

# NEWSletter

PASADENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Year: 2007

## WELCOME

**Greetings Tenaa 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.

## NEWSLETTERS

Four newsletters will be forwarded home on Wednesdays at approximately three week intervals.

In addition to this Newsletter you can expect to receive others on 8 Aug, 5 Sept and 19 Sept. All newsletters, including back issues for 2004, 05 and 06, are also available on our website <http://www.pasadena.school.nz>

## WELCOME HIROSHIMA HIGH SCHOOL

Following our exchange to Hiroshima High School Junior High School in May, next week we will have great pleasure in welcoming to Pasadena - **Kiyoshi Kuramitsu, Azusa Sasaki, Narumi Santanda, Misaki Nakamura, Minako Iwata, Sakurako Okada, Ryota Shintani, Takuya Ogizawa, Haruhi Takami, Nozomi Mukai, Kanako Hayashi, Mayumi Fukunaga, Shin Misaki, Yuta Miyoshi, Akari Yoshida, Mrs Tamaki and Mr Nawate** for a two week exchange.

During their time here, our special guests will participate in Pasadena classes and school activities, have additional English Language experience classes and make a number of educational visits in and around Auckland.

Our Exchange to Hiroshima was a wonderful experience for the students and staff involved and we sincerely hope our visitors' experience of New Zealand and Pasadena is equally successful.

Thank you to the families of **Kira Balmforth, Luke Butters, Faith Cleverley, Mitchell Cosgrave, Michael Denby, Lucelia Everett-Brown, Josie Fitzpatrick, Kitty Godbolt, Jarrod Gribble, Rosa Newell, Erin O'Flaherty, Eleanor Oxley, Averil Peace, Georgia Rudd and Jessica Munro** for hosting our guests during their visit.

## FRIENDS OF PASADENA

A number of energetic and enthusiastic parents/caregivers of past, present and future students have formed the FRIENDS OF PASADENA. This group is working to strengthen the links between our school and our community.

The next meeting of the group will be in Te Tari Whaainga Maatauranga - Library /Information Centre at 7.00pm this Thursday - 19 July. All welcome.

## CENTRAL ZONE NETBALL

One combined Yr 7 and Yr 8 team participated in the recent Central Zone Girls' Netball tournament at the Auckland Netball Centre.

**YEAR 7: Jessica Munro, Toni Talamaivao, Leuo Fruean, Rima Williams, Imasha Kumarawansa, Sana Gaitau, Takau Dean, Zjanika Houghton-Grundy**

**YEAR 8: Taumaoe Meni, Chelsea Fowler, Adele Fruean, Alicia Lio, Tessa Hodder, Jessica Neute, Viniece McIntyre, Rochelle Liufalani**

All players represented their school with pride and skill. Our netball teams are noted for their presentation and their sportsmanship and all players are to be congratulated. The Year 7 Team was placed 3rd equal.

Thank you to **Elaine and Grant Hodder, Janette McIntyre and Nissanka Kumarawansa** for your support on the day. Thank you **Miss Wackrow** for coaching and supporting the teams.



## TERMS & HOLIDAYS 2007

For your information the Ministry of Education has set the Term dates for 2007 as follows -

### **TERMS**

- One:** Wed 7 February - Thurs 5 April
- Two:** Monday 23 April - Friday 29 June
- Three:** Mon 16 July - Friday 21 Sept
- Four:** Mon 8 October - Thurs 20 Dec

### **ADDITIONAL HOLIDAYS**

- Auckland Anniversary - Monday 29 January (In Holidays)
- Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6 February (In Holidays)
- Easter - Friday 6 - Tuesday 10 April (In Holidays)
- ANZAC - Wednesday 25 April
- Queens Birthday - Monday 4 June
- Labour Day - Monday 22 October

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next meeting of the Pasadena Intermediate School Board of Trustees will be on Thursday 16 August at 7.00pm in the Library Information Centre.

The Student Council will attend and participate in this meeting.

## NEW CANTEEN MENU

With this NEWSLETTER, please find a copy of our Term III Canteen Menu.

The Canteen will now be stocked and operated by BOYLED EGGS LTD and they have made an undertaking to provide a wide choice of economic healthy food options, in sufficient quantity to feed our growing adolescents! If this menu is anything to go by - the Canteen will be very popular.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL 2008

Secondary Schools are completing 2008 enrolments at present. With the return to a form of zoning, it is vital that parents/caregivers complete applications by the due dates.

