

# Newsletter

Pasadena Intermediate School



TERM IV  
2008  
No 2

## 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.

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## HOME & SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

### PARTNERSHIP

At Pasadena Intermediate School programmes are designed to develop each student to the best of their natural abilities. This can be best done when there is a close co-operation between the home and the school. In different situations each has a knowledge of the child that is helpful to the other.

### PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS

It is our policy to contact parents/caregivers early if problems arise and hope that this is a two-way process. If you have a problem or concern pertaining to any aspect of your child's life at school, please contact your child's Classroom Teacher, the Syndicate Manager or the Principal.

If you have any problems or concerns regarding school governance or management, contact the Principal, or approach any member of the Board of Trustees.

## BANDANNA DAY MUFTI DAY

Thank you everyone for your wonderful support of the NZ Teenager Cancer Patients' Society Appeal in which the students raised nearly \$750.00 in a Mufti Day

## CENTRAL ZONE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Pasadena selected, prepared and entered a team in the Central Zone Badminton Tournament which was held recently.

**Vivian Washington, Jonathan Tanner, Tom Hartill, Tom Feeney, Levi Crump, Louis Varney, Imasha Kumarawansa, Linda Le, Shabrina Al Jaidi, Marihi Kahukura and Cara Weatherspoon**

Congratulations to **Vivian**, 1st Year 8 and 1st Overall, **Tom Feeney** 2nd Year 7 and 4th Overall, **Saane** and **Cara** 1st Year 7, 2nd Overall and **Linda** and **Shabrina** 2nd Year 8 and **3rd Overall**. Outstanding results, well done teveryone. All players represented their school with pride and skill.

On behalf of the school and students involved, I would like to thank **Mrs Allan** for her efforts with the Badminton Team.



## ABSENCES/LATENESS

We ask that parents/caregivers advise the school of their child's absence or lateness by 8.30a.m. This enables classroom teachers to be advised before school commences.

## 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.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### CASUAL VACANCY FOR AN ELECTED TRUSTEE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

A Hobbs, Chairperson, Board of Trustees  
Pasadena Intermediate School, Moray Place, Point Chevalier

By: 28 November 2008

coming up on the  
**CALENDAR**

### OCTOBER

- 30 APOPS Concert
- 31 Champion of Champions Badminton Tournament

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### NOVEMBER

- 3 Zone Golf Tournament
- 6-7 Pasadena Intermediate School 2008 Production
- 3-14 Auckland Intermediate Schools' Art Exhibition
- 4-14 APPA Festival of Music
- 13 Term IV Open Day
- 10 Auckland Intermediate Schools' Band Festival
- 11 Remembrance Day

PASADENA INTERMEDIATE PRESENTS

## THE 2008 PRODUCTION

7.30 p.m. THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER  
10.30am FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER



Following on from the tremendous success of our student written, prepared, staged and performed, *Performing Arts Festival* .....

A snippet history of the school's community, as discovered by Room 13 Pasadena Intermediate. A visitation by Captain George Chevalier helps fill in the gaps in the children's and the new teacher's knowledge.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

PRE SCHOOLERS: FREE / SCHOOL STUDENTS \$3.00 / ADULTS \$7.00

## CENTRAL ZONE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

Pasadena entered two teams in the Central Zone Volleyball Tournaments that were held at the end of last term.

**GIRLS:** Jessica Munro, Linda Le, Rebecca Asa, Roona Rani, Kate Farrant, Toni Talamaivao, Michelle Foster, Leuo Fruean, Shabrina Al-Jaidi, Lisa Serbeh, Takau Dean, Janie Le'au'anae

**BOYS:** Ben Jackson, William Nimeti, Tapu Pauli, Vaimoli Faiilalo, Liam Hatten, Michael Peagram, Eric Munro, Ian Manu, Harnz Rhodes-Cowley, Kepu Vaipulu

Despite limited preparation time, both teams played extremely well, showing a lot of commitment and determination. The Teams received compliments from the organizers of the tournament for their play and their behaviour.

A special thank you to the parents/ caregivers who supported the teams. A big thank you to **Irene Rhodes-Cowley** for umpiring all day!!

Thank you to **Mr Gore** and **Miss Wackrow** for coaching and encouraging the teams.

