

PASADENA INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER



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Acting Principal's News

It is great to see so many of our students participating in a range of activities that Pasadena has to offer. In the last week, after school basketball, netball, swimming and water polo has started. These are great opportunities for students to develop lifelong skills such as teamwork and managing themselves.

Homework Club

In order to support the students, we have also started our homework club – with a great turn out for Week 1! Every Thursday, a teacher will be available to support the students with their homework. It is not too late to enrol your child in this programme if you think it will be beneficial to them. Please let the office know if you would like your child to attend and they will add them to the office roll.

Cyclist Skills Training - Grade 1 & 2

With so many Pasadena students biking to school we have organised for Bigfoot Adventures through Auckland Transport to come into the school to provide cyclist skills training. They will be covering areas of bike safety consisting of: Being aware of other traffic and hazards, scanning, looking behind, positioning, how much room to leave between bike and vehicle(s).

The course will be held over 2 days, Thursday 25th and Friday 26th May. This is a great opportunity for students to gain better understanding of road rules in a practical way. There is a maximum of 30 places available and these will be allotted on a first come basis. If we get a big response we will try to organize a second training day later in the year.

Computer programming extension group

The computer-programming group that meet once a week has started to code for a competition organised by Mind Lab and Scratch. The theme is 'Clean our Ocean' and the aim is to programme a deep-sea diver saving fish by collecting rubbish. The students are sharing their ideas and skills in a very collaborative way and have started to create some great games with wow factor that the judges are looking for. Entries need to be submitted by the end of this term and the prize is a Ranger Drone with HD Camera.

If you your child is a coder and wants to enter then go to <https://interfaceonline.co.nz/codingcompetition/> for all the details.

Chocolate fundraiser

The Whittaker's chocolate fundraiser has had a very successful first couple of weeks with lots of students returning their money within a couple of days and taking a second box. Please assist your child by getting them to return their money to the office between 8.15am-8.45am.

Many thanks to the parents who are giving up their time to collect and organise this fundraiser for the school.

Hiroshima Exchange

The students on the Hiroshima Exchange are having a great time making lots of new friends and experiencing the Japanese culture. This week, Mr Hughes joined them and will be visiting the school in Hiroshima. They have two more days left before starting their homeward journey. We look forward to hearing all about the exchange when the students get back.



Lit Quiz Competition

The Lit Quiz competition was a great success for Pasadena.

This year saw over 70 Auckland Intermediate schools take part in the International Literature Quiz competition. Two teams of four participated in both the morning and evening sessions. After weeks of hard work and intense study it was time to take on every other intermediate school in the Auckland region. The Alpha team placed a noble 4th out of 34 teams and were only 2 points behind the eventual winners Kings College.

The Bravo team placed a respectable 6th out of 57 teams.

Well done to all our students. They competed in a positive, cooperative manner and represented Pasadena Intermediate with passion and pride.

Here are the teams:

The Alpha team

Sophie Baden-Myers

Jed Burgess

Bede Maxted

Isla Kirkman

Alivia McMurtry

The Bravo team

Ruby Wood

Emily Carter

Daniel McNaughton

Margot Somerville

Molly Cooper-Smith



WORLD VISION 40 Hour famine

This year students from Pasadena are once again participating in the World Vision 40 Hour famine. Funds raised will be going to help the refugee children of Syria. Students are involved in a number of different famines including going without food, no technology, no talking and living out of a backpack. Pasadena has a proud tradition of being fully involved and a top fundraiser with previous platinum and gold awards for this.

Sports News

Saturday swimming competition

Pasadena competed at the Auckland swim competition last Saturday which is being held every Saturday for the next 5 weeks. The 8 swimmers that represented us did a great job amongst very strong swimming teams such as St. Marys.

It is not an overly serious competition, but rather a way that children can experience competing in a swimming environment. Places are still available and if your child would like to have a go please contact either Mr Brown or Mr Ward and they will give you the details needed.

Water Polo

The water polo league for 2017 is underway. Both teams played their first game last week – both with wins! Pasadena Red played Blockhouse Bay Intermediate and won 8-4, while Pasadena Blue played Glen Eden Intermediate and won 11-3.

Pasadena also competed in the first ever Central Zone competition on Monday 15th May at Diocesan School Aquatic Centre. The students played 6 games and came 2nd in their pool; unfortunately we lost the quarter final game so came 6th overall. It was a great day had by all, and we showed great team spirit.



Upcoming Dates

- 24 Central Zone Football year 7 girls
- 25 Central Zone Football year 8 girls
- 25-26 Auckland Transport Cyclist Skills Training
- 30 ICAS Science
- Central Zone Football year 7 boys
- Maori/ Pasifika Consultation

JUNE

- 1 Central Zone Football year 8 boys
- 5 Queens Birthday
- 6 Year 8 Students at WSC for Intermediate Workshops
- 7 HPV catch up year 8 girls and boys
- 8 National Youth Theatre: Oliver
- 9-11 World Vision 40 Hour Famine
- 12 ICAS Writing
- 19 Central Zone Hockey boys
- 20 Central Zone Hockey girls
- 22 Central Zone Table Tennis
- 26 Avondale Dental Van
- 27 WSC Art Showcase
- 28 BOT Meeting



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Phone Melissa on 09 476 4045 or email info@theperformance.net to chat about class options.

Open Day Thursday 1st June 2017 - 9.30am to 2.30pm

Auckland Girls' Grammar School welcomes enrolments from students throughout Auckland. You are warmly invited to visit our school. Parents and students will be taken on guided tours between 9.30am – 2.30pm and find out about all the opportunities that the school offers.

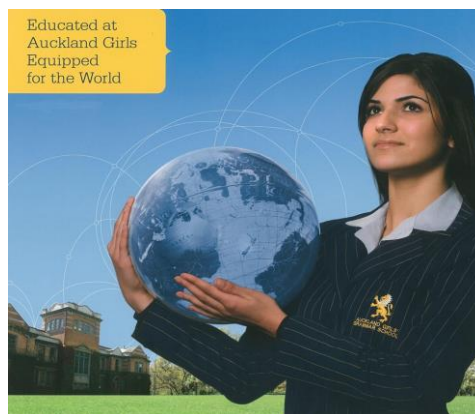
The Principal will be giving short talks at 10 am, 11.00 am and 12 noon.

Information Evening - Nga Tumanako o Kahurangi

Thursday 1st June 2017 - 6.00pm-8.00pm

Maori students and their families, who are interested in our Maori Whanau Unit are invited to attend a meeting between 6-8pm in our school's wharenuui. This is located in the main administration building with the school office.

Parking for Open Day tours and the Kahurangi information evening is at Gate 2, Howe Street Newton, Auckland. Ph 307 4180 or email enrol@aggs.school.nz for more information





Community Updates

Point Chevalier | Westmere | Western Springs

Come along to our BISC Meeting!

When: Thursday 25th May

Where: Pt Chevalier School

Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

RSVP paul@attribution.co.nz



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Preparing Children for Exponential Change!

Change has always been a constant and a goal of education has always been to prepare our children for change in the future. The problem is change is happening at exponential rates.



Stephen Lethbridge is Principal of Point Chevalier School.

- How do we prepare children for a future that we can only dream about.
- What we need are problem finders who can answer ungoogleable questions.
- How do we move past traditional concepts of education so that we can have self-monitoring, self-regulating, self-motivated learners?