

NEWSLETTER

PASADENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION WEEK

Blessed by wonderful weather, our Outdoor Education Week last week, was an outstanding success.

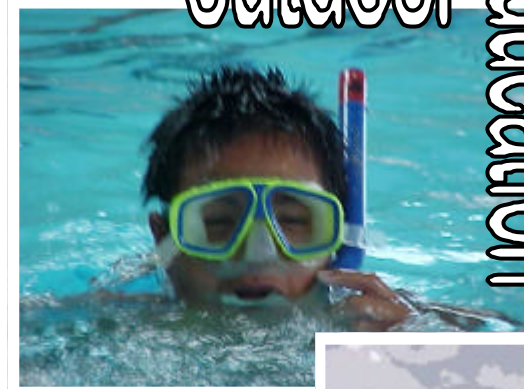
This school based programme was a departure from our normal organization and judging from initial feed back, proved to be very popular.

The staff involved - **Ms Godinet, Ms Coughlan, Miss Chao, Ms Manu, Miss White, Mrs Williamson, Ms Cook, Ms Dennett, Miss Paraha, Mrs Elliott, Ms Donnelly, Mr Ball, Mrs Allan, Mrs Teesdale, and Mrs Riesterer** are to be congratulated for extremely well executed learning experiences for the students. Despite the best planning, the most detailed of organization and total vigilance — when you are working with children accidents can happen!

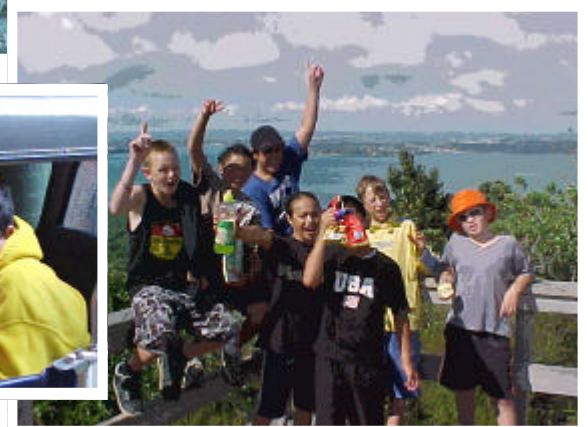
Outdoor Education Activities are a pressure time for teachers, they care about the safety and the wellbeing of students and in providing them with the wonderful outdoor experiences, they do place themselves under enormous pressure. In addition to coming to know staff and one another, the students gained confidence and many new skills.

On behalf of the parents and the school, I thank **Ms Godinet** for her outstanding organisation and the whole staff for their commitment and the extra effort they made to make the week possible.

I would like also to thank most sincerely all the parents/ caregivers and friends of the school who assisted during the week - **Spenceley Dean, Ms Hyland, Linda Ross, Jan Satherley, Keith Milne, Rees Tapsell, Jackie Vallance, Naomi Wheeler, Claire Greig, Jo-Ann Lark, Liz O'Dwyer, Gerard Jackson, Robyn Gray, Damayanti Gopal, Allan Cooke, Nissanka Kumarawansa, Travis Hansen-Hill, Russell Summerhayes, Bhupen Parbhu, Mamata Parbhu, Evile Tafeamalii, Susan Pumfleet, Karla Stones-Havas, Tom Van Dort, Mark Blazey, Trish Milligan, Alison Curd, Brigid Philpott, Mary McGregor, Kate McLean, Mandy Bunce, Judith Young, Suzie Strachan, Ngaire Kirkham, Paul Colley, Annette Turner, Dallas Nesbitt, Matt McLean, Nelly Colley, Jackie Bell, Oriole Wilson, David Zussman, Phillipa Oates, Debra Smallholme, Chris Austin, John Craig, Bob Lindsay, Gloria Ziegler, Tea Roache-Malo, Christine Watling, Jon Morgan, Lauren Kitts, Georgina Adams, Joy Blake, Raewyn Reade, David Greig, Gay McWhirter, Janine Ravlic, Rebecca So'e, Marianne Wilson and Debbie Kelly.**



outdoor education week 2004



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.

MUFTI DAY

To raise funds for their activities and approved charities, the Student Council will hold a Mufti Day on Wednesday 7 April.

Mufti is not compulsory, but students wearing mufti will be asked to contribute \$3.00 to School Council funds.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

The Fifth Annual Elections for the the Pasadena Intermediate School Board of Trustees were held in March 2004.

Five nominations were received for Parent Representatives and I declare the following elected:

**Wanairangi Nopera
Luisa Paraha
Rees Tapsell
Pat Vale
Miki Walters**

One nomination for Staff Representative was received and I declare Lisa White elected.

