

NEWSLETTER

PARKVALE SCHOOL

Personal Best, Respect & Responsibility, Integrity, Determination, Enjoyment

8th December 2023



The Parkvale Staff & Board of Trustees wish all our school community a very Merry Christmas & a safe & Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2024

DATES

TO REMEMBER

Monday 11th December

Nui Competitive Triathlon
Service Thank You @ 4:15

Tuesday 12th December

Iti Ultimate Pride Award Assembly

Wednesday 13th December

Nui Prizegiving @ Karamu High
School Hall @ 12:30pm
Year 6 Social @ 5:30pm

Thursday 14th December

LAST DAY

OF TERM 4

FINISH @ 12:30pm

FIRST DAY

OF TERM 1 2024

31st JANUARY 2024

@ 8:45AM

PRINCIPAL - Mark Gifkins
Howard Street, Hastings 4122,
Phone 878 6616
Email admin@parkvale.school.nz

PRIDE AWARD RECIPIENTS

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



Mia Kawenga, Tala Spackman, Bruno Redman, Stella Fagence, Troy Simeon-Merrin, Leah Schuster, Antonia Orr Osorio, Millie Ewart, Diego Witten, William Tait, Frienzo Almeda, Sahib Brar, Nathan Scott, Alice Savill, Sahajpreet Kaur Gosal, Christian Troy, Jason Marham, Sowon Park, Skylar Chand, Aiden William, Kaya Anderson & Cooper Nukunuku.



CONGRATULATIONS - NGĀ MIHI NUI



Interschool Athletics Champions

Our Parkvale team were very successful at the HB Regional Sports Park with lots of placings.

Congratulations Team

The Great Read-a-Metre Reading Challenge

These students completed the library reading challenge this year. To complete this challenge each student had to read about 40 fiction books – a metre high. Most of the students that tried the challenge this year were ones that missed out last year. It's not a race but a personal challenge – these students received a certificate and the prize, this year a book voucher from Wardini Books in Havelock North.



PRINCIPAL'S EDUCATIONAL COMMENT

TE WHAIKŌRERO O TE TUMUAKI

As we quickly approach the end of an amazing year, it is time to reflect and acknowledge all those who have been able to ensure the success of 2023.

What started out as the promise of a new beginning, changed rapidly on February 14 as Hawke's Bay was devastated by the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle, which destroyed everything in its wake leaving everlasting scars upon our treasured landscape.

We talk strongly at Parkvale School about resilience, and this certainly has been our mantra over the last few years, throughout this year our community, students and staff have rallied together to ensure Parkvale School has operated to its optimum, ensuring every child has had full access to every educational opportunity needed to allow them to meet their fullest potential. The Board of Trustees last week were presented with school-wide data which highlighted the positive growth in learning achievement throughout the school.

Our thanks go out to all our staff who have worked tirelessly to provide each and every student a personal learning programme that fully met their individual needs. Our focus next year will be to support each child to attend school each and every day so that they can maximise their learning opportunities and be the best they can be.

Can I wish you all the best and ask that you take this break as an opportunity for family time that will encapsulate lifetime memories. Be strong, be safe

Mark Gifkins

Principal

PARKVALE SCHOOL BOARD

Introducing Board Member Profiles

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Chris Hinde and I am a member of the Board of Trustees for Parkvale School. This is my first year in this role.

My wife Nicole and I have two children, currently attending Parkvale School, Cooper in year 5 and Emma in year 3. My wife is also a teacher at Parkvale spending most of her time in the Nui (senior school) and has been for the past 18 or so years.

I have a strong background in building and project management with 22 years in construction mainly residential. For 16 years I ran my own successful building company working in renovations and extensions, with the final few years focussing on new builds. Recently, I have moved into a project management role for Total Home Solutions and Advanced Construction and am enjoying the new challenges this job offers.

In my spare time I enjoy being outdoors with my family, especially making the most of our beautiful country, travelling around in our caravan. Our goal being for our children to experience all Aotearoa has to offer before they spread their wings. You will often find me on the sidelines encouraging my children in their various sporting endeavours throughout the year.

