

NEWSletter

PASADENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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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.

NAGISA (FORMERLY HIROSHIMA) JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE

Next Monday we farewell - - **Kosuke Unemoto, Minami Morito, Marin Date, Taiga Ichinose, Chihiro Yamano, Hiroki Oda, Hiroko Choshi, Nozomi Ide, Ayaka Sasaki, Mayu Kimoto, Sho Shimazu, Rintaro Tamada, Kaito Shiba, Arisa Hori, Yuri Yanai, Maho Mukai, Miharuka Yokosaki, Kano Ishibashi, Manaka Enoki and Mr Morodomi and Mr Kaguri**, our guests from Nagisa High School Junior High School at the end of their two week exchange here at Pasadena.

During their time at Pasadena, our special guests have participated in Pasadena classes and school activities, had additional English experience classes and made educational visits in and around Auckland.

Our Exchange to Hiroshima earlier this year was a wonderful experience for the students and staff involved and I am delighted to report that our Japanese visitors found their experience of New Zealand and Pasadena equally successful and worthwhile. It was an outstanding exchange.

My congratulations to all Pasadena Intermediate students for the warmth and hospitality they extended to our visitors and the extremely mature way in which they conducted themselves as hosts.

Thank you to the families of **Leo Dashper, Takau Dean, Kate Farrant, Liam Hatten, Zjanika Heather-Grundy, Thomas Hirst, Benjamin Jackson, Hannah Jackson, Marihi Kahukura, Imasha Kumarawansa, Joshua McPherson, Liam Mitchell, Tharaka Munidasa, Eric Munro, Tanya Peart, Toni Talamaivao, Jasmine Thompson-Milne, Rima Williams and Tayla Williams** for hosting our guests and making them so welcome during their visit.

Thank you to all members of the staff for the extra efforts they made to make the Exchange a success.



WELCOME YEAR 6 FAMILIES

We extend a special welcome to families of Year 6 students at local primary schools, receiving a copy of this Newsletter during their visits to Pasadena Intermediate during OPEN WEEK - welcome.

SPEECH competitions

The 2008 Pasadena Intermediate School Speech Competitions finals will be held at a special Assembly on **Friday 15 August, commencing at 10.30am.**

All parents/caregivers and friends of the school are cordially invited.

SCHOOL MOTTO

To The Diligent, Nothing Is Difficult.



AUGUST

- 7 Auckland Schools' Maori Speech Competitions Finals, at Pasadena
- 8 Japanese Festival
- 12 University of NSW International Competitions & Assessments for Schools - English
- 12 Zone Boys' Basketball Tournament
- 12 BOT Meeting
- 13 Pasadena Intermediate School Cross Country
- 14 Champion of Champions Netball Tournaments
- 14 Chinese Teachers Visit to Pasadena
- 14 BOT Meeting
- 15 Zone Girls' Basketball Tournament
- 15 Pasadena Intermediate School Speech Competitions Finals
- 18-22 Enrolment Week
- 20-21 Open Days
- 20 Zone Cross Country Meet
- 20 Primary School Parents' Information Night
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ILLNESS ACCIDENT INJURY

The following is our ILLNESS, ACCIDENT & INJURY PROCEDURE as detailed in the Prospectus.



Parents/caregivers are asked to note major health problems, allergies, medication and physical difficulties on the Enrolment Form.

A list of students with special needs, their condition and necessary medication is held in the Office and this is circulated to Staff at the beginning of each term.

Contact, emergency contact and doctor telephone numbers are also noted on the Enrolment Form. Should any of the above details change, we ask that you inform the school immediately.

In the event of illness, accident or injury, the following procedures will be followed:

Students unwell or injured are taken to a sick bay.

Minor injuries or conditions are treated by the Teacher/Office Staff.

If necessary students rest/recuperate in a sick bay.

Parents/caregivers are contacted and arrangements are made for their child to be collected from school. If the parent/caregiver cannot be contacted, the student will remain in the sick bay.

In the case of serious accident or injury, the student will be taken to Ponsonby A & E Clinic, St Lukes A & E Clinic or an ambulance will be requested.

Parents/caregivers will be contacted at the earliest opportunity.

Sick students will not be sent home without parent/caregiver permission. If the student is in a very distressed condition and parents/caregivers cannot be contacted, the family doctor will be consulted.

Students will not be permitted to give themselves first aid treatment or medications unless specific written permission has been received from parents/caregivers.

Parents/caregivers are asked not to send children who are unwell to school.

HOURS

School is open for students from 8am. **Please do not send to or drop students at school before this time.**

We cannot be responsible for their safety and welfare.

CENTRAL ZONE NETBALL TOURNAMENT

One combined Yr 7 and Yr 8 team participated in the recent Central Zone Girls' Netball tournament at the Auckland Netball Centre -

Toni Talamaivao, Takau Dean, Leuo Fruean, Jessica Munro, Zjanika Houghton-Grundy, Trearjn Prangley, Anahera Hare, Makayla Mave, Kayla Tangitau

All players represented their school with pride and skill. Our netball teams are noted for their presentation and their sportsmanship and all players are to be congratulated.

