



**Pasadena
Intermediate
School**
2009
Term 1
Issue 2

NEWSLETTER

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

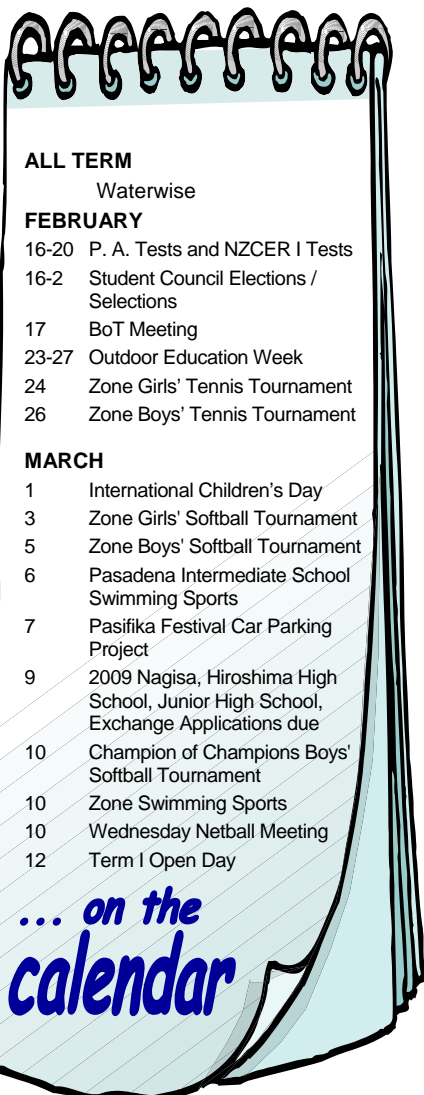
Congratulations students, parents/caregivers and staff, we are into Week 3 of Term 1 and your combined efforts have launched us into 2009 with an excellent start.

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 2009 Nagisa (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.



LEWIS EADY MUSIC SCHOOL

Term 1 music lessons are now underway at Pasadena!

Due to high demand, we are planning a second intake of students mid-term for enrolments received after 9 February. These lessons will commence 9 March.

If you have already enrolled, but have not yet received a confirmation from us, your child will be on the list for a mid-term start (or a term 2 start if you have enrolled for Blast-off!)

If you would like your child to join our music classes at school but have not yet enrolled, we invite you to enrol online at www.lewiseady.co.nz. We will endeavour to place all enrolments in term 1 however spaces are limited

AUCKLAND PHILHARMONIA

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

Watch For The Flyers AND Brochures!

2009 HIROSHIMA EXCHANGE

THE EDUCATIONAL TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

The Information Albums and CDs about the Nagisa (Formerly 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 Nagisa (Formerly Hiroshima) High School Junior High School Exchange are available from the Office and must be completed and handed in by 3.00pm, on Monday 9 March 2009.

The selections will be announced on Thursday 12 March 2009.



PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual, family portraits class photographs will be taken on Friday 1 May and team and group photographs will be taken on Friday 20 November.

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

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

The 2009 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. All 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, foul language, bullying and all forms of harassment, including social, sexual, religious, physical, intellectual, cultural, age, appearance and gender, 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 2009 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.



2009 SWIMMING SPORTS

1.00pm

Friday 6 March 2009

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 - Antony Hobbs, (Chairperson), Tony Walsh (Secretary/ Principal), Wanairangi Nopera (Maori Trustee), Paul Cogswell, Miki Walters, Rees Tapsell, Alex Woodley, 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 Tuesday 31 March at 7.00pm in Te Tari Whaainga Maatauranga - The Library/Information Centre.

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.

BOT PASIFIKA CAR PARKING

As a fund raising activity for the school, The Board of Trustees is running a car parking project during the Saturday of the Pasifika Festival.

PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS

If you can help As a Marshall, for all, or part of the day, please contact a BoT member, or the Office. 846-2169

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.

TERMS, HOLIDAYS 2009

The confirmed dates for Terms and Holidays for 2009 are as follows -

TERMS

One: Monday 2 February - Thursday 9 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

The Pasadena Centre FOR HIRE

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Regular Bookings

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**Pauline
Fitzsimmons**
817 7594

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 12 March as our Open Day for this term and would welcome visits from parents/caregivers at any time throughout the day.

