



Pasadena
Intermediate
School
2008
Term 1
Issue 2

NEWS CENTER

WELCOME

Greetings, Tena Koutou Katoa, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Kamshor, Namaste, Bula Vinaka, Ni Hao, Taloha Ni, Konichi Wa

We welcome new students who have enrolled recently. We trust your time at Pasadena will be enjoyable and profitable.

2008 HIROSHIMA EXCHANGE

THE EDUCATIONAL TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

The Information Albums and CDs about the Hiroshima High School Junior High School Exchange are available from the office for students who are considering applying to take home for their families to view.

Application Forms for the May Hiroshima High School Junior High School Exchange are available from the Office and must be completed and handed in by 3.00pm, on Monday 10 March 2008.



Interviews and selection activities will be held during the week and the final selection announced on Thursday 13 March 2008.



ALL TERM

Waterwise

FEBRUARY

- 20 Newsletter 2
- 24-2 Bikewise Week
- 22 Camp Preparation Day
- 25-29 Camp Week
- 26 * Zone Boys' and Girls' Tennis Tournaments

MARCH

- 2 International Children's Day
- 3-7 Feet First - Walk to School Week
- 4 Zone Girls' Softball Tournament
- 6 Zone Boys' Softball Tournament
- 7 School Swimming Sports
- 8 Pasifika Festival Car Parking Project
- 10 2008 Hiroshima High School, Junior High School, Exchange Applications due
- 11 Zone Boys' Cricket Tournament
- 11 * Champion of Champions Boys' Softball Tournament
- 11 Parents' Curriculum Information Meeting
- 12 Zone Swimming Sports
- 13 Newsletter 3

(*A change from the dates previously notified)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations students, parents/caregivers and staff, we are into Week 3 of Term 1 and your combined efforts have launched us into 2008 with an excellent start.

There is a really nice atmosphere about the school - happy, cooperative, supportive and industrious students. We have had a steady flow of enthusiastic and supportive parents visiting and offering help. Teachers are rested and energetic and new staff have been very busy finding out about the "Pasa Way" and have settled really well. We are in for another fantastic year.



School programmes are up and running, specialist programmes and modules have commenced; the inter-class sports programme is underway; Waterwise is up and sailing; the tennis, cricket and softball teams are preparing for the Zone Tournaments; we are preparing for the Swimming Sports; interested students are preparing their applications for the 2008 Hiroshima Junior High School Exchange; Camp Week preparations are well in hand, School Councillors are being elected and School Monitors selected.

I have visited and have been invited to many classrooms and have been impressed by the co-operation and supportive tone.

Congratulations students and thank you parents/caregivers for your efforts over uniforms - they are looking really great.

This is Learning for the 21st century

Pasadena Intermediate is leader in the appropriate use of Information and Communications Technologies to support learning.

Coupled with this, we continue to research and undertake professional development about 21st Century Curriculum *'What knowledge, what skills, what abilities will our students REALLY need for the 21st Century?'*

Previously we have been in a MoE supported pilot project that is trialling this delivery. You will have read the very positive comments in our 2005 ERO report.

We would like to share with you what we are doing, what it means for your children and how we would like you to become involved.

Please join us for an Information Meeting (Presentations by Teachers, Former Students, Present Students and Q and As)

7.30pm - 8.30pm, Tuesday 11 March 2008, Pasadena Centre

Supper will be served following the Meeting

If you have a question you would like answered, please email it to office@pasadena.school.nz

LEARN AN INSTRUMENT

One of our goals for 2008 is to have EVEN more students learn and be proficient at playing an instrument.

In addition to our normal programme and activities, I draw to your attention three features we would like to highlight -

Auckland Brass Academy

Free brass tuition, trumpet, cornet or trombone, lessons once a week in the Pasadena Centre in school time

Lewis Eady Music School

'Blast Off' 'Kids on Keys' and individual / group lessons on a selection of instruments. Lessons once a week in the Pasadena Centre in school time

Auckland Philharmonia

'APOPS Experience' Kiwi Kaper Concert at the Aotea Centre + ensemble visits to school.

Watch For The Flyers AND Brochures!