A special thank you to **Katrina Hare** for her superb umpiring skills.

Thank you also to **Janette McLeod, Mary Richards** and **Andrea Grundy** for your support and transport on the day. Thank you **Miss White** for coaching and supporting the team.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board meets formally at regular intervals 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 will be forwarded to requesting families on receipt of a stamped self addressed envelope.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12 August at 7.00pm in the Library/Information Centre. The Board will be hosting the Student Council at this meeting.

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

In accordance with the Pasadena Intermediate School Smoke Free Environment Policy I remind parents/caregivers smoking is not permitted in the following areas:

- in school buildings at any time
- in school grounds during school hours

And that Board members, staff members and personnel involved in school activities, will not interact with a student while smoking.



2008 CROSS COUNTRY

10.45am WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST
WESTERN SPRINGS RESERVE

All Welcome

COME AND SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN

As we did last year, we are seeking parent helpers to be Marshalls around the course. Thank you those who have already offered their assistance.

If you are able to assist, 10.30am-12 noon on THURSDAY 13 AUGUST, please telephone Louise in the Office 846-2169

C@P COLUMN

Community at Pasadena (C@P) is a group that brings together people with a shared vision for and a commitment to supporting Pasadena Intermediate School.

Members of the group consist of parents/caregivers, staff, representatives from the Board of Trustees and others from the wider community who have an interest in the wellbeing of the school.

If you are keen to know more about us email Liz O'Dwyer at lizodwyer@clear.net.nz or phone 834 0122.

Are you available to marshal at the School Cross Country on Wednesday 13 August from 10.15 - 12 noon., 10 parents needed. If so, phone the office 846 2169.

PASADENA QUIZ NIGHT - NAME THAT LIST - coming up on Friday 19 September at 7pm. Book your babysitter now. More exciting details out soon!

AUCKLAND MAORI LANGUAGE SPEECH FESTIVAL

Tomorrow, Pasadena Intermediate School will host the Auckland Primary Principals' Association, Maori Language Speech Festival.

The Festival has two sections, Year 7 and 8 and Year 5 and 6 and will start with a powhiri at 9.30am. Parents/Caregivers and friends of the school are most welcome to participate in the ceremony and to enjoy the speeches.

LEWIS EADY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Pasadena Intermediate School, in partnership with LEWIS EADY MUSIC SCHOOL, is pleased to offer our students the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument from a professional tutor, at very competitive rates here at school!

This is an exciting programme with a recognized and well established music tuition provider that will be of interest, enjoyment and benefit for those who participate.

If you would like to know more, please contact LEWIS EADY MUSIC SCHOOL direct, or Ms Maureen Donnelly, our Performing Arts Specialist.

Starting in the September School Holidays, Pasadena Intermediate will host the LEWIS EADY MUSIC SCHOOL ROCK SCHOOL. In return, LEWIS EADY MUSIC SCHOOL will provide free tuition and coaching for the Pasadena Intermediate School Rock Band.



PASADENA CENTRE

WINE/JUICE & CHEESE OPENING - 7.30pm Tuesday 2 September 2008
All Parents and Families Invited

VIEWING:

8.15am - 4.30pm Wednesday 3 & Thursday 4 September 2008
& 8.15am - 1.00pm Friday 5 September 2008

Parents/Caregivers, Friends of the School and the Community are Invited to View our Children's Wonderful Art.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL 2009

Secondary Schools are completing 2009 enrolments at present. With the return to a form of zoning, it is vital that parents/caregivers complete applications by the due dates. We are holding information for -

WESTERN SPRINGS COLLEGE
AVONDALE COLLEGE
MT ALBERT GRAMMAR

Understandably we cannot recommend one secondary school ahead of another but should parents/caregivers wish to discuss the future schooling of their children, please don't hesitate to contact us.

SCHOOL TELEPHONE

The requirements of the information age are making ever increasing demands on our telephone system. In addition to providing full time internet access for all classroom computers, administration computers and mobile laptop computers, we also have available for student classroom use, eight cordless telephones.

In bound and out bound voicemail is available outside office hours. Parents may leave messages, report an absence or listen to information about upcoming school activities, including postponements and changes of venues for sports tournaments.

MOBILE TELEPHONES

With their parents'/caregivers' approval and at their own risk, students may have mobile telephones at school. They must however, be turned off during all class and school activity time.

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

The school accepts in today's busy schedule there will be occasions when parents/caregivers need to get important telephone, fax or Email messages to their children. The school will make every effort to forward these messages. However, the administration staff cannot accept responsibility if a student does not receive a message.

We also accept there will be occasions during the school day, when students need to contact members of their family. With the approval of their classroom teacher, students are able to use a school telephone to do this. Because of the demands of school management and school activities, these calls will be restricted to important matters.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS' COMPETITIONS: WRITING

Pasadena Intermediate students again showed that they could achieve on the academic playing fields when they competed in the Australasian Schools' Competition, University of NSW Testing Centre: Writing, recently.

