



Pasadena
Intermediate
School
2007
Term 1
Issue 2

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Greetings, Tena Koutou Katoa, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Fakaalofa Lahi, Atua, 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.

2007 interschool EXCHANGE

HIROSHIMA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE

THE EDUCATIONAL TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

The Information Albums and CDs about the Hiroshima High School Junior High School Exchange are available for students who are considering applying, from the office, to take home for their families to view.

Application Forms for the May Hiroshima High School Junior High School Exchange are available from the Office and must be completed and handed in by 3.00pm, on Monday 12 March 2007.



Interviews and selection activities will be held during the week and the final selection announced on Thursday 15 March 2007.

DON'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU READ IN THE (NZ HERALD) NEWSPAPER!

You may have seen - highlight, bold and in colour - on page A7 of the Weekend Herald, Saturday 17 February 2007 in the story about school donations by Claire Trevett, that Pasadena is the most expensive primary or intermediate school asking \$460!!

As you and I know, that is totally and absolutely wrong! Our School Donations are on a graded scale - \$30-\$160 depending on families ability to pay. Where they got their unchecked information from we don't know, and they don't seem to either!!! It wasn't us.

What is even more disturbing is the Herald's attitude to our concerns about the totally false information they have published about our school - **'Yes it is wrong, must have been human error, happens every issue, we'll print a correction tomorrow! Given the level of information and data in the article, we did well to get only one wrong! Sorry.'**

No further responsibility, no public apology or compensation! It is a different story when a company, the police, health services, a school, makes a mistake - the media demands a public apology, compensation, resignations ...

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations students, parents/caregivers and staff, we are into Week 3 of Term 1 and your combined efforts have launched us into 2007 with an excellent start.

There is a really nice atmosphere about the school - happy, cooperative, supportive and industrious students - we are in for a fantastic year.

School programmes are up and running, specialist programmes and modules have commenced; the inter-class sports programmes are well underway; Waterwise is up and sailing; the tennis and softball teams have been preparing for the Zone Tournaments; we are preparing for the Swimming Sports; interested students are preparing their applications for the 2007 Hiroshima Junior High School Exchange; Outdoor Education Week preparations are well in hand and School Councillors have been 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.



FAREWELL MRS BOWDEN

At the end of this week, we will sadly say farewell to Mrs Linda Bowden, our Administration Officer for the past nine years.

Mrs Bowden has given outstanding service to our school and our community. Her talents and dedication have helped our school become a highly efficient self managing operation and her warm smile, caring and understanding disposition have made our office a welcoming and happy place for students, parents and staff alike.

She leaves us to take up a Senior and more specialized position at Mt Eden Normal School and we wish her well.

This is Learning for the 21st century

Pasadena Intermediate is a leader in the appropriate use of Information and Communications Technologies to support learning.

Coupled with this, we are also researching and undertaking professional development about 21st Century Curriculum *'What knowledge, what skills, what abilities will our students REALLY need for the 21st Century?'*

Previously we have been in a MoE supported pilot project that is trialling this delivery. You will have read the very positive comments in our 2005 ERO report.

We would like to share with you what we are doing, what it means for your children and how we would like you to become involved.

Please join us for an Information Meeting (Presentations by Teachers, Former Students, Present Students and Q and As) 7.30pm - 8.30pm, Tuesday 6 March 2007, Pasadena Centre Supper will be served following the Meeting

If you have a question you would like answered, please email it to office@pasadena.school.nz

Announcing

THE YEAR OF THE MUSICIAN!

One of our goals for 2007 is to have EVEN more students learn and be proficient at playing an instrument.

In addition to our normal programme and activities, I draw to your attention three features we would like to highlight -

Auckland Brass Academy Free brass tuition, trumpet, cornet or trombone, lessons once a week in the Pasadena Centre in school time

Lewis Eady Music School 'Blast Off' 'Kids on Keys' and individual / group lessons on a selection of instruments. Lessons once a week in the Pasadena Centre in school time

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

Watch For The Flyers AND Brochures!

PEER PRESSURE - HARASSMENT

The 2007 Prospectus and Calendar details the expectations and standards of personal behaviour we have of all students.