ABSENCES/LATENESS

We ask that parents/caregivers advise the school of their child's absence or lateness by 8.30am. This enables classroom teachers to be advised before school starts. Telephone, including leaving a recorded message outside school hours, Fax or email are appropriate.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

The 2008 Prospectus details the expectations and standards of personal behaviour we have of all students.

Page 15 STUDENT WELFARE, PASADENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CODE Items 5, 6, 7 & 8 detail these expectations very clearly -

5. All students are expected to be courteous and sensible at all times. They are expected to allow others to learn without interruption.
6. Students are expected to be sensitive to the feelings of others and to display tolerance of difference, including gender, race, culture, religion and ability.
7. Assault, violence, physical abuse, verbal abuse, bullying, social, sexual, religious, physical, intellectual, cultural, age, gender harassment and foul language are considered anti-social and unacceptable forms of behaviour.
8. All students are expected to be honest. Property and possessions belonging to others will be left alone.

This information is also in the 2008 Student Information Book.

Please note item 7 above includes telephone and text bullying and harassment.

The warm atmosphere, supportive tone and cooperative student attitude are characteristics of Pasadena Intermediate School that authorities and visitors regularly comment on. We would be grateful of your continued support in maintaining these standards.

Students who consider they are the victims of any of the above anti social behaviours are encouraged to speak up and they will be supported 100% by the school and staff.

Sometimes however, there are students who feel afraid to speak up, who feel reporting the matter may further compound the problem for them - this is not the case.

If you are aware your child is suffering because of other student/s behaviour and they need help in dealing with the problem - we want to know.

IWI AFFILIATION

Earlier in the term, parents of Yr 7 students identifying as Maori will have received a notice about iwi affiliation.

Parents are asked to complete 1 form for each of their children attending Pasadena Intermediate and return it to school as soon as possible.

The school is required to include iwi affiliation in roll returns to the Ministry of Education.

It is anticipated that including iwi affiliation in the roll return will provide information at a statistical level that will allow iwi, schools and the Ministry to understand the current opportunities and challenges and to focus effort in the areas of greatest need.

It may also assist the school/families accessing additional education funding.

UPDATE OF INFORMATION

If, for your child attending Pasadena Intermediate, there have been any **changes to the custodial arrangements, change of address, change of telephone number, change of emergency contact numbers**, we would be very grateful if you would inform us as soon as possible, so our records can be corrected.



**An Excellent Start To
The Year!**

**'Happy, cooperative, supportive and
industrious students'**

2008 SWIMMING SPORTS

1.00pm

Friday 7 March 2008

All Welcome

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

In accordance with legislation and the Pasadena Intermediate School Smoke Free Environment Policy, I remind parents/ caregivers, Pasadena Intermediate School is a Smoke Free School.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the school, and personnel involved in any school activities will not interact with a student while smoking.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members of the Pasadena Intermediate School Board of Trustees are - Miki Walters (Chairperson), Tony Walsh (Secretary/ Principal), Wanairangi Nopera (Maori Trustee), Paul Cogswell, Antony Hobbs, Steven Rudd, Rees Tapsell, Lisa White (Staff Trustee)

The Board meets formally on at least 8 occasions, twice a term, during the year (see Calendar) and within the bounds of the Education Act (1989) and subsequent amendments and the Pasadena Intermediate School Charter, is responsible for school governance.

All Board Meetings are open to the public and copies of agendas, reports and minutes are available in the School Office for public inspection. Agendas for Meetings are posted on the website, and will be forwarded to requesting families on receipt of a stamped self addressed envelope.

Board members may be contacted via the school.

The next meeting of the Pasadena Intermediate School Board of Trustees will be on Thursday 21 February at 7.00pm in the Principal's Office.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret, we note the passing of Mr Jim Gilbert. Mr Gilbert was a member of the Star of Auckland Lodge, on the Pasadena Centre Building Committee in 1998 and 1999 and subsequently President or Secretary/Treasurer of the Pasadena Centre Society.

CONSENT FORMS

As noted in the Prospectus, the school requires written consent from parents/caregivers for students to participate in selected out-of-school activities. This procedure is designed to keep parents/caregivers informed of school activities and to protect both the school and the students.

