

# NEWSLETTER

## PARKVALE SCHOOL

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6<sup>th</sup> April 2023



## DATES

TO REMEMBER

### TERM 1 ENDS

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

### TERM 2 BEGINS

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

HAPPY EASTER  
FROM US ALL  
SAFE HOLIDAYS  
SEE YOU IN  
TERM 2

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# Welcome

## PRIDE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following students who received Pride Awards during the last fortnight.



Ansh Raj, Mosiah Falepule, William Emeny, Charlie Lawson, Kiarn Tuaputa, Vrinda Rahul, Adam Elwan, Nathan Fleming, Addilyn Heal, Baylee Aitchison, Lucas Beazley, Alan Giusso, Maiya Jackson, Abby Hodgetts, Bently Lewis, Eva Wepa-Hazel, Maxwell Fergus, Oliver Chen, Hyland Long & Mason Cook .

## 2023 YOUNG LEADERS



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Nga mihi ki ngā tamariki e whai ake nei - (congratulations to the following children) who have been named as Young Leaders for 2023.

Elodie Norman, Ollie Apatu, Sophie Wire, Madelyn Adrian, Aiden William, Lillie Walters, Leo Baker, Lucas Barrett, Thea Barlow, Katie Osborne, Leo McLeod, Rahul Khuttan, Braxton Kwok, Alannah Dany-Joseph, Benni Henderson, Tayson Tongariro, Ezra Andrews, Karly Schuster, Mikayla List & Max Mulitalo

# DEPUTY PRINCIPALS COMMENT

Kia Ora Whānau

As the term draws to an end we would like to wish you all a safe holiday break and hope each whānau is able to have some quality time together. As our region continues to recover from Cyclone Gabrielle, can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support of your child's learning. We are committed to making a difference for each taitamaiti in our kura and we want to see each and every individual present at school throughout Term 2 and on. For those people who were directly affected by the cyclone or had wider whānau or friends impacted please find time for yourselves as we heal as a region together.

Term 2 commences on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April for a day before ANZAC falls on day 2 of the term and then we resume for the term on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Tenā koutou

Ro Hill



## Safe Use of Social Media

It has been brought to our attention that we have a number of tamariki who are socially connected through a variety of social media apps. Recently there has been a spate of inappropriate comments to one another, foul language and generally stuff that children shouldn't be sending. As this is happening on home accounts and on home devices we are asking parents to take the time to look at what your child is up to and set some boundaries around how often and where they are using their devices. Please get your child to be open and honest about what they are up to and how they are using their devices and to have a conversation if they are receiving inappropriate and upsetting information.

There are a number of things parents can do to help with this:

The majority of apps the children are engaging with have a recommended age of 13+ years. As your child is under 13 and keen to use social media, consider their capability to manage potential online challenges before setting up a profile. It is better your child is honest with you as you can help them to stay safe online.

### *Teach the online safety basics - Netsafe advice*

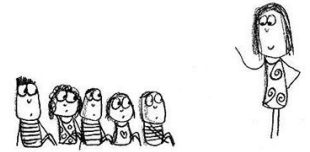
**Make sure you've taught your child the online safety basics before they start using social media.**

**Our five tips to help your child thrive online:**

- Keep it locked: Show your child how to set a PIN or password to protect their devices, accounts and private information
- Keep it private: Make sure your child doesn't disclose personal information like their address and that they know how to keep their profiles private
- Keep it helpful: Explain to your child that what they do online leaves a digital footprint so they should think twice about what they are doing – before they do it
- Keep it real: Talk to your child about how to handle approaches from strangers and why sometimes people pretend to be someone else online
- Keep it friendly: Teach your child to be kind and respectful online, and to be careful talking to, or sharing information with, people they don't know

PLEASE SEE OVER FOR NETSAFE ARTICLE ON ONLINE BULLYING

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# Online bullying

According to Netsafe research, one in five young people in New Zealand is the recipient of online bullying every year. It happens when someone or a group of people does something online that causes another person distress, fear or other negative emotions. They are doing it on purpose with the intent to hurt the recipient and it's not just a one-off thing.