## 2008 COSTS

Thank you to all those parents/caregivers who have paid their costs - Specialist Courses Materials and Services, Photocopying Levy, 2008 Programme Activities.

**As detailed elsewhere, these are part of full costs of activities and services that we believe are critical to your child's successful education that are not funded by the government.**

Families who have not yet paid these costs, **we would ask that you do so immediately - they are now well overdue.**

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Pasadena Intermediate School Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday 25 November 2008 at 7.00pm in the TE TARI WHAAINGA MAATAURANGA, our Library/Information Centre.

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 monthly Meetings will be forwarded to requesting families on receipt of a stamped self addressed envelope.

## OPEN DAYS

Our school is always open and parents/caregivers are most welcome, in fact encouraged, to visit at any time. We have set aside tomorrow, Thursday 8 November as our Open Day for this term and would welcome visits from parents/caregivers at any time throughout the day.

## END OF YEAR TRIPS

Syndicate Staff are currently planning their end of year trips.

Parents are reminded that these are social outings, and while they are an enjoyable experience and a nice way to end the year, they do not form part of curriculum delivery.

For students to be able to pay for and participate in these outings, it will be necessary for their parents to have met all their financial commitments to the school.

Outstanding accounts for Camp, Specialist Courses Materials and Services, Programme Activities and Photocopying will need to be paid before students can participate in these trips.

## AUCKLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS' ART EXHIBITION

The Auckland Intermediate Schools' Art Exhibition is being staged at the Aotea Centre.

Only the very best of art work from all schools with Year 7 and 8 students between Orewa and Pukekohe is selected for this most prestigious exhibition. Again the talents of Pasadena students were on display - 6 of our students had work selected. Very well done.

**Kate Farrant, Jessica Munro, Gwen deLeon, Phaedra Miers-Florence, Ariana Cornett, Elsie Bollinger, Tracey Yue, George Shuang, Simon Mead, Eddy Canning, Sophia Laurie, Jasmine Thompson-Milne, Leuo Fruean, Kate Whitfield and Tom Hartill**

Thank you Mrs Elliott for your wonderful support and guidance of our young artists.

## HATS

For obvious Health reasons, HATS ARE ESSENTIAL for outdoor activities during Terms I and IV. As you will have noted in the uniform list, Pasadena does have as part of its official uniform, a baseball style cap and a full brimmed 'bucket style' hat, at the 'at cost price' of \$15.00.

## 2009 YEAR 7 ENROLMENT

Although we have completed our main Introduction and Enrolment Activities for 2009 Year 7 students, we are still accepting Enrolments.

**If you haven't, or know of another parent who has yet to complete and forward an Enrolment Form, we would ask that you do so as soon as possible.**

Additional Forms are available from our School Office.

## TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

Team and Group Photographs will be taken on Friday 28 November. Proofs will be displayed and the photographs will be available for sale by pre paid orders later in November.

## STUDENT SOCIAL

The School Council have organized a student Social for Friday 28 November - 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Pasadena Centre. I take this opportunity to remind parents of procedures concerning Socials.

The Social is for Pasadena Intermediate students only. All parents/caregivers will receive a letter and Consent Form for each Social planned. Students need a signed Consent Form to purchase a Social Ticket and admission to the Social is by pre-purchased ticket only.

It is imperative that parents/caregivers provide transport to and from the Social for their children.

The Social starts at 7.00pm. Students are asked not to arrive before that time. The Social finishes at 9.00pm and we would ask that students be collected by 9.15pm.

Our School Socials are a lot of fun and provide the students with enjoyable and worthwhile learning experiences. In the interests of the safety for our students, your co-operation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

## UNIVERSITY OF NSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS: ENGLISH

Pasadena Intermediate students again showed that they could achieve on the academic playing fields when they competed in the University of NSW International Competitions & Assessments for Schools—English.

**Leo Dashper** and **Jasmine Thompson-Milne** received High Distinction awards placing them in the top 1% of their level in New Zealand.

**Merryn Bowden-Duffy, Pearl Kennedy, Jack McKay, Tanya Peart, Hannah Swedlund, Louis Varney, and Grace MacDonald-Walker** all received Distinction awards for being in the next 10% of entrants of their year level in New Zealand.

