

School Newsletter

PALMERSTON NORTH INTERMEDIATE NORMAL SCHOOL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora whānau,

Term 1 is well underway and there is so much happening already which is fantastic as students at intermediate age need to have multiple opportunities to try new things.

The key that students use is their Whakapai (Organisation) skills to make sure they know where to be, at what time and with what gear. All new learning for some students of this age. But experience has taught us they can do it well and thrive when busy!

This newsletter we aim to share with you our perception on student leadership, be brave series, perspective on sport, organisation key, Relay for life and key information on our upcoming parent conferences.

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BE BRAVE SERIES

PNINS is excited to launch our Be Brave Series, where students will get the chance to ignite a new passion or learn a new skill from different staff members.

Both students and staff are given an opportunity to build whanaungatanga (friendship and connections) with people across the school and are challenged to be brave by trying something new.

There are THIRTY opportunities to select from. Some of these opportunities do come with a small cost. This will be outlined in the information slides that will be found on the school website and can be paid through Kindo.

To register, students will be given class time to go over each session option and make their choices.

Know more: [Be Brave Series Session Info](#)



We can't wait to get started!

PAID TEACHERS' UNION MEETINGS



Across the country rolling Paid Teachers' Union Meetings begin next week - these paid union meetings are so teachers can discuss and vote on a plan to address being valued and fairly paid, wanting our professional knowledge and expertise to be respected, and wanting the staffing and support to best support the akonga we teach.

PNINS will remain open and students will be adequately supervised while teachers are able to attend one of these meetings.



EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

- Easter Friday: **29 March**
- Easter Monday: **1 April**
- Easter Tuesday: **2 April**



FIVE KEYS

At PNINS we have **five values** that underpin what we do in the form of KEYS. We use the key concept to help students understand that they open the door to the future. We spend a considerable amount of time explicitly :



RESILIENCE - AUMANGEA - These habits develop

- I am ready to learn
- I keep things in perspective
- I am calm when I have something to do
- I am good at controlling my behaviour
- I can use my WITS
- I bounce back quickly
- I can speak up for myself and others



PERSISTENCE - NGANA - These habits help develop

- I have a growth mindset
- I give effort in everything I do
- I work tough
- I look after our environment and show citizenship



ORGANISATION - WHAKAPAI These habits help am ready to learn

- I wear the correct school uniform with pride
- I am prepared to learn
- I move promptly on the bells
- I follow wet weather expectations
- I have the correct gear, and am in the right place at the right time



GETTING ALONG - TŪHONO - These habits help develop

- I accept everyone and show tolerance and empathy towards others
- I follow the school rules
- I think first
- I use good manners
- I am honest and fair
- I use positive language
- I keep my hands and feet to myself
- I use correct names



CONFIDENCE MAIA- These habits help

- I accept myself and keep myself and others safe
- I follow cyber safety rules
- I take risks and have an 'I can do it' attitude
- I am independent and take responsibility
- I am confident and participate
- I set myself goals to achieve my best



This term we have begun teaching and learning about our **Whakapai (Organisation) Key**, one of our school values. The students will cover 5 key lessons:

Procrastination Station:

Identify when we are stuck at the procrastination station & plan to work through it

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Self Management:

manage our time effectively

Executive Function:

use skills and strategies to help us to manage our tasks effectively

Plan Our Day:

organise, optimise & prioritise our tasks

Build Great Habits:

that every action you take is a vote for the person you want to become

As a school we are working towards earning a whole school reward for showing great organisation.

TOUGH GUY GAL JR 2024 REGISTRATION



On Tuesday 28th May PNINS will be taking a team of students to take part in the Tough Guy and Girl Junior challenge.

This is being held at Massey University. Students will be cycling from PNINS out to Massey University and cycling back

If you would like your child to join this group please sign up below. You will need to have a working bike and be able to ride it from PNINS to Massey and return.

if students do not wish to ride they can still sign up through this link, but parents will need to provide their transportation.

This is a cost of \$30.00

<https://pnins.school.nz/tough-guy-and-girl>

WEETBIX TRYATHLON - TUESDAY 19 MARCH



If your child is attending the Weetbix Tryathlon you MUST please still send in an absence note via the school office or school app on the day.

If your child is requiring supervision at this event please email the office@pnins.school.nz so we can add them to the list (if you were able to join the school group at registration time then you do not need to let us know). There will be a PNINS tent and a couple of teachers there to support our students.

SPORT, RECREATION AND PLAY



Sport plays a major part in students' lives and at PNINS our number one aim is to get students **MOVING**.

There is currently a change of focus for sport in New Zealand to address the major issue of students not participating or withdrawing in sport. Schools, parents, coaches and administrators hold the key to addressing the current problems we face.

The emphasis needs to change from NOT only winning but also player development, participating in a range of sports and having fun. At PNINS we have decided to make changes to our sports programme with the primary aim of getting students of this age to be more **ACTIVE**.

PNINS prides itself on the sports we offer and the success we have achieved across the board. The number of Super Sports Banners indicates that we are both successful and able to field teams in each event. However, what we have noticed is that other schools can no longer field teams and the competition is getting less and less, and at times, it is the same students participating in these activities.