I am an active member of the Parkvale School community, I enjoy being hands-on and in the thick of it. The children of Parkvale are so lucky with all the opportunities that are presented to them, and I encourage my children to make the most of it. The highlight I look forward to every year is going to at least one school camp. I even put my hand up to go on the famous 'Camp Kaitawa' trip two years ago (not with my children) which I thoroughly enjoyed and look forward to returning to with my own kids.

I am honoured to be on the board of Parkvale School and be a part of such a positive learning community with all children at the centre. I look forward to using my background and strengths to continue to make Parkvale School the best it can be for the tamariki, staff and wider community.

Ngā mihi nui



ITI NEWS - PĀNUI O TE NGĀ RAKAU ITI

Kōwhai & Kawakawa Year 2/3 Swimming Programme

This term Year 2 & 3 tamariki have been attending weekly swimming lessons at the Sports Park where they were involved in targeted instruction around swimming skills and water safety. Teachers have already noticed big changes in children's water confidence and skills. A huge thank you to Hawke's Bay Community Fitness Centre Trust and Hawke's Bay Regional Aquatic Centre for funding the lessons and bus transport!

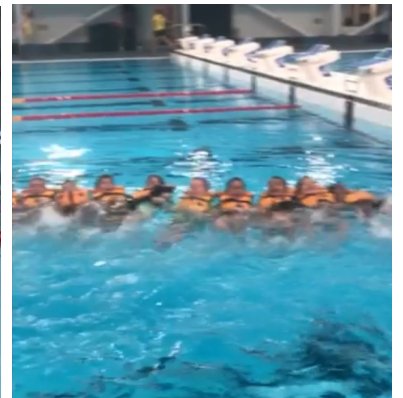
Room 10 Survival Skills - Swimming Programme



Room 1819 Swimming



Room 14 Sports Park Swim Skills



Iti Duathlon 2023 Results

Our Iti Duathlon went off with a bang on Friday and the looming rain clouds wouldn't deter our tough young tamariki! We are massively proud of ALL our kids who completed this event with PARKVALE PRIDE. Ka mau te wehi! You are all whetu/stars!

Race	First	Second	Third
Year 0 Boys	Graham	Patrick	Alfie
Year 0 Girls	Eliza	Amber	Misty
Year 1 Boys (1)	Rudra	Ezra	Beren
Year 1 Boys (2)	Thomas	Ollie	Auron
Year 1 Girls (1)	Talia	Leah	Ariah
Year 1 Girls (2)	Baylee	Inke	Tala
Year 2 Boys (1)	Joshua Du Plessis	Carter D'Acree	Carter Troy
Year 2 Boys (2)	Micah	Felix	Rico
Year 2 Boys (3)	Adam	Rylan	Troy
Year 2 Girls (1)	Lola	Giuliana Giusso	Rita
Year 2 Girls (2)	Aria	Morgan	Poppy Lavery
Year 3 Boys (1)	Dominic	Layken	Oliver
Year 3 Boys (2)	Casey	Lincoln	Zion
Year 3 GIrLs (1)	Avah	Katie	Kiara
Year 3 Girls (2)	Skylah	Lorelei	Millie



HOUSE POINTS

1st Pukeko (94 points)

2nd Tui (90 points)

3rd Takahē (82 points)

4th Kea (80 points)

5th Hoiho (74 points)

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND HERE - PĀNUI

Kia kaweā tatou e te hīringa takaro - Say Yes! To PLAY

Parkvale School were the winners of the Sport Hawke's Bay Play Week competition! Congratulations Parkvale! We are very proud of all the amazing play that we have happening at our kura. We are looking forward to our prize - LooseEnz (play trailer) running a free loose parts play session at our school!

