

NEWSLETTER

Term 02, Week 7
Friday 18th of June, 2021

Working together to grow innovative, confident, resilient leaders.

Greetings, Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Namaste, An Young Haseyo, Konichiwha, Bula Vinaka, Sawadee, Dobra Dan, Ni Hao, As-salamu alaykum, Hola, Ahlan wa sahan

Week 7 already! In Week 6 we celebrated our Support Staff and made sure they know how important they are to our school and our students' success! If you haven't had a chance, jump on our Facebook page and check out our PDS TV episode dedicated just to them.

Our kids have continued working hard over the last few weeks with a focus in classrooms on the upcoming Olympic Games. They have learnt about the different countries that participate, some of the history behind The Olympic Games and also the different sports that people compete in.

The students have also been working on their House Arts songs, chants and videos over the term and are really looking forward to our Week 10 House Arts competition. If you are free in Week 10 then please do come along and watch this.

Next week on Thursday evening we will be having our first parent and whanau hui/fono for 2021. We will have some students presenting about how they use Seesaw to share their learning with their whanau and we also have Sport Auckland in to get some community and whanau voice around active play in our schools. Notices will go home about this specifically but please do come along.

A reminder that all important dates are at the bottom of our newsletter and also on the community calendar that you can access on our school website.

Term Two Teacher Only Days

TALL Programme

We have one more Teacher Only Day happening this term. Dates are listed below. Reminder notes will go home closer to the day but it is a good idea to put this date in your calendars now.

These are for an important professional development programme that all teachers at school are engaging in. They are focused on effective teaching and learning strategies to better support our students learning.

Wednesday 30th of June - Teacher Only Day

PB4L Update

This week our PB4L focus was on showing our school values of Respect, Integrity, Self-Management and Empathy in spaces such as our bathrooms and making sure we keep these spaces clean and tidy.

House points continue to awarded to those students displaying our school values in a variety of ways throughout the school day or week. These go towards their House points and then these accumulate over the term. Last week Totara House had their first win which was very exciting.

School Lunches

Our school lunches programme is continuing to run well. Please remember to update or let us know of any dietary requirements ahead of time so we can ensure these are catered too. We need 48 hours minimum to be able to change the orders if needed.

Homework Club

Homework club is continuing with our FMA volunteers coming in to support our students alongside the teacher in charge each week. If you would like your child to attend homework club and have not received or returned a permission slip, then let us know and we will send one home with your child or you can pick one up from the office at any time. Homework club happens on a Thursday afternoon from 3.00pm to 3.45/4.00pm.

After School Care

This continues as normal. It starts at 2:40pm with the last possible pick-up time at 5:30pm. Please phone our school office for the charge rate or more information.

ASB Banking

If you would like a bank account opened for your child, please see the office for an ASB Bank account application form. Banking is done every Friday at school.

Parent Helpers

Can you help coach some of our sports teams? Please let the office staff know. If you're available to read to, coach and transport our students, help out in our school library or book room, we'd love to hear from you.

Upcoming School Events

Monday 21st of June to Friday the 25th of June – Diversity Week

Thursday 24th of June (6.30pm) – Hui / Fono & Student Social

Friday 25th of June – Cultural Dress Up Day and Sausage Sizzle

Friday 25th of June – Duffy Theatre Show (1.30pm start)

Monday 28th June – Eastern Zone Hockey Tournament

Wednesday 30th of June - Teacher Only Day (TALL PD)

Friday 9th of July – House Arts Celebration / Competition (11.00am)

Friday 9th of July – School Open Day and Last Day of Term

Please keep an eye on our digital board for information regarding school events as well as our school calendar on our website and our school Facebook page.

Change of address or phone numbers? Please phone the Office on (09) 5277659

Some photos of our AMAZING Support Staff here at PDS

