

10 February 2011

From the Deputy Principal

**Our values for term 1 are PCS:
Polite, Considerate and Sensible**
Our focus is on really good manners.

Dear parents/caregivers

With the first full week of 2011 at PCS near it's end, it is pleasing to see the students enjoying their first learning steps for the year. Next week it gets even more exciting for our students as our option programmes will start and Counties Manukau Sport will be in to run programmes with both the juniors and seniors.

Brown Caps Vs Samsung NZCPA masters XI:

If you have nothing planned this Sunday then the Papatoetoe Rec Grounds is the place to be with family and friends. Starting at 2pm to 5pm come and witness an invitational Pasifika team (Brown Caps) take on the Samsung NZCPA masters XI in a twenty 20 match. This will feature some former black caps such as Dion Nash and Murphy Sua. There will be plenty of big hits and plenty of action, also giveaways during the day for kids.

Healthy Lunches:

As per the PCS healthy food policy we encourage both students and staff to eat healthy foods whilst at school. We ask for your support by ensuring the lunches that your child eats are a healthy option for both food and drink. With your help this will lead to empowering students to self manage and make good decisions about their diet.

Mind Lab – Year 3-6:

Selected students in years 3 – 6 will be taking part in programme called Mind Lab. They will spend one afternoon a week (45 minutes) with Jo Moy who will facilitate each lesson. This is a great opportunity for the students. Mind Lab encourages students to reflect on their learning and thinking, enhancing their internal and external awareness.

The weather forecast is great for the weekend so please don't do what I'll be doing which is mowing the lawns and hanging out the washing. Go out and make the most of it with the whanau.

Noho ora mai,
Pelu Leaupepetele
Deputy Principal

General Notices

Welcome to our New Students: Papatoetoe Central School welcomes the following new students to our school – Bella Agnew Manu, Fazileen Ali, Chloe Barben, Kaartik Deo Sharma, Stuart Gorges, Raymond Lie, Jacky Zheng, Kassius Bell, Angelina Bouphavanh, Amelie Boyle, Rebecca Church, Uahine Fungavaka, Phoenix Petelo, Guransh Singh, Eric Mo, Veeral Reddy, Raineil Swamy, Ramita Krishna, Shannon Maharaj, Caleb McIntyre, Rhiannyn McLean, Aayush Naicker, Jackson Te Rehu, Pierce Tindall, Jackson Druiff, Yong Heng, Akiriti Prasad, Ria Rustam, Simraj Singh, Makeni Tavui, Michele Wong, Pranjali Chand, Disha Lata, Jiamin Chen, Natesha Nair, Jasraj Chadha, Maddison Hoe, Amisha Maharaj, Prabhleen Kaur, Shastrika Chand, Jaison Hardwick, Rose He, Mohit Kapila, Darren Chan, Simran Grewal, Elizabeth Lu, Shweta Prasad, Rajenish Singh, Shekinahglory Pomare, Andrew Wong, Kerri-Lee McDonald, Rico, Boston, Keanu, Toni & Aaliyah Holt.

Assembly Day: On Monday, 14 February, Room 20 will lead our assembly. As always you are most welcome to attend but please make sure that you are seated by 1.15pm.

Manukau City Council: Due to the continuing rise in complaints regarding illegal and dangerous parking in our area, Manukau City Council's parking service will be doing regular school enforcement patrols. The stopping/parking restrictions around schools are designed primarily for the safety of children by ensuring that the children are able to see and be seen by moving traffic. Stopping even momentarily can compromise their safety, this being the reason a zero tolerance practice is applied, and this is also inline with the NZ Police enforcement approach of zero tolerance around schools. Parking Officers will no longer be asking parents/guardians to move vehicles from illegal parking areas, but will instead be issuing infringement notices in respect of the offence and will then post tickets out to the registered owner of the vehicle.

School Safety Notice from Constable Owen: Hello everyone and welcome back to term 1, I would like to take this opportunity to address some very important issues regarding the safety of our children. I would like to urge our parents and care givers of Papatoetoe Central School to take special care when dropping off and picking up children before and after school. As the Police Youth Education Officer for Papatoetoe Central School, the teachers, staff and I work very hard to get the message of ROAD SAFETY across to the children, which include crossing all our busy roads around the school.

Parents if you are dropping off or picking up your children, please cross at the lights on St George Street or Great South Road, if you are parked across the road from the school. With the rise in traffic it does not make it safe to cross in between parked vehicles along the road. My last issue is of great concern, please, please, please DO NOT drop your children off while you are waiting at the lights on St George Street, as it is very unsafe to do so. Please find a safe place to park and let your children out of the vehicle safely. Thank very much for your co-operation. Be Safe from your friendly school. *Constable Owen.*

Help needed: Are you a parent or grandparent with some time on your hands? Do you like listening to stories? If you have an hour a week to spare, we would love you to listen to some of our children read. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Talbot (2787557 ext 756) or leave your details at the school office. We would love to hear from you.