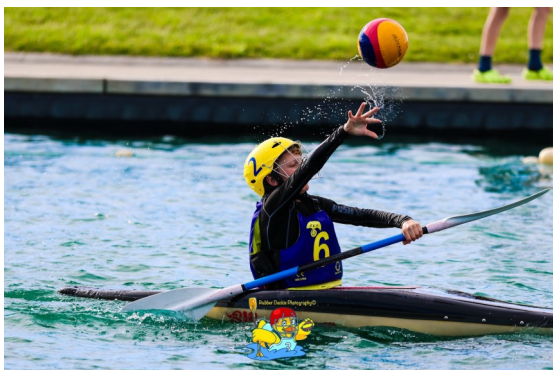
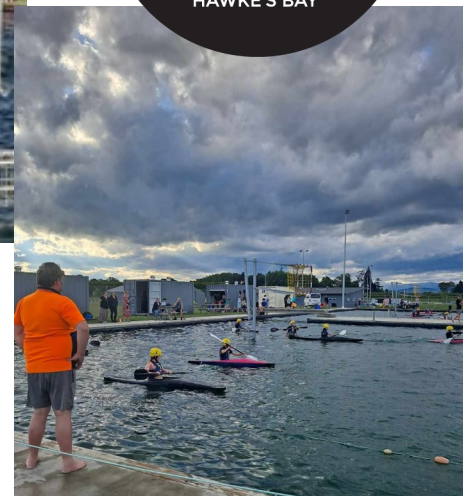


NUI NEWS - NGĀ PĀNUI O TE NGĀ RĀKAU NUI SPRING LEAGUE CANOE POLO

This season of canoe polo has been a bit hit and miss due to the weather. It has been great to see some new children giving it a go and really enjoying it. Well done to all players who persevered in some tricky weather conditions. A big thank you to all parents who supported the teams and getting the tamariki in and out of their boats. Well done to Parkvale Yellow who won their final on Tuesday night. I would like to especially thank Steve Apatu for coaching Parkvale Yellow, much appreciated!



Winning Parkvale Yellow:
Ollie, Leo, Denver, Indigo, Evander,
Alex & Oliver



Ngati Kahungunu
Primary
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Kapahaka Festival




Brayden Taiapa



Holly Kirby



Kayden Tuaputa



Portlin Wilson

On Wednesday 29th December our Year 4 & 5 Kapahaka group performed at the Kapahaka Festival and were sensational. This large group of 88 tamariki filled the stage and our hearts with pride. The audience was wonderful-Thank you parents!! Our kaitataki kōtiro(girl leader) Holly Kirby and our kaitataki(boy leader) Brayden Taiapa did a splendid job of leading this group through the bracket. A special mention to Portlin Wilson for leading the poi and Kayden Tuaputa for leading the transition into the haka.

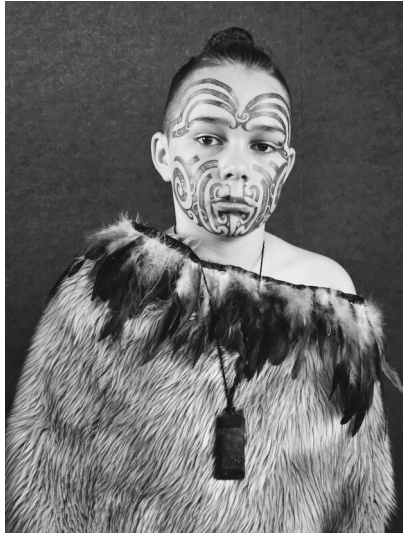


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Kapa Haka Festival



The next day, Thursday 30th December our Year 6 kapa haka group of 50 performed. They looked stunning in the new costumes and put on a stunning performance to match. Our kaitataki tama (boy leader) Ollie Apatu and kaitataki kōtiro (girl leader) Thea Barlow also did an amazing job leading the group through their bracket. A special mention to Connor Tamatea for his whaikōrero, Denver Cherry for his solo piece in our first waiata, Hunter Thorne for providing a beat on the beat box, Stevie Castle for leading 'Pāwhare e' and Darnisha Kenny for leading our poi.



Ollie Apatu



Thea Barlow



Connor Tamatea



Denver Cherry



Hunter Thorne



Stevie Castle



Darnisha Kenny





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Kapahaka Festival



Firstly, I would like to thank all our tamariki for their hard mahi. There was a real transformation from the start to the finish as these tamariki worked particularly hard at learning the waiata, actions, poi and haka.

Secondly, I would like to thank our amazing tumuaki Mark Gifkins and DP, Ro Hill for their continued support to weave kapahaka as an important strand into the korowai of what adorns our tamariki here at Parkvale.

Thirdly, I would like to thank all our teachers and learning assistants who are involved with kapahaka directly or indirectly for their support in the classroom to get the tamariki ready, learning the waiata, and ensuring the non kapa kids are well catered for.