We are holding information for - WESTERN SPRINGS COLLEGE, MT ALBERT GRAMMAR, AVONDALE COLLEGE, AUCKLAND GIRLS GRAMMAR - Understandably we cannot recommend one secondary school ahead of another but should parents/caregivers wish to discuss the future schooling of their children, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## AUTHENTIC TASK CURRICULUM

### 21ST CENTURY CITIZENS

We are preparing our students for the future. They will need to be -

**Adaptable Thinkers:** Students who are ready to accept and move with change, and apply learning confidently and successfully to new and different situations.

**Effective Collaborators:** Students who have the skills to work effectively with diverse individuals and groups to solve problems.

**Self Directed and Reflective Learners:** Students who are able to work independently and reflectively.

**Competent Thinkers:** Students who are able to make reasoned decisions based on the analysis and synthesis of information.

**Effective Communicators:** Students who are able to convey their ideas to others in a variety of ways. Synthesis of information.

**Competent Users of Technology:** Students who are able to use technology to access, manipulate, publish and present ideas.

## PROGRAMME DESIGN

### INTRODUCTION

The Pasadena Intermediate School Learning and Teaching Programme has been modelled on The New Basics Project currently being implemented by Education Queensland and the Learning Pathways initiative currently being undertaken by Team Solutions, Auckland New Zealand.

The focus is to prepare our students for the future. It deals with new student identities, new economies and workplaces, new technologies, diverse communities and complex cultures.

### OVERVIEW

The Programme has three key interlinking elements

CURRICULUM ORGANIZERS  
PRODUCTIVE PEDAGOGIES  
AUTHENTIC TASKS

**2008  
ENROLMENT  
WEEK**

**Monday 13 - Friday 17  
August 2007**

## CURRICULUM ORGANIZERS

**What is taught.** There are four clusters of practices that are essential for survival in the world in which our students will live and work.

Each cluster is designed to help students answer a critical question.

LIFE PATHWAYS AND SOCIAL FUTURES

*Who am I and where am I going?*

MULTI LITERACIES AND COMMUNICATION MEDIA

*How do I make sense of and communicate with the world?*

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

*What are my rights and responsibilities in communities, cultures and economies?*

ENVIRONMENTS AND TECHNOLOGIES

*How do I describe, analyse and shape the world around me?*

## PRODUCTIVE PEDAGOGIES

Productive Pedagogies are classroom strategies that teachers can use to focus instruction and improve student outcomes. When planning learning experiences, teachers can review the pedagogies to see which are best suited to teaching the particular knowledges and skills involved.

There are 20 Productive Pedagogies grouped under four categories.

RECOGNITION OF DIFFERENCE  
CONNECTEDNESS  
INTELLECTUAL QUALITY  
SUPPORTIVE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

## SCHOOL AND AUTHENTIC TASKS

The Curriculum is delivered via Authentic Tasks. The Tasks are carefully planned units of work, that scaffold and present the four Clusters of Practice (CURRICULUM ORGANIZERS) and the Repertoires of Practice.

The Tasks are intellectually challenging and have real-world value, two characteristics which research identifies as necessary for improved student performance.

Authentic Tasks represent the culmination of student engagement with the curriculum and are the basis of high quality assessment, evaluation and reporting.

The Authentic Task for Term III is .... 'One World - can I make a difference?' ... which will culminate in each class making presentations to parents in Week 9 of the Term.

Authentic Tasks do not replace or diminish our focus on teaching numeracy and literacy.



## STAFF AND CLASSES TERM III

### MANAGEMENT

Mr Tony Walsh	Principal
Ms Priscilla Godinet	Deputy Principal / Syndicate Manager
Mr Hendrik den Hartog	Assistant Principal / Syndicate Manager
Miss Lisa White	Syndicate Manager

### DIGNAN SYNDICATE

Ms Sarah Percy	Room 3
Ms Jodi Edwards	Room 4
Ms Priscilla Godinet	Room 5    Manager
Ms Sarah Coughlan (.2)	Release

### TE TOKAROA SYNDICATE

Miss Lisa White	Room 8    Manager
Miss Julia Wackrow	Room 9
Mr Chris Gore	Room 10
Ms Anna King-Ansell	Room 11

### SPECIALIST SYNDICATE

Mr Hendrik den Hartog	Information & Communications Technologies Manager
Mrs Sue Elliott	The Arts: Visual
Ms Maureen Donnelly	The Arts: Performing Technology
Mr Martin Ball	Technology