**Holly Ashford, Elsie Bollinger, Katie Budgen, Caleb Chambers, Liam Ferguson, Ellen Hobbs, Charles Jackson, Sam Jenkins, Marihi Kahukura, Saane Kaufanga, Conor Masila, SHivani Narsai, Ella Pooley, Clarice Reddin, Jack Sedon, and Cara Weatherspoon** all received credit awards for being in the next 20% of their year level in New Zealand

## LIFE EDUCATION TRUST LESSONS

As previously advised, the Life Education Trust Education Van and Teacher are now at Pasadena. We acknowledge the generous support of the Life Education Trust in providing these outstanding lessons as part of our Health & Physical Wellbeing Programme.

## 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.

## 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:

All classrooms and corridors, the Staff Lounge, the Toilets, the Library, the Pasadena Centre, the Assembly Hall during school hours, the Secretary's Office, the Deputy Principal's Office, Meeting Rooms and Sickbay Areas, and that personnel involved in any school activities will not interact with a student while smoking



## STUDENT, PARENT/CAREGIVER, TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you to the many parents/caregivers who took the opportunity to meet with teachers for the Student Parent/Caregiver Teacher Conferences last week.

We view the home and school relationship as a very integral part of successful education for your children and all of the staff report that the conferences were both positive and a very successful exercise.

The goal of the conference was to support the learning of your son/daughter by -

Talking about strengths and areas of progress

Looking at and discussing work samples

Talking about areas needing improvement

Setting one or two goals for next term

Discussing ways to help meet goals

- from your feedback and the children's feedback we are sure we will achieve this goal.

For those who were not able to make the appointment, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher and arrange a mutually suitable time if there are any matters you would like to discuss or information you would like to pass on or share.

Thank you to those many parents/caregivers who commented on the quality of the students work on display and the progress their children are making. We freely admit we are proud of the work our students produce, but they are the ones who must take the credit and deserve your praise.

## 2009 SCHOOL YEAR

### TERMS

One: Monday 2 February - Thursday 6 April

Two: Monday 27 April - Friday 3 July

Three: Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Four: Monday 12 October - Wednesday 16 December

### ADDITIONAL HOLIDAYS

Auckland Anniversary - Monday 26 January (In the holidays)

Waitangi Day - Friday 6 February

Easter - Friday 10 - Monday 13 April (In the holidays)

ANZAC - Saturday 25 April (In the holidays)

Queens Birthday - Monday 1 June

Labour Day - Monday 26 October



*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.*

*We hold regular meetings and would love new members, even if its just receiving information about what we are up to.*

*For information contact Liz O'Dwyer on 834 0122 or lizodwyer@clear.net.nz.*

*Next meeting : Tuesday 4 November in Te Tari Whainga Maatauranga—Library Information Centre.*

## QUIZ NIGHT

Community @ Pasadena would like to thank all the hard working people who put this fun event together. A special mention to the organising group of **Kathryn Wallace, Bridget Glasgow, Martin Feeney, Gary Chambers, Jane Wilkinson and Mark Ferguson** who kept us entertained and wangled some great bids at the auctions.

Quiz Night Success- we raised \$2440.00 to buy gym equipment and a new laminator.

Congratulations to the winning table and prize winners.

A huge thanks to the following sponsors -

**Hedgehog Bikes- Takapuna, Sally Geary and Shortland Street, Gordin Ikin and The Specimen Tree Company, Kim and Matt Munford and the Auckland Theatre Company and Silo Theatre, Jim and Anna - Bethells Store and Café, Craig Empson-Futsal, Periscope Design, Skywalk.**

The following Pt Chevalier Businesses -

**Valentines, Video Easy, Mad Butcher, Super Liquor, Liquourland, Greenbay Fruit Shop, Mc Donalds**

Thanks for generously supporting our school.

## THE KITCHEN CULTIVATORS

A gardening group is underway at Pasadena, the students meet once a week under the expert guidance of our resident Permaculturist Mr. Finn Mackesy (Rm2 teacher) and at the end of term the students will get to cook what they have grown.

However, we can't do it without your help, we are looking for 2 parents and or grandparents per session to help with the set up and clean down and assist the students, so you don't have to be a whiz gardener.