The Harmful Digital Communications Act was created to help people in New Zealand of all ages who are being targeted online by others. Some types of bullying are covered by this law. The law also covers other things like encouraging people to take their own life (this is illegal in New Zealand) and sharing nude or nearly nude images without the consent of the person in it.

## How to help

Teach your child what to do if they encounter online bullying so they have the tools to deal with it. Explain that often it doesn't go away, but can escalate online and possibly involve others.

**Talk to your child about how you expect them to behave towards others online.**

**This includes:**

- Letting them know that if it's not acceptable offline, it's not acceptable online
- Asking your child to think about how the recipient of the online bullying would feel
- Reminding them that they can come to you, whānau, a trusted adult, their school or Netsafe for help
- Explaining there's a law about how to communicate online. It provides rights for people, but also responsibilities about the ways to communicate with others

The other important thing to do if your child has been bullied online is to take screenshots or URLs of the content and report it to the platform that it's on (e.g. the social media or gaming platform).

More help is available at [netsafe.org.nz/what-is-online-bullying](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/what-is-online-bullying)

# SCHOOL EVENTS

## Whole House Tabloid Event - He ra whakamataku - an awesome day!

Last Friday it was great to see the whole school out participating together in a fun House Event. It has been a very long time since we have had whānau based House teams competing against each other. The event saw teams competing against each other in a series of relay type events. The tuakana-teina (relationship between an older (tuakana) person and a younger (teina) person.) relationships evident was fantastic and great to see. A big thank you to whānau for dressing your child in house colours - it certainly made for a colourful event.



## NUI NEWS

### Poipoia Te Kākanō

Teamwork, mahi mahi, was the name of the game for Nīkau 89 today at the EIT Institute of Sport & Health HB with Ally & Chloe. We completed various challenges and team building exercises throughout the day, and our class all worked together beautifully! Our tamariki loved the experience, and are certainly looking forward to our sessions in the coming terms. All of our year 5/6 tamariki get to experience 4 days each across the year Ngā mihi Ally, Chloe & the team at the HBCFCT!



# SPORTS UPDATES

## Unison Switch Gala Day

On Friday roughly 100 of our tamariki, (or just over a fifth of the school!) ventured to the Sports Park for the annual Rippa Rugby & Netball Gala Day. All teams were fantastic in their attitude, sporting play, teamwork and resilience. The highlight of the day was the smiles across our wonderful kids' faces! Thank you to our amazing kaiako and whānau for helping put this all together. Our kids had a blast!



## Toitoti Show

Last week our senior school - Ngā rakau nui, had the privilege of being invited to watch the Shel We performance at the Toitoti Venue. This was a great opportunity for our tamariki to experience the arts curriculum. A big thank you to the Toitoti Centre for hosting us at this event free of charge.

He mihi nui - from the students and teachers of the Nui



Kia ora rā e te whānau

This year we have three kapahaka rōpū, a Year 4, a Year 5 and a Year 6 group. We are teaching some waiata, haka and poi items every second Friday starting Week 1 Friday in Term 2 in preparation for the Kapahaka festival at the end of the year.

Whaea Mali is our main coordinator/tutor but we are looking for any whānau who can assist in these areas:

- Playing the guitar for our Year 6 rōpū
- Teaching the poi with our Year 5 girls and the haka with the Year 5 boys.

If you can tautoko in any way, please leave your contact name and numbers at the office or seesaw your class teacher with the details or email Whaea Mali [maliana@parkvale.school.nz](mailto:maliana@parkvale.school.nz).

Ngā mihi maioha/Much appreciation

# 2023 Enrolments

If your child will be starting at Parkvale School in Term 2, 2023 or any other terms this year, please come in and pre enrol them (or phone the school office on 06 878 6616). This supports us in our planning of staffing.

Many Thanks



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