### LEARNING SUPPORT/EXTENSION

Mrs Wendy Allan	
Mrs Joy Blake	
Ms Natalie Henry	
Ms Phillipa Oates	
Mrs Barbara Innes	
Mrs Junetta Irving	
Miss Margaret Pringle	RTL B / 8A (Pasadena / Western Springs)
Lewis Eady Music	Room 12
Auckland Brass Academy	Room 12 / Pasadena Centre

### SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs Thelma Teesdale	Administration Officer Resource Manager
Mrs Louise Holmes	Secretary/Receptionist Hall Hire Manager
Mr Tom Elliott	Maintenance Officer
Mrs Leonie Tawhiti	Cleaner
Mrs Carole Williams	Dental Therapist
Ms Ann Hays	Health Nurse (Auckland Health)
Mr Brian Ngamata	Attendance Officers
Ms Janice Houtam	(Auckland City Cluster)

### CONTRACTED STAFF

Boyled Eggs Ltd	Canteen
AAA Cleaners Ltd	

## CALENDAR TERM III

Japanese Language Extension -  
Weeks 2-5

### JULY

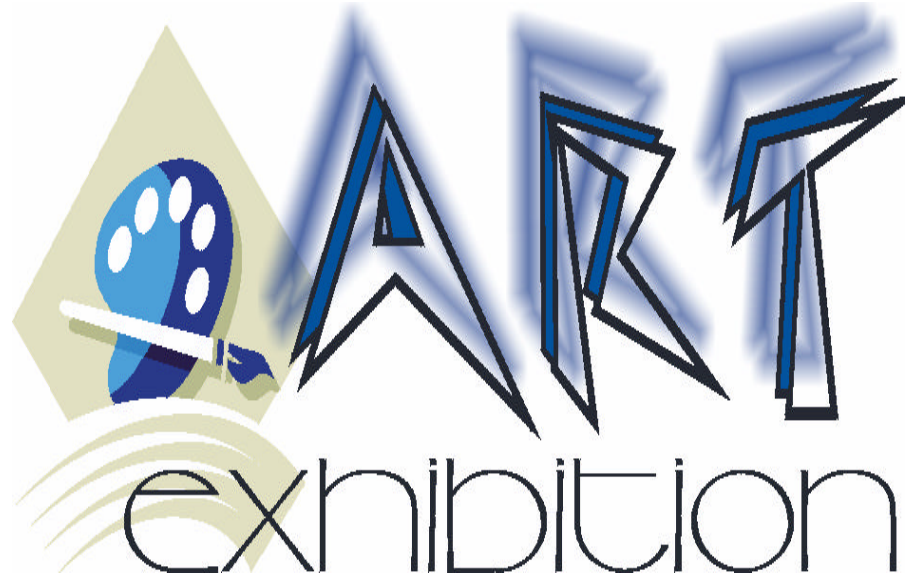
- 16 School opens for Term III
- 17-20 NZCER II Tests
- 18 Champion of Champions Boys' Hockey Tournament
- 19 Report One Issued
- 24 Edendale Rugby Tournament
- 25 Champion of Champions Girls' Hockey Tournament
- 25-26 Student, Parent/Caregiver, Teacher Conferences
- 25-9 Hiroshima High School, Junior High School, Exchange, Pasadena
- 26 Zone Boys' Netball Tournament
- 31 2007 Hiroshima Exchange Parents' / Caregivers' Night

### AUGUST

- 1 Zone Boys' Basketball Tournament
- 2 Auckland Schools' Maori Speech Competitions Finals, at Pasadena
- 3 Japanese Festival
- 7 Zone League Tournament
- 8 Zone Girls' Basketball Tournament
- 9 Champion of Champions Girls' and Boys' Netball Tournaments
- 10 Pasadena Intermediate School Speech Competitions Finals
- 13-17 Maths Week
- 13-17 Enrolment Week
- 15-16 Open Days
- 15 Primary School Parents' Curriculum Information Night
- 16 Auckland Mathex Quiz
- 16 BOT Meeting
- 23 Pasadena Intermediate School Cross Country
- 24 Daffodil Day
- 24 Zone Gymnastics Competitions
- 25 Saturday Netball Ends (Netball Waitakere)
- 25 RoboCup National Robotics Competition
- 27 Zone Speech Competitions Finals
- 27-31 Technology Field Trips
- 28-31 Hills Flooring / Bayley's Real Estate - Pasadena Intermediate School Art Exhibition
- 29 Champion of Champions Girls' and Boys' Basketball Tournaments
- 30 Zone Cross Country Meet