There are occasions when students have not been able to go on organised activities because they were unable to produce a signed consent form. Although it can be very disappointing for the students involved, we are unable to allow students to participate in activities outside the school without written consent from parents/caregivers.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual and family portraits will be taken on Friday 28 March, class photographs will be taken on Friday 9 May and team and group photographs will be taken on Friday 28 November.

These photographs are taken on a no obligation to purchase basis.

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FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2008

Commencing at 11.00am

All Welcome

COME AND SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN

TERMS, HOLIDAYS 2008

The confirmed dates for Terms and Holidays for 2008 are as follows -

TERMS

One: Tuesday 5 February - Friday 18 April

Two: Monday 5 May - Friday 4 July

Three: Monday 21 July - Friday 26 September

Four: Monday 13 October - Thursday 18 December

ADDITIONAL HOLIDAYS

Auckland Anniversary - Monday 28 January (in the holidays)

Waitangi Day - Wednesday 6 February

Easter - Friday 21 - Tuesday 25 March

ANZAC - Friday 25 April (in the holidays)

Queens Birthday - Monday 2 June

Labour Day - Monday 27 October

C@Ps PASIFIKA CAR PARKING

As a fund raising activity for the school, C@Ps (Community at Pasadena) is running a car parking project during the Saturday of the Pasifika Festival.

PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS

If you can help, for all, or part of the day, please contact a C@Ps member, or the Office.

OPEN DAY

Our school is always open and parents/caregivers are most welcome, in fact encouraged, to visit at any time.

We have set aside Thursday 13 March as our Open Day for this term and would welcome visits from parents/caregivers at any time throughout the day.

SCHOOL & FAMILIES PICNIC

Thank you the many families who attended the School and Families Picnic, a huge turnout, a beautiful night, very pleasant setting and great company! Well done those many students who introduced their parents to their teacher.

Despite the apprehension of the coming together of families from different primary schools, many parents were very pleasantly surprised to find there were many familiar faces through their children's out of school activities.

Thank you for the many kind compliments about our school environment - we think it is rather special also.

SATURDAY NETBALL

WE URGENTLY REQUIRE A PARENTS' COMMITTEE, COACHES AND MANAGERS FOR OUR SATURDAY MORNING NETBALL TEAMS, ENTERED IN THE WAITAKERE COMPETITIONS.

SATURDAY NETBALL IS RUN BY OUR PARENTS, AND IF WE ARE TO ENTER TEAMS THIS YEAR, WE URGENTLY NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS.

IF YOUR DAUGHTER IS PLANNING TO PLAY NETBALL IN A SCHOOL TEAM THIS YEAR, THIS MESSAGE IS FOR YOU.

For further Information, please contact Mrs Thelma Teesdale, our Administration Officer, or Miss Lisa White, our School Netball Manager, at school, 846-2169.

PARENT SUPPORT/TALENT REGISTER

With this Newsletter please find a separate notice about PARENT SUPPORT/TALENT REGISTER. Many parents/caregivers completed and returned one on the first day of the term, if you didn't, we would ask that you complete and return the form to your child's teacher at your earliest convenience.

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Regular Bookings

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CONSULTATION

In Term IV 2007, the Board of Trustees convened two Consultation Meetings. Minutes/ summaries of those two meetings were considered at the Board Meeting on 6 December 2007 and in accordance with resolutions at the meeting, the below summary is for your information.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - ITEM 9.

Minutes/summaries from the two Consultation Meetings, noted.

Resolved, Te Reo me ona Tikanga be a Staff Professional Development priority for 2008. [Rees/Tony](#)

Principal informed the Meeting he had already made time provision for this professional development in the 2008 Organization.

Resolved, a committee consisting of Miki Walters (Chair), Wanairangi Nopera (Maori Trustee) and Matua Ben Tawhiti guide the school in the content and format of the planned professional development. [Tony/Wanairangi](#)

Wanairangi Nopera (Maori Trustee) agreed to look into the options for a Kapa Haka Group.

It was noted there wasn't specific 'ringfenced' funding in the school's annual operations grant for Te Reo me ona Tikanga.