Lunches, Book Bags and Homework: Please make sure that your child leaves home in the morning with everything that they will need for the day. Items dropped off at the office leads to disruptions in the classroom. Thank you for your help with this.

Tips from the PCS Environment & Sustainability Team: Each week the PCS Environment & Sustainability Team will suggest a number of simple steps we can all take to save water and power and Reduce, Reuse and Recycle much of the waste that is produced in our school and at home. Also keep a look out for our wonderful vegetable garden, compost, worm farm and water tanks. All these help the school in it's goal to be sustainable. And in October this year we will also be having another market day, just like last year only bigger and better. Ka kite ano - the PCS Environment & Sustainability Team.

Term 1 Topic: In term one for our inquiry learning Social Sciences and Health programmes, we are studying a topic called "Sharing our Planet".

Term Events

BoT Meeting - Monday, 14 February
Yr 5 & 6 Mind Lab starts – Wednesday, 16 February
PTA Meeting – Monday, 28 February
PTA Sausage Sizzle – Wednesday, 4 March
PTA Meeting – Monday 14 March
Year 6 Disco – Tuesday, 15 March
BoT Meeting – Monday, 28 March
School Portrait Photos – Wednesday, 6 April

Yr 6 Chocolate sales start – Monday 14 February
Yr 6 Easter Bunny raffle starts – Monday, 21 February
PCS in the Park – Wednesday, 4 March
Swimming Zones – Tuesday, 8 March
Playball & Cricket Zones – Tuesday, 15 March
PCS Mufti Day-World Vision – Friday, 18 March
Year Disco – Tuesday, 5 April
Class & Portrait Photos – Thursday, 7 April

Last day of term 1 – Friday, 15 April

Kapai Kids Award

Room 1 Bella Agnew Manu Navjot Singh	Room 2 Nil	Room 3 Rosemary Fraser Ivan Aluesi	Room 4 Jason Le Brooke Aiono
Room 5 Manav Bhavsar Grace Wu	Room 6 Tara Anderson Ritorya Tamilo	Room 7 Shane Ayling Rayna Dixit	Room 8 Harshal Nair Forum Patel
Room 9 Ashwin Raju Harjaap Buttar	Room 10 Christopher Lo Tam Raeleigh Ofa-Smith	Room 11 Aashka Desai Tiyashna Lal	Room 12 Jade Garrett-Nunn Japdeep Mann
Room 13 Julie Vu Jaiden Thammavongsa	Room 14 Arushi Suneel Avishek Pillay	Room 15 Yuvraj Chaudhary Jashmita Prasad	Room 16 Shastrika Chand Darsh Chaudhari
Room 17 Mary-Louise Vaka Ronald Zhou	Room 18 Darshik Prasad Shreeya Swamy	Room 19 Fifita Fuimaono Alfaeed Hussain	Room 20 Elizabeth Lu Gabriel Vamarasi
Room 21 Trent Fa'aofa Sarah Chang	Room 22 Kanha Kumar Sarojini Raju	Room 23 Yash Ramiga Esther Vaka'uta	Room 24 Vance Perry Shreya Mahant
Room 25 Aaliyah Holt Andrew Wong	Room 26 Toria Park Aadnan Khan	Room 27 Debbie Marsh Gurbir Singh	

Congratulations to all!

Community Notices

Does your child LOVE to DANCE? Then you need to register them in classes at **The Renaissance School of Dance**

~ Hip Hop ~ Jazz ~ Ballet ~ Contemporary ~ Tap ~ CALL Marguerite NOW on 021 756 858 or 275 9552
Exciting and energetic classes for boys and girls! Studio: 133 Kolmar Road, Papatoetoe
www.renaissancedance.co.nz

Feeling tired or noticing the stress-. Are you wanting better communication with your child/ren?
Parent Trust offers programmes for you (Being the Mum/Dad You Want To be) that deals with the day to day stresses and help you feel more confident with difficult feelings, develop new and creative approaches to parenting that are practical and relevant to you and your family. Our programmes are starting in several locations Auckland from Feb 14th 2011. Please visit our website www.parenttrust.org.nz or Phone (09) 3760400 to find out more.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS HOCKEY: REGISTRATIONS Yr 1 – 8. Saturday, February 12 & 19, 9am - 12pm at the Sports Centre, Sutton Cres, Papatoetoe. ENQUIRIES - 021 331 550 or tuilotolava@xtra.co.nz

Papatoetoe UTD Soccer: Registration will be on the next two weekends 10am till 4pm in new sports centre at Hunters Corner, Papatoetoe. For further information please ring Margaret on 2794177