Finally, to my wonderful team of kapahaka tutors, Kris, Ben, Reuben, Bex, Tash, Kim, Derek; for pulling out those learning muscles and Parkvale values, operating the music, learning the songs on the guitar, working on bringing out the individual talents of the tamariki and..... polishing, polishing, polishing their performances.

Ka wani kē koutou.

You are a wonderful bunch to work with.





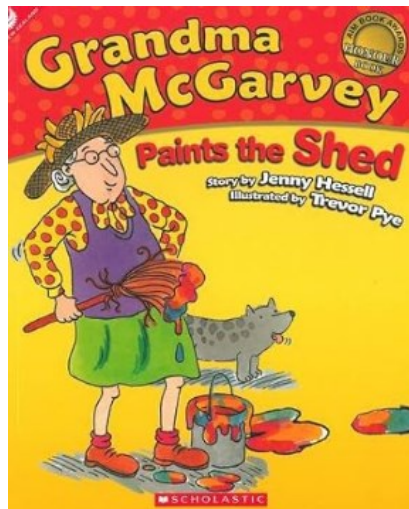
IMPORTANT NUI REMINDER

CHANGE OF DATE
FOR NUI PRIZEGIVING
WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER
@ 12:30PM



ARTIST'S AT WORK

Deb and her amazing team of talented Parkvale artists have been busy painting a new mural on the back of our play pod shed. The mural is inspired by the book 'Grandma McGarvey Paints the Shed.' We look forward to sharing a photo of the finished mural soon.



SCHOOL REMINDERS - NGĀ MAUMAHARA

**All sports uniforms back on Monday
please, clean & laundered**

FOUND RING

We are still in possession of a platinum and diamond ring, we would love to return this to its owner, found in the junior play area. Please come and see the ladies in the office



**SCHOOL LUNCHES HAVE
FINISHED FOR THE YEAR!!**

SCHOOL REMINDERS - NGĀ MAUMAHARA

PARKVALE SCHOOL

2024 PRE-PAID STATIONERY OPTIONS

We have made an online option available this year for the pre-paying of stationery packs to eliminate you having to queue and wait on our open day. The packs will be delivered to your child's class in the first few days of school.

Only on-line payments or already existing student accounts in credit can use this option

Cash or Eftpos must still come to the school office

This payment option is for the stationery packs only, if you require book bags or uniform they must be purchased at the office.

The school office hours are: 8:15am – 3:30pm on school days

Following are the prices for the 2024 Stationery Packs:

Year 0 & 1	Rooms 2,20,21 & 22	\$ 33.50
Year 2	Rooms 11,12 & 18/19	\$ 30.50
Year 3	Rooms 1,10,13 & 14	\$ 40.50
Year 4,5 & 6	All Nga Rakau Nui – Senior School	\$ 41.50

These costs include the stationery your child requires for the year as well as:

Communication Costs – Seesaw Parent App of \$9.50

For Years 4,5 & 6 it includes the above as well as \$6.00 for the Teacher Dashboard (a safety net for all digi device users)

WHAT WE REQUIRE:

PARKVALE ACCOUNT - 12-3145-0205772-01

Particulars: Students Full Name

Reference: Room Number – Stationery

Please make sure it is the 2024 Room Number for your child

**School Office Open
For Uniform & Stationery
Monday 29th January 2024
9am – 2pm**



COMMUNITY NOTICES - NGĀ PĀNUI HĀPORI

CODINGNZ
Summer 2023/24

Free Coding Holiday Activity

Ages: 9 & 10, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, 15 to adult

Educational? Yes!
Fun? Yes!
Affordable? Yes! (it's free!)

Suitable for beginner to advanced coders.

Limited spots

SIGN UP FOR FREE NOW:
codingnz.com/freeactivity

k.a.s. Care Summer holiday Programme

Monday 8th January – Tuesday 30th January 2024
Frimley School Hall, Frimley Road, Hastings
Session Time: 8.00–4.00pm / Before Care 7.30–8.00am / After Care 4.00–5.30pm

Bring togs & sunscreen daily
Rash vests are essential!

