

Newsletter

Pasadena Intermediate School



TERM IV
2009
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.

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.

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.



2009 COSTS

Thank you to all those parents/caregivers who have paid their costs - Specialist Courses Materials and Services, Photocopying Levy, 2009 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.**

CENTRAL ZONE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

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

Daisy Cleverley, Olivia Sayegh, Daisha Solonoa, Athief Hakim, Noah Rudd, Nick Tapsell, Saane Kaufanga, Marihi Kahukura, Henrietta Le'au'anae, Levi Crump, Tom Feeney, William Jackson, Liam Quinn and Eric Munro

Congratulations to **Daisy Cleverley**, 1st Year 7 Girls and 3rd Overall, **Marihi Kahukura** and **Henrietta Le'au'anae** 2nd Overall Girls' Doubles, Outstanding results, well done everyone. All players represented their school with pride and skill.

On behalf of the school and students involved, I would like to thank parents/caregivers for their support, **Sally Geary, Robyn Gray, Anita Mok and Jeanette McLeod** for their assistance with transport and **Mrs Allan** for preparing, coaching and managing 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 MEETING

The next meeting of the Pasadena Intermediate School Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday 10 November 2009 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.

OCTOBER

30 Mufti Day

NOVEMBER

- 2 Zone Golf Tournament
- 3-13 APPA Festival of Music
- 4 Champion of Champions Volleyball Competitions
- 5 Zone Touch Tournament
- 10 BoT Meeting
- 11 **Teacher Only Day**
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 11 C@)P Movie Night
- 12 Term IV Open Day
- 12 Champion of Champions Touch Tournament

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calendar

SCOOTER LOCKS

As part of the 10 Year Property Plan the Board of Trustees has with the Ministry of Education, last term we completed a refurbish of our classrooms and corridors - whiteboards, display areas, wall protection and a repaint - the school looks magnificent.

To keep it this way, we can no longer allow scooters to be stored in classrooms.

Students now need to park and lock their scooters in the bicycle park.

Parents/Caregivers are asked to provide their child with a cable/chain lock for their scooter.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS BOYS' RUGBY LEAGUE

Following on from their outstanding win in the Central Zone Rugby League tournament, our Boys' team went on to represent the Zone at the Auckland Champion of Champions Tournament.

Sefo Pauli, Carlos Rhodes-Cowley, Matthew Mokoroa, Aisea Lolohea, De Niro Pao Clark, Nathan Harvey, Samuel Slade, Louis Varney, John Corbett, Isaac AhKuoi-Atmore, Nikheil Bhana, Geoff Viligia, Billy Richards, Tau Kali, Mataio Timaloa, Tyrone Reuleu-Blowers, James Hunter, Sione Ngahe, Stanmore Palavi and Toru William.

This is Rugby League at the highest level, the top seven teams in the greater Auckland area - Pukekohe to Orewa. The team was placed 6th. All players gave of their best and despite the strength of the opposition.

Thank you **Mr Peters** for preparing, coaching and managing the Rugby League Team.

Thank you to **Graeme Atmore** and **Paresh Bhana** who assisted with transport and to the parents who supported the teams on 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, Photocopying and Out of School Sports Fees will need to be paid before students can participate in these trips.

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.

HIROSHIMA EXCHANGE

Welcome home the students - **Demi Harlen, Liam Ferguson, Tessa Siddells, Jhanna Savov, Shezin Naidoo, Merryn Bowden-Duffy, Noah Van Zyl, Samuel Jenkins, Elsie Bollinger, Ilaisaane Kaufanga, Kimberley Stansfield, Eldin Hasanbegovic, Simon Mead, Ella Barclay, Isabella Lenihan-Ikin, Nicholas Denby, Eduard Canning, Jack Adams, Jack Sedon and Sophie McIntyre** and Staff Members **Mr Hendrik Den Hartog** and **Mrs Thelma Teesdale** from a highly successful and most rewarding Nagisa, Hiroshima Senior and Junior High School Exchange.

The students represented their families, school and country extremely well; have benefited academically and socially from the total experience and contributed to the quality of the experience of all the other students involved in the exchange.

Due to the 'Swine Flu' this years Exchange programme was revised with a shorter time in Hiroshima, but replaced by a stay at Carillon House near the seaside village of Ushimado and activities that included visits to impressive and significant historic temples, gardens and castles.