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Performers in Schools/Concert/Theatre Visit
- 7 Netball Presentations and Lunch
- 11 Auckland Speech Competitions Finals
- 11 Champion of Champions Cross Country Meet
- 12 Champion of Champions Gymnastics Competitions
- 12-13 Term III Task Presentations
- 13 Student Council Mufti Day
- 13 Zone Boys' Volleyball Tournament
- 15 Auckland Schools' Trampoline Championships
- 18 Champion of Champions League Tournaments
- 20 Zone Girls' Volleyball Tournament
- 20 BoT Meeting
- 21 NZ Speech Competitions Finals
- 21 School Closes for Term III



### PASADENA CENTRE

WINE/JUICE & CHEESE OPENING - 7.30pm Tuesday 28 August 2007

All Parents and Families Invited

**VIEWING: 8.15am - 4.30pm Wednesday 29 & Thursday 30 August 2007  
& 8.15am - 1.00pm Friday 31 August 2007**

Parents/Caregivers, Friends of the School and the Community are Invited to View our Children's Wonderful Art.

## AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS' COMPETITIONS: SCIENCE

Pasadena Intermediate students again showed that they could achieve on the academic playing fields when they competed in the Australasian Schools' Competitions, University of NSW Testing Centre: Science, earlier in the year.

**Tom Hartill** received High Distinction placing him in the top 1% of entrants of his year level in New Zealand!! A sensational result Tom - well done.

**Ben Jackson** and **Joel Riddell** received Distinction awards, putting them in the top 10% of entrants of their year level in New Zealand!! Outstanding.

**Hannah Jackson, Breanne Rosenberg, Michael Denby, Henry Dobson, Josie Fitzpatrick, Jesse Loveridge, Karishma Patel, Hannah Ward** all received Credit awards for being in the next 20% of entrants of their year level in New Zealand.

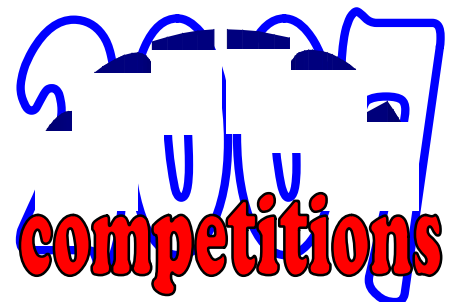
## MUFTI DAY

To raise funds for their activities and approved charities, the Student Council held a Mufti Day last Term.

Over \$450.00 was donated by students and will go towards upgrading the 'Class Kits' - equipment for group and individual Interval and Recreation Time games and activities.

## THANK YOU

A big vote of thanks must go to our Maintenance Team, Mr Tom Elliott, Mrs Leonie Tawhiti and AAA Cleaners Ltd, for the magnificent job they are doing keeping the playground and classrooms clean and helping to improve our school environment.



The 2007 Pasadena Intermediate School English Speech Competitions finals will be held at a special Assembly on **Friday 10 August, commencing at 10.30am.**

All parents/caregivers and friends of the school are cordially invited.

## FOODS PROGRAMME

Our Health and Physical Well Being units for this term involve preparing snack foods.

The dishes we will be preparing will be - ANZAC Biscuits, Baked Potato, Stir Fry Noodles and Vegetables, Scottish Oatie Biscuits, Potato Frittata, Jam Drops, Pizza, Pin Wheel Scones, Mini Cheese and Onion Tarts. If you have any concerns about these dishes, please contact Ms Priscilla Godinet or Miss Lisa White.

## ATTENDANCE

The value of regular attendance cannot be overstressed. All students are expected to be conscientious about punctuality and attendance. They are expected to arrive on time to begin activity at 8:45am - when the initial activity involves preparation of equipment, or changing into PE uniform, this will need to be taken into account.

# 2008 ENROLMENT

Pasadena Intermediate School serves the Grey Lynn, Herne Bay, Mt Albert, Point Chevalier, Waterview, Western Springs, Westmere and to a lesser extent Edendale, Ponsonby, Newton, Owairaka and Freemans Bay districts. We also welcome enquiries regarding our programmes and courses and enrolments from other areas. Application for enrolment from full fee paying students are accepted.