JUNIORS	SENIORS
<p>Week 1</p> <p>Monday: Join in on the Carnival Day Festivities! Tuesday: Trip to Mini Golf! Wednesday: Bouncy Castle Fun @ the Centre! Thursday: Trip To Onekawa Pools! Friday: Visit from Mr Whippy (Bring \$3.50 Opt)</p> <p>Week 2</p> <p>Monday: Colour Fun Run! Bring a White Tee-Shirt! Tuesday: Bring your Scooters – we're off to Marine Parade! Wednesday: Talent Quest time – bring on your talents! Thursday: Trip to Omni Gym! Friday: Pizza @ Anderson Park! Bring \$2.50 (opt) togs & rash vest for the splash pad!</p> <p>Week 3</p> <p>Monday: Monday Fun Day! Bring a shared lunch today! Tuesday: Scooter Fun & the Rocky Shore Bring your scooter & change of clothes! Wednesday: We'll be clowning around the centre today! Thursday: Trip to Keirunga Trains! Friday: Circus In a Flash is coming to Town!</p> <p>Week 4</p> <p>Monday: No Programme at Hastings – opt for the Havelock North site for bookings on these days Tuesday: No Programme at Hastings – opt for the Havelock North site for bookings on these days</p>	<p>Week 1</p> <p>Monday: Join in on the Carnival Day Festivities! Tuesday: Summer Pool Party! Bring your togs & rash vest (compulsory) Bring \$3.50 for Mr Whippy (opt) Wednesday: Trip to Mini Golf! Thursday: Team Up with your Friends we're doing lots of fun games & sports! Bring a change of clothes as its bound to get wet & wild! Friday: Trip to Onekawa Pools</p> <p>Week 2</p> <p>Monday: Colour Run – wear your white tee-shirt & bring a change of clothes, today will be messy! Tuesday: We're off to Omni Gym! Wednesday: We're off to the Village Pools! Bring your sunscreen, togs & rash vest (compulsory)! Thursday: Ride in on your scooters - we're off on an adventure! Plus ice cream sundae delights to make! Friday: Bring \$5 for Pizza @ Anderson Park (opt), and your scooters for a fun day out!</p> <p>Week 3</p> <p>Monday: Monday Fun Day! Bring a shared lunch! Nerf Wars & Frisbee Golf! Tuesday: Wharf Fishing – bring your fishing gear! Wednesday: Trip to Splash Planet - Rash vests COMPULSORY! Thursday: Circus In A Flash coming to town! Friday: Time to chill out of the sun at the Movies!</p> <p>Week 4</p> <p>Monday: No Programme at Hastings – opt for the Havelock North site for bookings on these days Tuesday: No Programme at Hastings – opt for the Havelock North site for bookings on these days</p>

IMPORTANT!
Bookings are strictly limited so be in quick to avoid disappointment
Weather may result in a change to the programme

Go to www.kascare.co.nz and click on the **ENROL NOW** button to register & book!
Or email kascare@outlook.com

OSCAR Subsidies & Family Discounts Available!

NZHL XRACE

XRACE is a fun parent-child event that promotes family wellness and builds resilience and self-esteem in Kiwi kids. XRACE is a fun-filled family event - where mum or dad must team together with one of the kids and take on the XRACE course and 10 mystery challenges. On top of entry to New Zealand's best family-friendly active event, each participant receives a dry-fit T-shirt, finisher medal, and transponder timing.

www.xrace.co.nz
DATE: Friday, 23 February 2024
START TIME: 6:00 P.M.
FINISH TIME: 8:00 P.M.
VENUE: Spriggs Park, Ahuriri, Napier



Children's Art Class Term 1 2024

WITH AMANDA SOWERSBY
MONDAY 3.30PM-4.30PM
MONDAY 4.40PM-5.40PM
WEDNESDAY 4.30PM-5.30PM
KEIRUNGA ART'S VENUE

**CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES 6 YEARS +
10 WEEK TERM STARTING MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY
FINISHES MONDAY 8TH APRIL
\$230 FOR THE COURSE. (PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE)
THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL PEACEFUL CHILDREN'S ART GROUP.
WE HAVE SPACE FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE EAGER TO
CREATE AND JOIN OUR GROUP.
ART ACTIVITIES: PAINTING, DRAWING, CLAY, PASTEL,
PRINTMAKING AND MORE....
LOCATION: THE COTTAGE KEIRUNGA GARDENS ART VENUE,
HAVELOCK NORTH
email: bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz
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@amanda_art_and_alchemy**