Page 15 STUDENT WELFARE, PASADENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CODE Items 4, 5, 6 & 7 detail these expectations very clearly -

4. All students are expected to be courteous and sensible at all times. They are expected to allow others to learn without interruption.
5. Students are expected to be sensitive to the feelings of others and to display tolerance of difference, including gender, race, culture, religion and ability.
6. Assault, violence, physical abuse, verbal abuse, bullying, social, sexual, religious, physical, intellectual, cultural, age, gender harassment and foul language are considered anti-social and unacceptable forms of behaviour.
7. All students are expected to be honest. Property and possessions belonging to others will be left alone.

This information is also in the 2007 Student Information Book.

Please note item 6 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

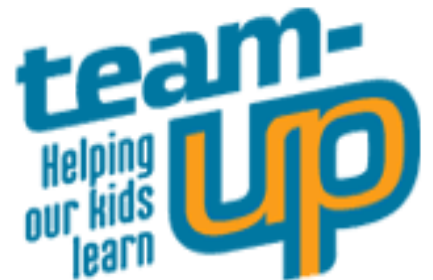
Earlier in the term, parents of Yr 7 students identifying as Maori will have received a notice about iwi affiliation.

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.



With this Newsletter, please find your complimentary copy of TEAM UP.

At the end of last year, we were fortunate enough to be sent enough copies for all our 2007 families.

We are sure you will have seen the TEAM UP TELEVISION ADS FEATURING Tana Umanga. The publication is full of wonder and often very simple ideas and activities about parenting and giving your child the very best opportunities in today's busy world.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2007

The seventh Elections of Boards of Trustees are being held this year.

The theme of the 2007 elections is **"Make a Difference for our Schools"**. It acknowledges the key role that board of trustees can play in working with principals, staff, students, parents and the community to lead their schools to success.

Being on the board is one of the most rewarding things you can do for your children. A truly successful school is reliant on a dynamic board - one that can create the kind of supportive learning environment that drives education achievement.

Nominations are now being accepted for parent representatives on our Board of Trustees. Nomination forms can be obtained from the School Office. If you are on the school electoral roll, a nomination form will be sent to you.

KEY DATES:

- March 1 Nominations open
- March 15 Nominations close, 12 noon
- Voting Papers Issued Before March 20
- March 29 Polls close
- April 4 Results declared

PHOTOGRAPHS 2007

Individual and family portraits will be taken on Friday 16 March, class photographs will be taken on Friday 4 May and team and group photographs will be taken on Friday 23 November.

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.

SUN PROTECTION

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 hat, at the 'at cost price' of \$15.00.



SUN BLOCK

At the beginning of this Term, we again have issued each class with a large pump bottle of Cancer Society approved, 30 Sun Block for student use.

If there are parents who don't wish their child to use the Sun Block, I would ask they advise their child's class teacher in writing.

An Excellent Start To The Year!

'Happy, cooperative, supportive and industrious students'



TELECOM SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

In recent years we have made TELECOM SCHOOL CONNECTIONS our fund raising activity - effortlessly raising over \$200,000!



It is the easiest fund raising activity we have ever been involved in - IT COSTS US NOTHING - IT COSTS OUR SUPPORTERS NOTHING - there is not product to handle, we simply receive a commission from Telecom for our support.

Starting this week we will be enrolling supporters. Students will have an information pack, including an ID Card.

As in the past, we will be running an inter class competition with the most successful 'sponsor gathering classes' having an all expenses paid day at a fun park of their choice!

We ask for your support in this, the only fund raising activity we undertake.

2007 CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all those parents/caregivers who have forwarded a Contribution to Pasadena Intermediate.

We were encouraged by a number of parents to offer a scale of Contribution options and we have been overwhelmed by your generous response. Thank you.

Parents/Caregivers planning to make a Contribution may do so in person, or by forwarding your cheque (\$30 / \$40 / \$80 / \$160) to the school office.

A receipt that is suitable for claiming Tax exemption will be provided on request.

2007 COSTS

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

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.

SWIMMING SPORTS FINALS



1.00 - 3.00pm

FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2007

All Welcome

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

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.

SATURDAY NETBALL MEETING

WE URGENTLY REQUIRE A PARENTS' COMMITTEE, COACHES AND MANAGERS FOR OUR SATURDAY MORNING NETBALL TEAMS, ENTERED IN THE WAITAKERE COMPETITIONS.

SATURDAY NETBALL IS RUN BY OUR PARENTS, AND IF WE ARE TO ENTER TEAMS THIS YEAR, WE URGENTLY NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS.

