in a better world where everyone's rights are protected.
- **Social responsibility** – thinking that it is important to be able to care for yourself and others, to do your best, to give everyone a fair go, to protect everyone's rights to be free, to be honest, to do what you say you are going to do, to treat others with respect, to act responsibly and to understand, include and be tolerant of others.

## **SCHOOL JACKETS**

As the winter months are upon us we have school jackets that are available for Academy apparel. These jackets are proving popular with many students. They can wear this jacket to and from school and at interval and lunchtime. All other jackets can be worn to and from school, but not at school. The cost per jacket is \$64.90.

Academy Apparel is situated at 306 Broadway Avenue, opposite Melody's New World.

## **PARENT PARKING - PUTTING STUDENTS AT RISK**

**Please do not park on yellow lines outside Linton Street, South Street or College Street.**

This is illegal parking and you are putting the safety of students at risk by obstructing the Kea Crossing in Linton Street, and putting student safety at risk in South Street and College Street.

The safety of all students to and from school is paramount at PNINS.

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL ROADSHOW VISITS**

It is important that year 8 students have an opportunity to hear about the Secondary Schools that they wish to consider attending in 2018. We have a number of schools planned to present to year 8 students. The following schools will be presenting to our year 8 students from 1.15 - 1.45:

- Tuesday 24th July - **St Peters**
- Wednesday 26 July - **Freyberg High School**
- Friday 27th July - **Awatapu**
- Tuesday 1st August - **QEC**
- Tuesday 8th August - **Nga Tawa Diocesan Girls**



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Cycling Team** - Congratulations to our PNINS cycling teams that competed in North Island Champs held in Cambridge recently Both our year 8 boys and girls teams were placed 3rd with Holly McInnes placing 2nd in the U13 Girls A Criterium and Bella-Rose Lloyd placing 2nd in the U14 Girls B Criterium. Well done to everyone involved as it takes a tremendous amount of training and organisation to attend such an event

**Rugby Clinic PNBHS** - Congratulations to all those students who participated in the 3 day rugby coaching clinic at PNBHS - over 160 boys and girls attended. Past All Blacks and Turbos players were involved in the programme to help develop their capability.

## **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***

Angus Stuart	Chloe Gunn
Krystal Broom	Alex Robbins
Emma Clark	Leo Xu
Rylee Winiata	

### ***Ikatere***

Hunter Easton	Fred Carthew
Olivia Bovey	Alex Robson
Gautham Sajie	Danielle Stewart
Olivia Lochhead	

### ***Rangitane***

Kalas Jones	Shadikshya Biswa
Caitlyn Bamfield	Hunter Jordan
McKenzie Rowatt	Jak Dawson
Ben Petch	

### ***Tangaroa***

Summerhaze Ward	Willa McLachlan
Ramya Akepogu	Alex Clayton
Joe Hodson	Brandon Winter
Samara Cooper	Aaron Wrathall

### ***Kahukura***

Max Bedford	Ava Ternent
Briana Grapes	Mashal Iqbal
Kate Jermy	Rebekah Murphy

### ***Manawanui***

Seth Bain	Tiaki Pomana
Jack Burden	Arahan Pilkington
Matt Phillips	Jenny Song
Georgia Nagel	

## **COMING EVENTS**

26 July	Freyberg Roadshow
27 July	Year 7 parent/teacher/student conferences
28 July	Awatapu Roadshow
1 August	ICAS English QEC Roadshow
2 August	PNINS Open Day
3 August	Year 8 parent/teacher/student conferences
8 August	Nga Tawa Roadshow 1.15-1.45pm
9 August	Supersport Rugby
10-11 August	PNINS Science and Technology Fair
11 August	Manawatu Mathex Blue Badge Assembly
15 August	ICAS Maths
18 August	Sports Photos Performing Arts Photos Arataki assembly
24-25 August	Manawatu Science and Technology Fair
25 August	PNINS enrolments close Multicultural Assembly
30 August	Super Arts Cultural
1 September	Hui a Te Reo Assembly
5 September	Dance NZ Made
6 September	Super Arts Band/Orchestra - Monrad
7 September	Out of Zone Ballot PNGHS Parents Evening
9-15 September	NZ Aims Games

### ***Nāku noa***

nā HAMISH RUAWAI  
Principal