The project will operate in Recreation time on Wednesdays, 1.05 - 2.15pm

Term 4 - October - 29th.

November - 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

December - 3rd, 10th and 17th.

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

### BEING THE PARENT YOU WANT TO BE

Parent Trust Auckland Inc (formerly Anger Change Trust) – Our popular programme is for parents who have a dream of how they want to be as parents, and feel concerned that their stress and anger get in the way.

The 8 sessions cover: the purposes of anger; early warning signs; tension build-up; communication; reasonable expectations and beliefs and finding new ways of handling stress and anger.

Your own real life examples are the starting place for personal growth.

Programmes are held each term Auckland wide. To Enrol or for enquiries: Phone (09) 376 0400 - [www.parenttrust.org.nz](http://www.parenttrust.org.nz)

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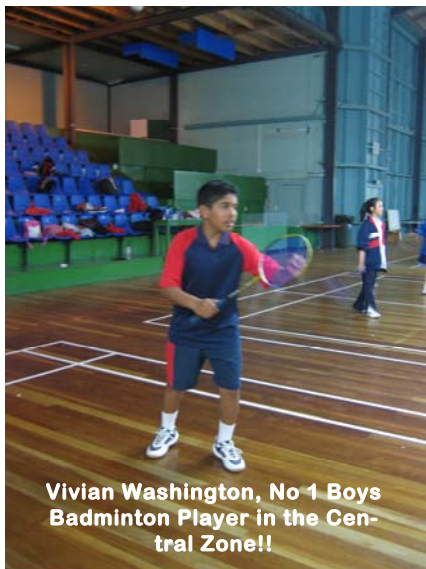
### PASADENA INTERMEDIATE PRIZE GIVING

**AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL PARENTS AND FAMILIES TO ATTEND THE PASADENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING**

*'A Celebration of The Achievements and Successes of Our Students and Our School'*

**WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2008**

7.30pm, Assembly Hall



**Vivian Washington, No 1 Boys Badminton Player in the Central Zone!!**

### TALENTED STUDENTS PERFORM IN AOTEA SINFONIETTA

Recently **Cara Weatherspoon** and **Jonathan Tanner** were selected and performed with the Aotea Sinfonietta at a concert held at St Matthews in the City. Congratulations and very well done **Cara** and **Jonathan**.

### COMMUNITY NOTICE

#### ST PAUL'S COLLEGE BUDDY DAY

TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2008

Come along and find out what St Paul's College has to offer you.

A day filled with activities for you to meet St Paul's College students and teachers.

Parents are welcome to make an appointment for a guided visit.

Phone the Office (376 1287) to organize a time to visit and meet the Principal.

PASADENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

**2008 ATHLETIC SPORTS**

**ERICSSON ATHLETICS STADIUM**

**THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER**

Come and Support Your Children

ALL WELCOME

# The Pasadena FOR Centre

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### UNIFORM BANK

Uniforms have been part of the intermediate scene for over 70 years. There has been, and probably always will be, debate about the merits of wearing school uniforms. Of late, the issue of safety, schools being able to identify non students in their grounds, has become a consideration.

As fashions and fabrics change, so too have the styles of school uniforms. In the early 1990s, and again in 2001, the school spent considerable time consulting with parents/caregivers and students while considering uniform changes.

There are times when students are unable to present themselves in full and correct uniform – accident, weather etc. To assist those students who have problems with their uniform, we keep a 'bank' of spare uniform items and are asking the parents/caregivers of our leaving Year 8 students, to donate any or all of the following uniform items.

#### **Shorts, Culottes, Shirt, Sweat Shirt, PE Shirt, PE Shorts, Caps/Hats**

It would assist us if these items were in a good state of repair and have been laundered.

If you agree to your child's uniform being donated to our Uniform Bank, they are to collect a 'Consent Letter' from the Office, and we ask you to complete the form at the bottom of the letter and return it to school as soon as possible. Donated items are to be brought to school in a plastic bag on the last day of the school year, Thursday 18 December. Naturally, if you are donating a uniform, your son or daughter may wear mufti on the last day.

In advance we thank you sincerely for your generosity.

### SCHOOL MOTTO

*To The Diligent, Nothing Is Difficult.'*