L. Bowden

RETURNING OFFICER

END OF TERM

School will close for the end of Term 1 at 2.00pm on Thursday 08 April and re-open for Term II at **8.45am on MONDAY 26 APRIL.**

It has been an extremely busy and certainly a most rewarding and productive term. Most students have grasped the variety of learning experiences offered them in the class and in the school wide programmes and have been rewarded for their efforts and initiatives.

I would like to thank parents/caregivers for the support and encouragement they have given us, in terms of encouraging their children to participate and supporting homework and class programmes. Also a special thank you to the many parents/caregivers previously mentioned in Newsletters who have assisted with specific activities.

On behalf of parents/caregivers, I would like to both thank and compliment the teaching and support staff for their efforts during the course of the term. Their commitment and professionalism not only in the classroom, but in all the activities in the wider corporate life of Pasadena Intermediate, are one of the many reasons for the success of this school.

BOT MEETING

The next meeting of the Pasadena Intermediate School Board of Trustees will be on Monday 26 April 2004 at 8.00pm in the Staff Lounge.

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.

FURNITURE FOR SALE

With the completion of our Foods Room refurbish, we have for sale a number of tables and stools.

These are for sale on a first come, first served basis.

Stools \$15 Tables a Reasonable Offer.

All are in excellent condition. All are native NZ timber, mainly rimu. You will need to get them professionally stripped, but they do come up very nice, for little work.

FINALS

ASSEMBLY HALL

FRIDAY 2 APRIL 2004 10.45am

Parents and Friends Cordially Invited



REPORTS

With the changes to our curriculum as discussed at the previous Parents' Information Evening, our Reporting to Parents Schedule has been altered.

TERM II

Week 1 Term I Report forwarded to parents/caregivers
Student Self Evaluation Report completed and shared with parents/caregivers

TERM III

Week 1 Term II Report forwarded to parents/caregivers
Student Self Evaluation Report completed and shared with parents/caregivers

Week 2 Parent/Caregiver - Teacher Conference Evening

TERM IV

Week 1 Term III Report forwarded to parents/caregivers

Week 2 Parent/Caregiver - Teacher Conference Evening

Week 11 Term IV Report forwarded to parents/caregivers

KILIKITI TOURNAMENT

As the culmination of our Health and Physical Well Being small balls skills unit, we held an inter class Kilikiti Tournament recently. Kilikiti had been the feature sport during the unit.

On behalf of the school, I would like to acknowledge Sport Waitakere and the NZ Kilikiti Association for their tremendous support during the unit and in organizing and staging the tournament.

Room 11 defeated Room 8 in a closely contested final.

OPEN DAY

Thank you to those parents/caregivers and friends of the school who took the time to visit during our Term I Open Day recently.

TELECOM SCHOOL CONNECTIONS



In recent years we have made TELECOM SCHOOL CONNECTIONS our fund raising activity - effortlessly raising over \$222,000!

As you know, during the second half of this Term, students have been collecting sponsors for Pasadena Intermediate as part of this programme.

Paper work is being completed at present, we will forward the completed sponsor forms to Telecom during the holidays and will hear back the results in Term II.

Well done students and thank you parents/caregivers for your support.



DUATHLON

Recently, as a finale to the 'summer' aspects of our Health and Physical Well Being - Physical Activity programme, Mrs Allan and Miss Paraha and the staff organised a very successful duathlon.

Participants were required to run/walk 2.5 Km and swim/walk 75 metres in the pool.

Sincere thanks to **Mrs Allan** and **Miss Paraha** and their team for the excellent organisation and thanks also to all staff members for their effort and contribution to an outstanding event. Thank you to the many parents/caregivers and friends of the school for your support.

My congratulations to all students, the participation, skill level and class spirit were excellent, you can be well proud of your efforts.

RESULTS

Year 7 Girls:

- 1st **Emily Mathews**
- 2nd **Millie Sanders**
- 3rd **Sophie Blazey**
- 4th **Josephine Wallis**
- 5th **Susan Love**
- 6th **Shanti Morgan**
- 7th **Kavindi Gunarathna**
- 8th **Linda Hamilton**
- 9th **Rebecca Van Dam**
- 10th **Brenna Magee-Watling**

Year 7 Boys:

- 1st **Tautua Faitotoa**
- 2nd **Steven Sangster**
- 3rd **Fiusatai Toki**
- 4th **Brandon Trevan-Stewart**
- 5th **Stanley Tongotea**
- 6th **Russell Cahill**
- 7th **Andrew Peagram**
- 8th **Tonga Henry**
- 9th **Cheng Liu**
- 10th **Clem Wilson**