Tom Hartill received High Distinction award putting him in the top 1% of entrants of his year level in New Zealand.

Kayne Deng, Hannah Jackson, Elsie Bollinger, Merryn Bowden-Duffy, Isabella Lenihan-Ikin, Mack Smith, and Taylor Wallace all received Distinction awards for being in the next 10% of entrants of their year level in New Zealand.

Katie Budgen, Sara O'Dwyer, Lucia Patterson, Tylor Peltier, Cheyann Scalabrini, Cara Weatherspoon, Oliver Barton, Amy Hart, Leah Harwood, and Rima Williams all received Credit awards for being in the next 20% of entrants of their year level in NZ.

2009 ENROLMENT WEEK
Monday 18 - Friday 22 August 2008

Honours Award

Students receive recognition for their achievements, contributions and participation through our Special Effort Awards programme. In keeping with the school's philosophy and mission statement, we further recognise those students who participate, contribute and achieve in the full range of activities available at Pasadena through our Honours Award programme.

To qualify, students must have consistently displayed the standards as described in the Pasadena Code (see Page 17) and receive a minimum of 10 awards as follows:

2 from Specialist Courses/ Programmes; 2 from Cultural or Arts Activities; 2 for Sport /HPWB Physical; 2 from Classroom Teacher for class work and 2 others. 1 for class HPWB Physical for First Honours Only. The 2 others must be from different categories.

Students who believe they have qualified, apply to the Principal with their awards. If the Principal is satisfied the student has the required awards the student receives an Application Form.

The Applicant must complete a self evaluation - if the Applicant believes he or she has not consistently met any of the standards described in the Pasadena Code, the Applicant should mark the Application Form accordingly and sign.

The Application Form must be taken to each of the following

- Classroom Teacher
- The Syndicate Manager
- Specialist Teachers the Student is Currently Working With

If a teacher believes the Applicant has not consistently met any of the standards described in the Pasadena Code, the teacher will explain this to the Applicant and mark the Application Form accordingly. When the Applicant has met with all teachers, the Application Form should be returned to the Principal.

If the Applicant's self evaluation shows and all the teachers have been satisfied the student has consistently displayed the standards as described in the Pasadena Code, the Application is taken to the next full Staff meeting for final approval.

The student will be presented with the Honours Badge and Certificate at the next Friday Assembly.

If the Applicant's self evaluation shows or if any of the teachers have not been satisfied with the student's performance and have marked the Application Form, the Principal will discuss the matter with the student and set a date one term hence when the student can reapply.

During their time at Pasadena, students may qualify for and receive more than 1 Honours Award.

For significant or repeated breaches of the Pasadena Code, a student may have their Honours Status removed. A student who has had Honours Status removed is entitled to earn 10 new awards and reapply.

EXPO WEEK

One of the activities we arrange to make Year 6 students transition to intermediate is EXPO Week. The students spend part of the day involved in an 'intermediate' activity - Foods, Technology, Visual Arts, ICT- in one of our specialist areas with one of our specialist teachers.

To assist with the activity, a number of our students acted as Tutors. Thank you **Saane Kaufanga, Taylor Wallace, Yozahna Upokomanu, Teremoana Graham, Caleb Chambers, Isabella Lenihan-Ikin, Grace MacDonald-Walker, Carys Finlayson, Michela Belesarius, Caroline Dovgal, Shelita McGee, Janki Patel, Edana Richardson, Poppy Cogswell, Zjanika Houghton-Grundy, Eleanor Oxley and Rebecca Asa**

As a bonus this year, our Exchange friends from Nagisa High School Junior High School arranged a special 'Japanese Activity' for the Year 6 students to participate in. Thank you - **Kosuke Unemoto, Minami Morito, Marin Date, Taiga Ichinose, Chihiro Yamano, Hiroki Oda, Hiroko Choshi, Nozomi Ide, Ayaka Sasaki, Mayu Kimoto, Sho Shimazu, Rintaro Tamada, Arisa Hori, Yuri Yanai, Maho Mukai, Miharuka Yokosaki, Kano Ishibashi, Manaka Enoki and especially Kaito Shiba**, for your contributions.



2009 ENROLMENT

I am sure you are well aware we are entering the final stages of our publicity and Enrolment Programme for 2009 enrolments.

ENROLMENT WEEK 18-22 AUGUST
OPEN DAY WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST
OPEN DAY THURSDAY 21 AUGUST

Week 5 is our Enrolment Week with Open Days on Wednesday and Thursday. Also on Wednesday 20 August 2008, 7.30 - 9.00pm in The Pasadena Centre we will host an Information Evening about Pasadena Intermediate and our curriculum for new, and prospective parents.

Please encourage your primary school parent friends to attend.

ATTENDANCE

The value of regular attendance cannot be overstressed. All students are expected to be conscientious about punctuality and attendance. They are expected to arrive on time to begin activity at 8:45am - when the initial activity involves preparation of equipment, or changing into PE uniform, this will need to be taken into account.

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