

# NEWSletter

PASADENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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## WELCOME

Greetings, Tena Koutou Katoa, Talofa Lav a, 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.

## 2005 interchange 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 7 March 2005.

Interviews and selection activities will be held during the week and the final selection announced on Thursday 10 March 2005.



## 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 2005 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; preparations for the official opening of our new Library Information Centre by the Prime Minister are almost complete; interested students are preparing their applications for the 2005 Hiroshima Junior High School Exchange; Outdoor Education Week preparations are well in hand and School Councillors are being 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.



## 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.

## 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 investigating 21st Century Curriculum ..... 'What knowledge, what skills, what abilities will our students REALLY need for the 21st Century?'

We have been invited to join a pilot project that is trialling this delivery. The project involves 18 schools from across Auckland and Northland, it is being run by Team Solutions, the advisory arm of the Auckland College of Education and has the Ministry's support.

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**

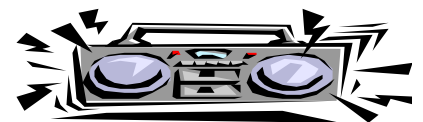
**7.30pm - 8.30pm**

**Tuesday 1 March 2005**

**Pasadena Centre**

**Supper will be served  
following the Meeting**

## BLUE LIGHT DISCO



6.30 - 9.00pm

FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2005

**PASADENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
HALL**

\$4.00

Tickets Available At The Door On The  
Night

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE  
SPOT PRIZES

The Disco Is Run and Supervised by  
Youth Aid and Community Constables of  
The NZ Police. It Is Not a Pasadena  
Intermediate School Activity.

## PEER PRESSURE - HARASSMENT

The 2005 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 2005 Student Information Book.

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 are 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.

## 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.

## PHOTOGRAPHS 2005

Individual and family portraits will be taken on Friday 4 March, class photographs will be taken on Friday 6 May and team and group photographs will be taken on Friday 25 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!



## GROUP B MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

As you will have noticed from television advertising and media publicity and from the Calendar in the last Newsletter, the first immunization in the Group B Meningococcal Disease Immunisation Programme will take place for all students on April 6th.

Prior to that date, there is considerable 'paper work' to be completed both so the Health Department has the necessary documentation and perhaps more importantly, so that parents are fully informed of what is involved.

Next week your child will bring home a **Meningococcal B Disease Information and Consent Form** that we would ask you take the time to complete immediately and return to school before Friday 4th March. This is a huge undertaking by the Government and by nature, has an enormous time pressure and we would be extremely grateful if these forms could be completed next week and returned before the 4th March.

On the Consent Form there are web sites to visit and there are Information Lines to telephone for parents requiring further information and if you are still unsure, I would encourage that you contact these or also contact our Health Nurse, Ann Hayes, on the number listed on the Information Brochure.

## 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 4 MARCH 2005**

**All Welcome**



## 2005 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.

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

## SATURDAY NETBALL

**WE URGENTLY REQUIRE COACHES AND MANAGERS FOR OUR SATURDAY MORNING NETBALL TEAMS ENTERED IN THE THREE KINGS COMPETITIONS (Mt Roskill Intermediate)**

Please contact Mrs Linda Bowden, our Administration Officer, or Miss Lisa White, our Netball Manager, at school, 846-2169.

## FROM THE GOLDEN JUBILEE BOOK—STREET NAMES

**Moray Place** Moray Firth is a large bay on the North Eastern coast of Scotland. Morayshire sometimes called Elginshire is in Northern Scotland.

**Pasadena Avenue** Known as this as early as the 1860's, possibly the sub-divider's name.

## SCHOOL & FAMILIES BBQ

Thank you the many families who attended the School and Families BBQ, from memory it was one of the biggest turnouts we have every had. A beautiful night, very pleasant setting and great company!

## 2005 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.



**TE TARI WHAAINGA MAATAURANGA**  
**NEW LIBRARY/INFORMATION CENTRE**  
**OFFICIAL OPENING**

As you will have seen in the last Newsletter and the flyer that is attached with this Newsletter, this Friday, the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Helen Clark, will be officially opening our new Library/Information Centre at a ceremony commencing at 10.45am. There will be a number of invited guests and all students will attend. The Board of Trustees extends to you as our parents, a very warm invitation to attend this function.

**BOOK FAIR**

In conjunction with the opening, we are running a **BOOK FAIR**, offering members of the community, our business partners and friends of the school, the opportunity to purchase and donate library books.

Students have also been raising funds. Through coin trails and coin art, they have raised over \$700 for their classes to purchase and donate books.

Books for purchase will be on display following the Opening Ceremony, and we invite you as our parents/caregivers, to take the opportunity to purchase and have dedicated a book for our collection.

If you are unable to attend the opening, these books will remain on display in the Library for the next week. You may call any time, to make a selection and donate the book to our collection.



**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.

**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.



Excellent Facilities  
 Very Well Appointed  
 Reasonable Rates  
 Discounts For Regular Bookings

Phone  
**Jim Gilbert**  
 626-6359

As you know from the Pasadena Intermediate School 2005 Prospectus and Calendar, and information forwarded to you earlier in the month, we had scheduled this year's camp in the week Monday 21 March - Thursday 24 March 2005.

You will also know from my recent letter, due to an unfortunate mistake by the owners of Totara Springs, our booking was inadvertently cancelled and the alternative dates they could offer us, were simply not suitable to our programme.



Camps 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 an alternative Outdoor Education Programme that varies from the one our Year 8 students were involved in, as Year 7s in 2004. This will be a 3 day programme on Wednesday 30th March, Thursday 31st March and Friday 1st April. The school will be divided into 3 groups and the students will rotate through 3 separate whole day activity programmes.

Day 1 will be school based but will involve a range of adventure activities including rock climbing, mountain biking, camping skills and swimming pool based aquatic activities. Day 2 will involve some tramping, walking and exploration activities in our local environment during the day time, dinner, a night safari, sleep over and breakfast at the Auckland City Zoo in the evening. Day 3 will involve school based activities of an adventure and team building nature including outdoor and indoor cooking.

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 next week, to your child's teacher, before **FRIDAY 4 MARCH**.

Although representing value for money, we appreciate with uniform and stationery expenses as well, the cost of camp will be a burden for some families. For this reason and so as not to disadvantage any student from attending camp, Board Policy allows for Camp 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 arrangements with the Principal.

**WATERWISE TERM I 2005 SAILING DATES, CLASSES & TIMES**

Mr Barry Noyer / Mr Martin Ball / Classroom Teacher/s / Trained Parent Helpers / Parent Helpers

WEEK	DATE	HIGH TIDE	SESSION	ROOM
<b>Week 1</b>	Friday 4 February	3:30 {2.8}	Afternoon	3
<b>Week 3</b>	Monday 14 February	12:35 {3.2}	All Day	2, 4 & 5
	Thursday 17 February	2:56 {2.8}	Afternoon	8
<b>Week 4</b>	Thursday 24 February	8:43 {3.0}	Morning	9
<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday 1 March	11:57 {3.1}	All Day	10,11 & 12
	Thursday 3 March	1:23 {3.0}	Afternoon	5
<b>Week 7</b>	Monday 14 March	11:21 {3.3}	All Day	2,3 & 5
	Friday 18 March	2:20 {2.8}	Afternoon	11
<b>Week 9</b>	Thursday 31 March	11:17 {3.1}	All Day	8,9 & 10
<b>Week 11</b>	Monday 11 April	9:07 {3.2}	Morning	12