C@P COLUMBIN

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 would like more information about what's happening at school through C@P or you would like to be included on our mailing list then contact Liz O'Dwyer on 834 0122 or lizodwyer@clear.net.nz

Being part of C@P is also a great way of meeting other parents and being more involved with your child's school.

We do hold regular monthly meetings which you are welcome to attend.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 24 February, in Te Tari Whainga Maatauranga—Library Information Centre

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS SPORTS TEAMS 2009

Please see the Important Flyer Attached.

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.



ONLINE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Curriculum change is heralding a change in classroom activities, as the focus on thinking and understanding takes on more importance. As classes migrate towards 21st century learning environments, online tools are beginning to replace exercise books.

IT use in schools is undergoing considerable change. The 21st century classroom approach is supported by an OLE, online learning environment. The NZ Ministry of Education is actively exploring the use of OLE's, as these are seen as pivotal tools for use within the new curriculum.

Pasadena is [still] at the forefront of the changing IT front, in the classroom. While the Ministry 'explores' and wonders 'how?', we 'have a go.' At Pasadena, the Students OLE has the Students Reflective Journals, Inquiry (TASK) Logs, Learning Logs, Art and Technology Portfolios, web site and a Showcase of finished computer work e.g. PowerPoints.

An OLE is a highly effective tool for supporting school-home partnerships. In many ways an OLE provides a 21st century gateway between school and home. An OLE allows children to bridge the gap between the work they do at school and their life at home. It gives parents timely access to information about their child's learning and it provides a powerful vehicle for conversations about learning. It also enables busy parents and children to interact on a regular basis about learning.

An environment where Parents/whanau/caregivers can see quite clearly the learner's dispositions towards their learning, their relationship with their friends, their teachers and their thoughts about how they see themselves, and provides a powerful environment for teachers/parents to observe the learners understanding!

The Pasadena Portal will be opened to parents later this term. Initially expect 2009 content to be light as students need time to assemble and finalize pieces of work.

Before the end of Term I, all parents with email addresses recorded at the Office will be sent 'HowTo Access' details, and credentials allowing access to their child's OLE.

(For more information, or detail about the portal, OLE's, 21st century classrooms, visit www.pasadena.school.nz, take the 'Parent Portal' link on the left, check the FAQ link.)

Staff, students and parents/caregivers are looking forward to Outdoor Education Week next week.

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

An Information Letter with final details for helpers will be forwarded on Friday.



FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2009

Commencing at 11.00am

All Welcome

COME AND SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN



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 TERMS I & II 2009 SAILING DATES, CLASSES & TIMES

Mr Martin Ball, / Waterwise Instructor / Classroom Teacher/s / Trained Parent Helpers / Parent Helpers.

TIMES: Morning - 9.00am to 11.30am Afternoon - 12.00 noon to 2.30pm

WEEK	DATE	HIGH TIDE	TIMES	ROOMS
Term I Week 2	Thursday 12 February	10.17	Morning	4, 5
Term I Week 2	Friday 13 February	11.03	Morning	1, 2
Term I Week 2	Friday 13 February	11.03	Afternoon	3, 8
Term I Week 5	Monday 2 March	12.06	Morning	10, 11
Term I Week 5	Monday 2 March	12.06	Afternoon	9, 4
Term I Week 5	Tuesday 3 March	12.53	Morning	1, 2
Term I Week 5	Tuesday 3 March	12.53	Afternoon	3, 8
Term I Week 5	Wednesday 4 March	13.44	Afternoon	9, 10
Term I Week 5	Thursday 5 March	14.40	Afternoon	5, 11
Term I Week 7	Tuesday 17 March	12.45	Morning	Dignan
Term I Week 7	Tuesday 17 March	12.45	Afternoon	Te Tokaroa
Term II Week 1	Friday 1 May	12.13	Morning	} Selected
Term II Week 1	Friday 1 May	12.13	Afternoon	} Groups

PARKING

Pasifika Festival

AT PASADENA INTERMEDIATE
TELL YOUR FRIENDS
Help Them - Help the School