We acknowledge the support and generosity of long time Pasadena friends, The Tierra Corporation, for allowing us to use the wonderful facilities of Carillon House.

The students will be preparing presentations about the Exchange for both the school and their families as part of their Term IVs Task.

CENTRAL ZONE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

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

GIRLS: **Henrietta Le'au'anae, Louisa Wihongi, Isabella Lenihan-Ikin, Kim Stansfield, Mattie MacNeil, Krystal Williams, Arabella Crane-O'Connor, Izzy Shore, Saane Kaufanga, Tanya Peart, Vienna Arona, Jamie Evans, Agnes Fale, Shivani Narsai and Taylor Nicholls**

BOYS: **Matthew Mokoroa, Eric Munro, Jake Munford, Samuel Slade, Geoff Viligia, Nick Tapsell, Christian Rauraa, Mataio Timaloa, Stanmore Palavi, Sione Ngahe and Bailey Hetaraka**

Despite limited preparation time, both teams played extremely well, showing a lot of commitment and determination. The Boys Team won 5 of there 6 games. Well done! 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.

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



AUCKLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS' ART EXHIBITION

The Auckland Intermediate Schools' Art Exhibition is to be staged at Pitt St Methodist Church.

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 - 14 of our students had work selected. Outstanding!!

Mackensie Clayton, Ryan Williams, Elsie Bollinger, Rangimarie Caldwell, Charles Jackson, Katie Budgen, Louis Esther, Kim Stansfield, Ellen Hackett, Dante Miers-Florence, Pearl Kennedy, Arabella Crane-O'Connor, Taylor Nicholls, Eddy Canning and Isabella Lenihan-Ikin.

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

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.

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.

Katie Budgen, Pearl Kennedy, Jack McKay, Tanya Peart, Ella Pooley, Clarice Reddin, Marcel Stephenson, Hannah Swedlund, Jasmine Thompson-Milne, Morgan Rose, and Zoe Stenhouse-Burgess all received Distinction awards for being in the next 10% of entrants of their year level in New Zealand.

Holly Ashford, Elsie Bollinger, Merryn Bowden-Duffy, Eduard Canning, Louis Esther, Liam Ferguson, Charles Jackson, Saane Kaufanga, Mackenzie Smith, Louis Varney, Nandi Zwane, Isaac Ah Kuoi-Atmore, Kate Barber, Jasmine Chote, Andrew Cox, Sarah Crawshaw, Rowan Everton, Elias Fa'alogo-Lilo, Jackson Green, Olivia Grondin, David Hannah, Lucia Hocking-Whitehead, Pearl Little, Ben Mitchell, Willa Newson, Daniel Qin, Fraser Stiles, Bella Wendt, and Matt Woodall all received credit awards for being in the next 20% of their year level in New Zealand.

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

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 \$688 in a Mufti Day!

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Further to my letter and email of last week, a reminder of our **Ministry of Education Teacher Only Days** -

"You will know from the media, major changes and new Education initiatives of the Government, are due for full implementation in 2010, namely -

*The New Curriculum
National Standards*

Both are significant projects requiring considerable planning and preparation that Boards, schools and teachers have been working on for some time.

Although Pasadena is particularly well placed with all the work we have done to implement curriculum delivery through Task, the government has recognised the enormity of the changes required and has provided all schools with two Teacher Only Days to advance their preparation.

Accordingly, I write to advise you Pasadena Intermediate School will have TEACHER ONLY DAYS on

**WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER and
WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2009**

– students are not to attend school on these days.

We appreciate this may cause some families challenges, but by advising you early, we trust the disruption will be minimal."

Students have been asked NOT TO VISIT THEIR FORMER PRIMARY SCHOOLS during these days.

CHANGES IN PUBERTY

As part of our Annual Health and Physical Education Programme, our Health Nurse, Lizzy Roberts, will again deliver the 'Changes in Puberty Programme' for all Year 7 students on **Tuesday 17 November**.

BLOCK 1, 9.00-10.05am: Boys

BLOCK 2, 10.20-11.35am: Girls

If parents/caregivers have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Office.