Year 8 Girls:

- 1st **Katie Curd**
- 2nd **Helen McLean**
- 3rd **Miranda Webster**
- 4th **Hannah Winter**
- 5th **Rebecca Summerhayes**
- 6th **Hannah Cleverley**
- 7th **Shawnee Young**
- 8th **Grace Elliott**
- 9th **Jasmin Lim**
- 10th **Claire Corbett**

Year 8 Boys:

- 1st **Brett Birkedahl-Henriksen**
- 2nd **Edward Wheeler**
- 3rd **Tane Heke**
- 4th **Kester Panting**
- 5th **Rory O'Reilly**
- 6th **Ziggy Croft**
- 7th **Wyatt Bell**
- 8th **Charley Samau**
- 9th **Ross Olivia**
- 10th **Samuel Willis**

Class Competition:

- 1st **Room 3**
- 2nd **Room 8**
- 3rd **Room 4**

CENTRAL ZONE SWIMMING

As a result of their success in the School Swimming Sports, the following students went on to represent the school at the Central Zone Year 7 and 8 Swimming Meet held at the Cameron Pool in Mt Roskill recently.



Billy Strachan, Andrew Peagram, Michael Ravlic, Adam Tapsell, Hannah Winter, Amelia Brown, Jessica Langley, Ariella Balmforth, Erin Jagger, Rose Philpott, Zac Southworth, Nick Tausi, Brett Birkedahl-Henriksen, Katie Curd, Clare Corbett, Priya Mistry, Helen McLean

Katie Curd qualified to represent the Zone at the Champion of Champions Swimming Meet.

All members of the team are to be congratulated, both on their swimming prowess and the way in which they represented their school with pride.

The members of the Swimming Team would like to thank all the parents/caregivers who assisted and supported the team on the day- **Suzie Strachan, Robyn Gray, Brigid Philpott** and **Alison Curd**.

On behalf of the school and students involved, I would also like to thank **Mrs Williamson** for her efforts with the Team.

CENTRAL ZONE TENNIS

Following trials, a Pasadena Team was selected for the Central Zone Year 7 and 8 Tennis Tournaments played recently at the Windmill Road Courts.

Boys' Year 7—**Adam Tapsell, Billy Strachan**

Boys' Year 8 - **Nick Tausi, Edward Wheeler**

Girls' Year 7 – **Rebecca Summerhayes, Brook Evaga, Emily Sedon**

Girls' Year 8 – **Helen McLean, Grace Elliott, Hannah Cleverley**



Unfortunately because of weather, the girls' tournament was cancelled.

Billy Strachan had a cricket accident the night before the tournament, so could not play but the other 3 boys competed with enthusiasm and fair play, improving many skills including umpiring.

On behalf of the school and students involved, I would also like to thank **Mrs Allan** for her efforts with the Team.



MOTAT 'WORKING' DAY

A very sincere thank you to the many parents who assisted with our recent visit to MOTAT 2. It was a hot day and your help was appreciated: **Susan Sedon, Georgina Adams, Angel Biachi, Ngaire Kirkham, Maria Weatherspoon, Gay McWhirter, Antonia Smith, Paul Williams, Bob Lindsay, Fiona Rae, Mandy Bunce, Linda Ross, Jean Hyland, Phillipa Oates**



SIX THINKING HATS

Edward de Bono wrote the CoRT programme which is now the most widely used programme through the world for the direct teaching of thinking as a curriculum subject. It is used in the USA, China, CIS, Venezuela, United Kingdom, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia and now New Zealand.

The method is based on extensive experience in the field of the direct teaching of thinking across different ages and abilities, ranging from six year olds to senior corporate executives. It is his belief that simple methods used effectively are more valuable than complicated methods. The use of the method is valid at all ages. Teaching of the method varies with age and ability.

With younger students each hat can be simplified. Older students use each hat more comprehensively and precisely.

The 6 hats framework is also valuable for writing about or talking about any subject. The method may be taught as part of such subject areas as reading, social studies, science or maths. Thinking skills are effective if they are taught directly and deliberately.

De Bono has identified three key difficulties in our thinking procedures-

Emotions: We rely on our gut feeling, emotion and prejudice as a basis for action.

Helplessness: Inadequacy: "I don't know what to do next."

Confusion: We try to keep everything in mind at once, with a mess as a result.

The 6 Thinking Hats method is a simple and practical way of overcoming all three difficulties.

