



Pasadena  
Intermediate  
School  
2006  
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.

## 2006 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 13 March 2006.



Interviews and selection activities will be held during the week and the final selection announced on Thursday 16 March 2006.

## 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.

## 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS

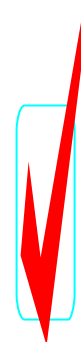
Congratulations students, parents/caregivers and staff, as we approach the halfway point in Term 1. Your combined efforts have launched us into 2006 with an excellent start.

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; the official opening of our new native garden was a wonderful occasion; our new 'Fort Knox' swimming pool fence is almost finished; interested students are preparing their applications for the 2006 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.



## 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?'*

For the last 3 years we have been in a MoE supported pilot project that is trialling this delivery. You will have ready 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 7 March 2006, 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**

## MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

We accept there will be occasions when students need to contact members of their family during the school day.

With the approval of their classroom teacher, students are able to use a school telephone to do this. Because of the demands of school management and school activities, these calls will be restricted to important matters.

Likewise, the school accepts in today's busy schedule there will be occasions when parents need to get important messages to their children. The school will make every effort to forward these messages. However, the administration staff cannot accept responsibility if a student does not receive a message.

## Announcing .....

### **THE YEAR OF THE MUSICIAN!**

One of our goals for 2006 is to have 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 Later In The Term!***

## PEER PRESSURE - HARASSMENT

The 2006 Prospectus and Calendar details the expectations and standards of personal behaviour we have of all students.

Page 10 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 2006 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.

## PHOTOGRAPHS 2006

Individual and family portraits will be taken on Friday 10 March, class photographs will be taken on Friday 5 May and team and group photographs will be taken on Friday 24 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.



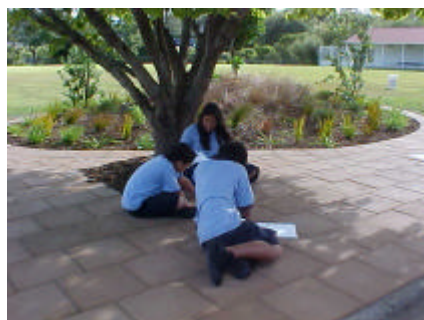
### SUN BLOCK

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'**



## STUDENT POEMS

As one of their 'Coming to Know Each Other' activities at the beginning of the Term, Room 2 wrote poems.

Ms Coughlan selected these to share. Thank you **Muheni** and **Miriam**, for sharing with us, outstanding work.



### I AM

*I am a seed that was sown at Rangiatea  
I wonder why poems tell more than stories  
I hear my mother telling me to be proud of who I  
am  
I see my family in my mind's eye stretching back  
back back  
I want them to be proud of me  
I am a seed that was sown at Rangiatea*

*I pretend I can cover the wide ocean miles on  
long strong wings  
I touch the sea foam with the tips of my feathers  
when I fly low  
I worry for all the creatures below me struggling  
to survive in polluted waters  
I cry for the great Pacific Ocean  
I am a seed that was sown at Rangiatea*

*I understand that if we don't change our ways we  
can destroy the planet  
I say we must look after the environment  
I dream of crystal waters  
I try to do my bit to help  
I hope that others will do so too  
I am a seed that was sown at Rangiatea  
And I shall never be lost*

*I am a seed that was sown at Rangiatea and I  
shall never be lost is a Maori proverb. Rangiatea  
is the spiritual home of all pacific peoples –  
another name for it is Hawaiiki.*

### **Muheni Tamahori**



### I AM

*I am a loving person who likes lions.  
I wonder why people like to tease.  
I hear babies cry within the silent night.  
I see children daydreaming against the bright light.  
I want to be known as a trustworthy friend.  
I am a loving person who likes lions.  
I pretend to be someone famous driving in a car.  
I feel like the shoulder that everyone needs to lean  
on.  
I touch the sky up high and feel the hard ground  
down below.  
I worry about those who have nothing to hold.  
I cry for those in need for something to eat and  
drink.  
I am a loving person who likes lions.  
I understand that if you try to be someone you're  
not,  
Then you're not true to yourself.  
I say life is too short if you don't take risks.  
I dream for world peace.  
I try teaching the younger generation to always  
keep  
their heads up high no matter what comes by  
I hope that in the future no one will be judged by  
their skin but by their ability.  
I am a loving person who likes lions.*

### **Miriam Lui**





## 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.

## 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 10**  
**MARCH 2006**  
**All Welcome**



## 2006 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.

## 2006 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.

### 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 16 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 COACHES AND MANAGERS FOR OUR SATURDAY MORNING NETBALL TEAMS, ENTERED IN THE THREE KINGS COMPETITIONS.*