SWEET SOUNDS

As part of Task Presentation Day at the end of Term III, the choir, our instrumentalists and our bands staged a concert for parents/caregivers. The standard of performances were extremely high and were very well received by all those in attendance.

Comper: **Jack Jones**

Instrumentalists: **Saul Osaki, Samuel Slade, Nick Tapsell, Dmitri La Pere, Nathan Harvey, Rayne Scotter, Noah Rudd, Elsie Bollinger, Liam Ferguson, Sophia Laurie, Rowan Trusewich, James Mika, Charles Jackson, Joseph Monk, Zoe Stenhouse-Burgess, Olivia Sayegh, Levi Crump, Matthew Woodall**

Choir: **Daisha Salanoa, Courtney Henskes, Lorenza Hall, Mikayla Riddell, Anya Wood, Nathan Harvey, Charles Jackson, Danielle Tan, Nick Tapsell, Pearl Kennedy, Rowan Trusewich, Caleb Chambers, Johnny Hirst, Daisy Cleverley, Zoe Stenhouse-Burgess, Jack Jones, Sophia Laurie, Jade Beguely, Ben Mitchell, Michael Bartlett, Noah Rudd, Roman Gardner Hillman, William Gillette, Krystal Williams, Aisea Lolohea, John Corbett, Geoff Viligia, Mattie MacNeil, Marihi Kahukura, Isabella Lenihan-Ikin, Louisa Wihongi, Brodie Richards, Eric Munro, Saemelia Joseph, Talisha Pelesasa, Ariana Cornett, Mataio Timaloa, Conor Masila, Jake Cusack, Toru William, Christian Rauraa, Paige Brimble, Kate Barber, Olivia Grondin, Morgan Rose, Matthew Mokoroa, Lucia Hocking-Whitehead, Rangimarie Caldwell, Farshad Bahadori Esfehiani, Koha Kahui-McConnell, Tamara Wilson, Henrietta Le'au'anae, Kayla Tangitau, Louis Varney, Stanmore Palavi, Se'e Kali, Levi Crump, Matthew Mokoroa, Demi Harlen, Michaela Tan, Tom Feeney, Christian Fa'alogo-Lilo, Tapu Raeina, Sione Ngahe, Gina Taylor, Tyler Gribble**

Thank you Ms Donnelly for your support of our talented musicians and for organizing the Concert





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

Lizzie Baker 845 4704
lizzie@wanderwomen.co.nz or
Nic Smith 820 2256 nicsmith@xtra.co.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: 7.30pm, Tuesday 24 November 2009, in Te Tari Whainga Maatauranga - Library Information Centre

C@P FUNDRAISER

Mark this date in your calendar!!

11 November at Bridgeway

'The First Day of the Rest of Your Life'

A beautifully-written mini-saga that's comfortably familiar without being predictable, *The First Day of the Rest of Your Life* paints a rich portrait of a modern family through the events of five specific days between 1988 and 2000. Intelligently cast with attractive actors who convince as blood relatives, this bittersweet comedy achieves the neat trick of being unmistakably French but undeniably universal.

2010 YEAR 7 ENROLMENT

Although we have completed our main Introduction and Enrolment Activities for 2010 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 20 November. Proofs will be displayed and the photographs will be available for sale by pre paid orders later in November.

SAMOA TSUNAMI MUFTI DAY

The Student Council have decided to hold a Mufti Day to raise funds for the Samoa Tsunami Appeal on FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2009. This is a most worthy cause.

Mufti is not compulsory, but students wearing mufti will be asked to contribute \$3.00 to the cause.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS: WRITING

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—Writing

Hannah Swedlund received High Distinction awards placing her in the top 1% of her level in New Zealand.

Jade Beguely, Leo Dashper and Marcel Stephenson all received Distinction awards for being in the next 10% of entrants of their year level in New Zealand.

Kate Barber, Buster Darragh, Olivia Grondin, Danielle Prendergast, Noah Rudd, Aanind Rupa, Matt Woodall, Liam Ferguson and Lucretia Griffiths all received credit awards for being in the next 20% of their year level in New Zealand.

SCHOOL MOTTO

To The Diligent, Nothing Is Difficult.'

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STUDENT SOCIAL

The School Council have organized a student Social for Friday 27 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.

PASADENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 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'

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2009

7.30pm, Assembly Hall