

# Thursday 2 February 2012

Term 1, Week 1

Dear Parents and Community,  
Welcome back to 2012! I have just left a whole school assembly, and what a delight it was - happy and relaxed faces, with pleasant smiles everywhere - and that was just the teachers! The children look great too, and have clearly benefited from some great holidays.

A few things have happened over the holidays that weren't so great. Jessica Parker is currently on extended leave as she and her family cope with the loss of Ashleigh Kumar who tragically drowned while swimming in an irrigation pond two weeks ago. Jessica has been replaced by Jessica Andrews who will look after Room 25 for the rest of the year.

We also warmly welcome Dy Stokes who is leading the new entrant team, and Roger Fenemor and Jennifer Laird, who have joined the senior team.

There was another spate of you-know-whats starting just before Christmas, and we want to reassure you that the school has been checked (many times), and remains a safe place for your children. We will practice our drills and are confident that we can cope with anything Mother Earth can throw at us!

In the meantime we are looking forward to a great year!

Kind regards,  
Phil Harding - Principal

## School

### What's on next week?

Monday 6 Waitangi Day - school closed  
Friday 10 School tabloids (weather permitting)

### TABLOIDS

Something for your diary: Weather permitting, Tabloids 2012 will take place on Friday 10 February, starting at 11am. Families are most welcome to attend and might like to bring lunch to have with their children.

### SPORT

- Summer sport starts on 17 February which does not give us a lot of time to select and train teams, so we will be starting this Friday with trials for girls' cricket and mixed kiwi-tag.
- Paparoa's swimming sports for years 4-6 is on Thursday 23 February and your child has been

given a notice with the entry form and information today. Could you please get this back to us ASAP with the 15th being the closing date.

- COACHES we need you. If you think you can coach a kiwi tag team please contact us at [sportsadmin@paparoaastreet.school.nz](mailto:sportsadmin@paparoaastreet.school.nz) or 3528160 ext 808. Kiwi tag is backed up with training from the Aranui Sports Academy members and is a lot of fun. It would involve one lunchtime practice a week and Friday afternoons at Hagley Park. The more coaches we have the more children are involved.

*Alison Field, sports administrator*

## PTA

### NEW & SECONDHAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The cupboard in the hall will be open every Tuesday of term, 2.45-3.10pm.

## Community

### GOT A BIG FRUIT/VEG CROP IN YOUR GARDEN?

Community Fruit Christchurch need your help to make a difference in our community. Do you have more fruit, nuts or veg than you can use on your own or are unable to pick yourself? Do you enjoy picking fruit? If yes, if you can help in any other way or if you know someone with a need for fruit we would love to hear from you! For more information about what we do and other ways you can support us you can find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pickfruitchristchurch](http://www.facebook.com/pickfruitchristchurch), or contact us via e-mail: [pickfruitchch@clear.net.nz](mailto:pickfruitchch@clear.net.nz) or phone: 022 674 0727.

### PULSE TAEKWON-DO

Pulse Kids - 6-12 yrs Monday/Wednesday 5pm - 6:15pm  
Pulse Adults - 13 + yrs Monday/Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Pulse Little Tikes - 3-5 yrs Wednesday 3:30pm - 4:15pm

We are offering any new students that come along free training for the month of February. For information, please call Angela Oliver on 03 929 0067/021 842 011, email [info@pulsetkd.org.nz](mailto:info@pulsetkd.org.nz) or see our website [www.pulsetkd.org.nz](http://www.pulsetkd.org.nz).

### **KICK OFF 2012 WITH KICK IT KIDS!!**

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### **GREAT NEW MOBILE APP !**

**NZ Fauna** was released three weeks ago on the Apple App Store and last week on the Android Marketplace. We already have over 1000 downloads from as far afield as the UK, China, Russia, US, Canada, Japan and Mexico and I haven't even started the marketing machine! It would be great if you were able to download it yourself on your iPod touch, iPhone, iPad or Android smartphone and spread the word. Email,

text, Facebook, blog, talk to your friends and colleagues. The success of this venture will be solely based on how many people download it. The app was released under Kiwipedia, which is a not-for-profit charity and the NZ Fauna app is FREE! **NZ Flora** still in the pipeline... look out for it, coming soon!

Check out the following:

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/kiwipedianz](http://www.facebook.com/kiwipedianz)

YouTube - [www.youtube.com/kiwipedianz](http://www.youtube.com/kiwipedianz)

If you need any further information from me, please don't hesitate to ask. You can contact me on this email address or on 021 027 31155.

*Ryan Ghisi, Kiwipedia Limited*

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