**AT 7.00PM NEXT TUESDAY (7 MARCH), PRIOR TO THE CURRICULUM INFORMATION MEETING, WE WILL HAVE A 'NETBALL PARENTS' MEETING' TO PLAN AND PREPARE FOR THE 2006 SEASON.**

**IF YOUR DAUGHTER IS PLANNING TO PLAY NETBALL THIS YEAR, IT IS VITAL A REPRESENTATIVE FROM YOUR FAMILY ATTENDS THIS 'BRIEF' MEETING.**

For further Information, please contact Mrs Linda Bowden, 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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## NATIVE GARDEN OPENING

In Week 2 we officially opened our new Native Garden.

It was a wonderful occasion, with a welcome, items by students, cutting of the ribbon by Mr Simon Stiles and the students in the project group and a blessing by Kaumatua Ben Tawhiti. Thank you parents and friends of the school who attended.

You will remember in Term III 2005, Pasadena Students were challenged to prepare 'School Improvement Plans.' The ideas presented were varied and creative - uniform changes, video security, recycling, playgrounds, gardens, Foods Programme menu, covered heated swimming pool ...

The second part of the challenge was to cost and market the plan to the BoT.

At the September Meeting of the BoT, using a variety of media, models and persuasive techniques, students presented their ideas to the Board, hoping to secure funding.

After lengthy deliberations, the Board selected three plans.

The Native Garden Project was one of the three selected.

With the Board funding and generous help of Mr Simon Stiles (Tippett Nurseries Ltd), Mr Murray Wagener (The Cobblestone Factory Ltd) and the Pt Chevalier Lions, in the final weeks of 2005, the Room 9 Students brought their vision to life!



As you know from the Pasadena Intermediate School 2006 Prospectus and Calendar, and information forwarded to you earlier in the month, we had scheduled this year's Outdoor Education Week Thursday 6 April - Tuesday 11 April 2006.

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.

**outdoor  
education  
week  
2006**

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 2005. 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 Birkenhead Leisure Centre and include rock climbing, archery, team building, mountain biking, kayaking and ropes course.

**Day 3** will be at Lake Pupuke for kayaking, orienteering and raft building.

**Day 4** will be at Milford Beach for swimming and surf life saving skills.

All children are expected to participate in Outdoor Education Week.

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

This Outdoor Education Week will be an outstanding experience and wonderful learning opportunity for your child and we would ask that you give your child permission to take part by signing and returning the Information Return that will be forwarded early next week, to your child's teacher, before **FRIDAY 10 MARCH**.

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 Outdoor Education Fees to be paid in instalments and/or arrears during Terms I and II. Parents/Caregivers wishing to make payments in this manner are required to make prior written arrangements with the Principal.

For your information, next year's camp will be at Totara Springs. Matamata.

If you have any questions, concerns or would like further information please contact your child's teacher or the Principal on 846-2169.



### **WE STILL NEED PARENTS TO 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 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 2006 SAILING DATES, CLASSES & TIMES**

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

WEEK	DATE	HIGH TIDE	TIMES	ROOMS
Tm I Week 3	Tuesday 21 February	1.44pm / 2.82m	10.00am / 3.00pm	2 and 3
Tm I Week 3	Wednesday 22 February	2.33pm / 2.76m	10.30am / 3.00pm	4
Tm I Week 3	Thursday 23 February	3.30pm / 2.73m	12.00pm / 3.00pm	5
Tm I Week 5	Monday 6 March	1.22pm / 3.15m	10.00am / 3.00pm	8
Tm I Week 5	Wednesday 8 March	3.10pm / 2.83m	11.30am / 3.00pm	12
Tm I Week 7	Thursday 23 March **	1.12pm / 2.77m	9.00am / 3.00pm	10
Tm I Week 9	Tuesday 4 April	11.56am / 3.01m	9.00am / 3.00pm	9
Tm I Week 9	Wednesday 5 April	12.48pm / 2.86m	9.00am / 3.00pm	11
Tm II Week 2	Tuesday 2 May	10:41am / 3.02m	9.00am / 3.00pm	2 and 3
Tm II Week 2	Wednesday 3 May	11:30am / 2.90m	9.00am / 3.00pm	4 and 5
Tm II Week 2	Thursday 4 May	12:20pm / 2.79m	9.00am / 3.00pm	8, 9 and 12
Tm II Week 2	Friday 5 May	1:11pm / 2.69m	9.00am / 3.00pm	10 and 11