Emotions are an important part of thinking and, in the end, all decisions and choices are made on the basis of our feelings. Emotions at the right place are essential. Emotions at the wrong place can be disastrous. Six Hats allows us to use emotions and feelings at the right place.

Helplessness arises when we do not have any general purpose thinking actions. 6 Hats provides us with a basic framework for thinking actions. There are now definite "next steps" that can be taken.

Confusion arises when we try to do too much at once. Our minds go off in several different directions. Six Hats allows us to take one direction at a time.

We encourage all students to use the Six Hats Framework use in all aspects of school.

LOST PROPERTY

By this time every year, the school has accumulated a variety of items of clothing, shoes etc which has never been claimed. If your child has lost an item of clothing at school, please ensure they check the lost property. Parents/caregivers are welcome to look through this themselves, if they feel their child is reluctant to do so.

AT LAST, AT LAST

New Library and New Verandah Construction to Start in The Holidays

After what has seemed like endless delays and hold ups, we now have all the Council and Ministry Consents, a Contract within budget, the money from the Ministry and our Builder ready to start!

HIROSHIMA EXCHANGE

Following the application process and selection activities, it is congratulations to the 19 lucky students who will participate in the 2004 Hiroshima High School Junior High School Exchange in May - **Wyatt Bell, Mischa Cole-Delu, Mark Hawkins, Liam Pumfleet, Charley Samau, Eddie Stiles, Edward Dean, Finn Godbolt, Campbell Hardy Reid, Clem Wilson, Ariella Balmforth, Lily Taurau, Clare Hannam, Dinesha Kumarawansa, Dinusha Kumarawansa, Neerali Parbhu, Greer Rasmussen, Miranda Webster and Betty Zhang**

HIGH ACHIEVERS

We know our students will go on to be successful at high school and in their chosen careers and activities, but it is always pleasing to hear of their successes.

Graham Teesdale, now a Yr 13 student at Avondale College, recently represented NZ in the Under 18 Ice Hockey Team, competing in the World Championships Division 3, in Sofia, Bulgaria. The NZ Team was placed 3rd out of 7 - Well done!

BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS, ROLLERBLADES

Students may cycle or ride skateboards, scooters or rollerblades to school. A high standard of road sense and pedestrian courtesy is required and if a student proves to be unable to operate at this standard, then the right to ride to school will be removed.

Cycle stands are provided and while every effort is made to ensure the security and safety of bicycles and scooters, the school cannot accept responsibility for damage or theft. We strongly advise all bicycles and scooters are locked to the stands.

Students are required by law to wear approved safety helmets and equipment when traveling to and from school and while using skateboards and rollerblades at school.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SWIMMING MEET

Super Swimmer!!

As a result of her outstanding success in the Central Zone Swimming, **Katie Curd** went on to represent the Zone in the Champion of Champions Swimming Meet recently.



Katies results:

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| 100m Freestyle | 1st Place |
| 50m Freestyle | 3rd Place |
| 50m Butterfly | 3rd Place |
| 50m Backstroke | 4th Place |

This is competition at the highest level, the best Year 7 and Yr 8 swimmers from Orewa to Pukekohe, outstanding swimming Katie, congratulations.

SCHOOL MOTTO

"To The Diligent, Nothing Is Difficult."

DENTAL CLINIC

Pasadena Intermediate School School Dental Clinic will be open in the holidays, 8.30 - 3.00p.m. Phone 846 7882

COMMUNITY NOTICES

When space permits, we are happy to include Community Notices, particularly those pertaining to activities that involve our students and their families, in our Newsletters. Forward copy to, or enquire at the office.

YOUTHTOWN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Dates: Tuesday 13—Friday 23 April 2004

Time: 8.30a.m.—4.30p.m. before and after care also available

Age: 7—13 Year olds

Cost: \$10 per person for in-house activities per day

Places are limited. Contact Youthtown on 379 5430

Large in door programme with basketball gymnasium, art room, rec. room, cooking, squash courts, activity zone, social room and swimming pool. Experienced staff with a ration of 1:10. Daytrips to Rainbow's End, Mega Zone, Parakai Hot Pools, Archery and Much more. 3 day camp at Kauaeranga Valley—cost \$125

CIRCUS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

13—16 APRIL 9.00A.M.—3.00P.M.

A challenging physical course that explores the circus arts of both aerial and ground based acts. Activities include Static Trapeze, Juggling and Object Manipulation, Globe Walking and Balance, Acrobatics and Adagio Aerial Silks plus drama.

Phone The Performing Arts School at TAPAC on 845 0290 for a detailed flyer.

<http://www.pasadena.school.nz>