I know secondary schools are already busy with 2008 enrolments and I know this flurry of activity often alerts parents to start considering intermediate enrolment.

The school is always open for visits. Pasadena staff and students will be available to meet with prospective enrolments and their parents wishing to inspect the campus, view the facilities and discuss programmes and student's individual educational needs.

**Our 2008 Enrolment and Orientation activities are conducted in Terms II, III and IV.**

**We will accept enrolments for 2008 at any time. Enrolment Week: 13 - 17 August 2007 and Open Days, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 August have been set aside for parents/caregivers to complete enrolments.**

Our 2008 Prospectus and Enrolment Information and Form will be forwarded home with Year 6 students from Pt Chevalier, Waterview, Gladstone, Grey Lynn, Westmere, Bayfield, and Mt Albert schools and will be available from the offices of other primary schools.

Parents wishing to have Enrolment Information and Forms mailed direct, need only telephone the school, 846-2169 and ask Thelma or Louise, the School Administration Staff.

Enrolments may be completed in person at the Pasadena Intermediate School Office, or may be posted to the school. Payment of costs and contributions is not a prerequisite for NZ resident's enrolment.

Information about Pasadena Intermediate School and about our Enrolment and Induction Programmes is available on our Website

A **'21st Century Curriculum'** Information Evening, (*Answering the questions 'Task, the why? and the How?'*) for new, and prospective parents, will be held in the Pasadena Centre, 7.30 - 9.00pm Wednesday 15 August 2007, please encourage your primary school parent friends to attend.

## REPORT ONE

Tomorrow, Thursday 19 July, students, will be issued with REPORT ONE and they will also bring home their REPORT ONE SELF EVALUATION REPORT. Report One reflects our emphasis in identifying what the student can do.

Pasadena Intermediate School is required to implement the New Zealand Curriculum. The Ministry prescribes that intermediate age students should be working at Level 4.

The report is intended to give parents/caregivers an indication of academic progress and effort in all curriculum areas, relating specifically to their child. Report One also covers Term II Authentic Task. Social, physical, artistic and cultural development are also regarded as worthy outcomes of the school's programme and attention is also focused on these important areas.

Please take the time to read and discuss Report One and the Self Evaluation Report and the assessments and comments your child has made about him/herself.

We all know that when we have tried hard we like to have our efforts acknowledged. This acknowledgement generally encourages us to strive towards even greater efforts in the future.

A written report cannot give a complete picture of all factors affecting a child's progress at school. For this reason, parents/caregivers are invited to contact the school at any time if they have any information they would like to share with the school or want to know more about the current programme being offered their child.

Student, Parent/Caregiver, Teacher Conference One also offer opportunities for the school and home to share information. As a follow up to Report One, Student, Parent/Caregiver, Teacher Conferences have been scheduled for Wednesday 25 July 2.00pm - 8.00pm and Thursday 26 July 2.00pm - 6.00pm

Details concerning arrangements for these Conferences will be included in the Report Folder on Thursday 19 July.

## STUDENT, PARENT/CAREGIVER, TEACHER CONFERENCE ONE

Over the last decade as the purpose of classroom assessment has changed from sorting and classifying students to supporting all students' learning, many evaluation practices have undergone changes to come into alignment with the newly refocused purposes of schooling.

Students are increasingly involved in communicating to others about their learning.

Involving students in communicating their learning in these ways supports learning for the following reasons:

When students communicate with others about their learning, they learn about what they have learned, what they need to learn, and what kinds of support may be available to them.

When students show evidence of learning to an audience, they receive feedback and recognition from themselves and from others. This descriptive (non-judgmental) feedback helps guide and support their learning.

The process of selecting what evidence of learning to show, who to show it to, and what kind of feedback to request, gives students an opportunity to construct their understanding and to help others make meaning of their learning. When students are offered choices, they are personally motivated.

Research indicates that when parents are involved in talking about learning with their children, they achieve more. The more parents are involved, the higher the student achievement levels.

When students communicate their learning using a variety of work samples, they go beyond what grades, numbers and scores alone can show; they are able to examine the depth, the detail, and the range of their own learning to identify their strengths and what they need to work on next. This is all part of learning to self-monitor – an essential skill for self-directed, independent, lifelong learners.

Student-Involved conferences support learning and enhance communication with parents.

Following on from our very successful trial of Student, Parent/Caregiver, Teacher Conferences in 2006, as noted previously, Student, Parent/Caregiver, Teacher Conferences will be held as a follow up to Report One.

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