It was further noted however, the Board's responsibilities for the delivery of Te Reo me ona Tikanga were detailed in the National Administration Guidelines.

Resolved that all the issues noted in 'MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Item 9' from the Pasadena Intermediate School Board of Trustees, 6 December 2007 Minutes, be forwarded to all those who attended the Consultation Meetings. [Rees/Paul](#)

Resolved that all the issues noted in 'MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Item 9' from the Pasadena Intermediate School Board of Trustees, 6 December 2007 Minutes, be conveyed to the community. [Rees/Paul](#)

Resolved, a further Consultation Meeting be scheduled for Term 1 2008. [Rees/Miki](#)

Staff, students and parents/caregivers are looking forward to camp next week.

A huge thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have generously given of their time and expertise to assist at camp - without your assistance, camp would not happen.

A Camp Information Pack with final details for helpers will be forwarded Thursday.

A reminder, there is a Camp Preparation Day this Friday.

Also for parents/caregivers who have indicated that they would like to help with kayaking and raft building, you have a training session in the school pool with the Birkenhead Leisure Centre staff - 12.30 - 1.30pm.

AS THERE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITH NUT ALLERGIES - PLEASE DO NOT PROVIDE CAMP FOOD / HOMEMADE BAKING / BISCUITS CONTAINING NUTS. Thank you for your understanding.



WE STILL NEED HELP WITH OUR SCHOOL WATERWISE PROGRAMME!!!!

WATERWISE is a water skills and water safety programme run by parents for their children, teaching them how to be safe around Auckland's coastal area.

Our programme follows on from those provided by Pt Chevalier and Gladstone Schools - the other members of the Western Bays Waterwise Society. All Year 7 and 8 students will be participating in the programme.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN INSTRUCTOR OR A SAILOR TO PROVIDE IMPORTANT HELP!

A NUMBER OF THE ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE AT SCHOOL, SOME ARE IN THE POOL, SOME DON'T EVEN INVOLVE WATER ACTIVITY! WITHOUT PARENT SUPPORT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OPERATE YOU CHILD'S CLASS WATERWISE PROGRAMME!

For more information PLEASE contact the SCHOOL OFFICE, 846-2169 or your child's Teacher.

Please see the table right.

WATERWISE TERM I 2008 SAILING DATES, CLASSES & TIMES

Mr Martin Ball, Mr Douglas Vause/ Classroom Teacher/s / Trained Parent Helpers / Parent Helpers. **TIMES:** Depart School - Return to School

WEEK	DATE	HIGH TIDE	TIMES	ROOMS
Tm I Week 1	Friday 8 February	9.13 am	9.00am / 1.00pm	2, 3
Tm I Week 2	Monday 11 February	11.25 am	12.00pm / 3.00pm	4, 5
Tm I Week 2	Tuesday 12 February	12.12 pm	12.00pm / 3.00pm	8, 9
Tm I Week 2	Wednesday 13 February	1.01 pm	12.00pm / 3.00pm	10, 11
Tm I Week 2	Thursday 14 February	1.52 pm	12.00pm / 3.00pm	2, 3
Tm I Week 2	Friday 15 February	2.49 pm	12.00pm / 3.00pm	4, 5
Tm I Week 6	Tuesday 11 March	11.03 am	12.00pm / 3.00pm	10, 11
Tm I Week 6	Wednesday 12 March	11.53 am	12.00pm / 3.00pm	8, 9
Tm I Week 6	Thursday 13 March	12.44 pm	9.00am / 3.00pm	2, 3
Tm I Week 9	Monday 31 March	2.54 pm	12.00pm / 3.00pm	4, 5
Tm I Week 11	Monday 14 April	2.22 pm	12.00pm / 3.00pm	8, 9
Tm I Week 11	Tuesday 15 April	3.25 pm	12.00pm / 3.00pm	10, 11

CANTEEN MENU

Our Canteen is operated by Boyled Eggs Ltd.

Please find with this Newsletter, a copy of the TERM I MENU.

PARKING

Pasifika Festival

AT PASADENA INTERMEDIATE

TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Help Them - Help the School