IF YOUR DAUGHTER IS PLANNING TO PLAY NETBALL IN A SCHOOL TEAM THIS YEAR, THIS MESSAGE IS FOR YOU.

For further Information, please contact Mrs Thelma Teesdale, our Administration Officer, or Miss Lisa White, our School Netball Manager, at school, 846-2169.

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

In accordance with recent 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.

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Jim Gilbert
626-6359**



Pasadena Intermediate BoT ELECTION

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the Pasadena Intermediate School Office.

Nominations close at noon on 15 March 2007 and may be accompanied by a candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

The poll closes at noon on 29 March 2007.

Thelma Teesdale (Returning Officer)

PARENT SUPPORT/TALENT REGISTER

With this Newsletter please find a separate notice about PARENT SUPPORT/TALENT REGISTER.

We would ask that you complete and return the form to your child's teacher at your earliest convenience.

As previously advised, we have scheduled this year's Outdoor Education Programme for the Tuesday 27 February - Friday 02 March 2007. All students are expected to participate in outdoor education programmes.

Camps and Outdoor Education Week are an integral part of Pasadena programmes and in addition to the contributions they make to specific areas of the curriculum and to individual's personal and social development, the camps are designed to help students get to know teachers and other students and teachers get to know students early in the year.

Staff have been working extremely hard on the Outdoor Education Programme that varies from the one our Year 8 students were involved in, as Year 7s in 2006. This programme will challenge, stimulate and extend our children's abilities. The school will be divided into 4 groups and the students will rotate through 4 separate whole day activity programmes.

Days 1 and 2 will be based at the Long Bay Reserve and include surf life-saving, an eco-walk and canoeing.

Day 3 will be at Lake Pupuke for kayaking, orienteering and problem solving.

Day 4 will be at Birkenhead Leisure Centre for high ropes, rock climbing and adventure based learning.

In separate notices you have been provided with all details including times, clothing and equipment lists, transport arrangements, personnel involved, contact telephone numbers, provisions for health problems, special diets.

Although representing value for money, we appreciate with uniform and stationery expenses as well, the cost of Outdoor Education Week will be a burden for some families. For this reason, and so as not to disadvantage any student from participating, Board Policy allows for this cost to be paid in installments and/or arrears during Terms I and II. Parents/Caregivers wishing to make payments in this manner are required to make prior arrangements with the Principal.

For obvious health and safety reasons, and because the children enjoy having their parents participate during this Week - **we do need parent support for all the Outdoor Education Week Activities - without parent support, the Week cannot go ahead!** If you haven't already done so, please advise Ms Priscilla Godinet, Deputy Principal, urgently, if you can assist.

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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 YOUR 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 & 2 2007 SAILING DATES, CLASSES & TIMES

Mr Martin Ball, Mr Douglas Vause, / Classroom Teacher/s / Trained Parent Helpers / Parent Helpers. **TIMES:** Depart School - Return to School

WEEK	DATE	HIGH TIDE	TIMES	ROOMS
Tm I Week 2	<i>All Week +Frid Wk 1 &</i>	<i>Mon Wk 3</i>	<i>All Day - At School</i>	<i>All</i>
Tm I Week 2	Monday 12 February	3.12pm	12.00pm / 3.00pm	10
Tm I Week 2	Tuesday 13 February	4.10pm	12.00pm / 3.00pm	3
Tm I Week 5	Thursday 8 March	11.09am	9.00am / 3.00pm	8, 11
Tm I Week 6	Monday 12 March	1.49pm	12.00pm / 3.00pm	5, 9
Tm I Week 8	Monday 26 March	1.20pm	10.00am / 3.00pm	3, 8, 11, 4
Tm I Week 8	Tuesday 27 March	2.19pm	10.00am / 3.00pm	5, 9, 10
Tm I Week 4	Tuesday 27 February	3.22pm	12.00pm / 3.00pm	4
Tm II Week 1	Friday 27 April	3.56pm	10.00am / 3.00pm	8, 9
Tm II Week 3	Tuesday 8 May	11.19am	9.00am / 3.00pm	4, 10
Tm II Week 3	Thursday 10 May	12.56pm	9.00am / 3.00pm	3, 11
Tm II Week 3	Friday 11 May	1.51pm	12.00pm / 3.00pm	5