We have had a different approach since 2020 by categorising our sports into three different areas, **SPORT, RECREATION and PLAY**. The 'try a sport' programme aims to provide different experiences for students that are not traditionally offered such as golf, horse riding, surf life saving, mountain biking and quick rip rugby.

The numbers in these sports have skyrocketed with a large number of students signed up for sports already this year. A major increase from previous years.

One of the most successful changes we have made has been the focus on **PLAY**. Most of us growing up would have at some point played Bat down, Rounders, Non Stop cricket and Capture the Flag.

Therefore, we aim to use these games for our inter team competition rather than traditional sports such as hockey, cricket and touch rugby etc. Plus teachers are more able to umpire and referee as the rules are well understood and not so complicated with traditional focused sports.

In summary, our focus at PNINS is to provide experiences that students may not have had before and to get them **ACTIVE** and develop a love of getting involved in sport.

Upcoming Events:

<https://pnins.school.nz/calendar-feed>

PARENT CONFERENCES



Shortly we will be holding our Parent Conferences that are aimed to highlight your child's learning goals and discuss how they have settled into PNINS life.

These goals have been developed after recent assessments and discussing with their class teacher their next learning steps. Students will be using their PASSPORTS to do this as they are the document that captures their learning over the two years at PNINS.

The passport will also highlight other key learning aspects as well as identify and celebrate achievements across our FIVE dimensions of Learning - ACADEMIA, SPORT, PERFORMING ARTS, CULTURE and CITIZENSHIP.

Parent conferences will be held on the following days:

- Wednesday 20 March
- Wednesday 27 March

Book via the link below using the link:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/zbvku>

Or alternatively contact the school office. **School Closes at 1pm on these days.**

SPORTS ROUND UP



WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

Over the last few weeks students have had the opportunity to join preseason skills training for Hockey, Basketball and Netball.

Coming up in week 9 are our Winter Sports Trials. These will be held over 3 days, and more information will come out about these in the next couple of weeks.

KIDS LIT QUIZ



On Tuesday 26th March we have two teams competing in the Manawatu Kids' Lit Quiz Competition.

They will compete in 10 rounds, with 10 questions in each round. The students have been working (and Reading) hard with Mrs Collis and we wish them all the best for this event.



RELAY FOR LIFE 2024

Once again PNINS will be participating in this year's Relay for Life.

Relay for Life 2024 will be held on 23 & 24 March at the Riverside Walkway, off Roxburgh Crescent/Ruahine Street, Palmerston North. Students have registered and received their information on their allocated time slot.

Students will run/walk in their allocated time from 12PM - 7PM Saturday & 7AM - 11AM Sunday. Students will be rostered in one hour blocks. Each participant is asked to seek sponsorship, either a per lap basis or just a general overall donation for participation. Please come down and join the PNINS team in keeping the banner moving,

ACADEMIC FOCUS

As mentioned, PNINS offers a wide range of experiences across the curriculum. However, our primary focus is to ensure that students are both literate and numerate which will form a foundation of success for the future.

Learning programmes and the weekly timetable are committed to ensuring that Reading, Writing and Maths has priority. Academic focus covers a wide range of areas such as Science, technology, and Health & P.E.

IMMUNISATIONS - YEAR 7 - THURSDAY 28 MARCH AND WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL



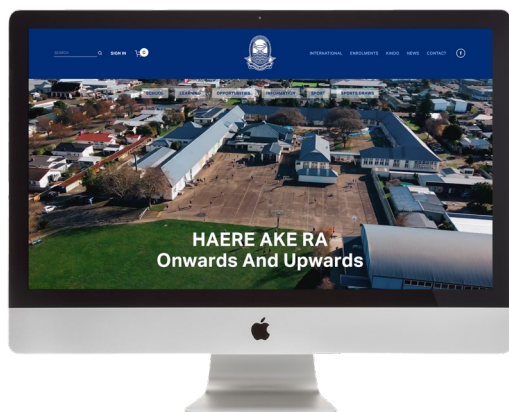
A reminder that students will be called for their immunisations on these dates if parents have given permission. If students are away unwell on these days catch up clinics will be run in term 2.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP



- **Class Councillors** - They are a team of students who assist in organising events at PNINS. Each classroom has two Class Councillors representing their class (one Year 8 Boy and one Year 8 Girl). They meet with Mrs Cutts and Mr Jones most weeks. Class Councillors lead the school by example, organise events, are trained peer mediators, and help make life at PNINS better by listening to other students' ideas and incorporating these into the school.
- **Cultural Councillor** - This role embraces all the components of a class councillor and enables various cultures the opportunity to hear their voices and to ensure that their views and cultures are heard when having an input into the various decisions made at school involving students. This was introduced in 2019 and has been an extremely popular role for year 8 students
- **Sports Leader** - Another new leadership role that has been implemented recently to enable students in this sports field to shine through both performance and their role as an administrator. They take up many roles and have a large logistical participation in organizing school events within our school and across schools.
- **Co Chair Persons** - These are the two pinnacle positions within this school for two students. They have a large role to play in representing the school at various events with senior staff at a variety of community events. They are also very visible within school assemblies leading these weekly. A lot of mana is associated with this position and the process is rigorous culminating with an interview and the Principal

On Friday 22 March we will celebrate our student leaders - Class and Cultural Councillors - whānau are welcome to come and join us, from 2.10pm.

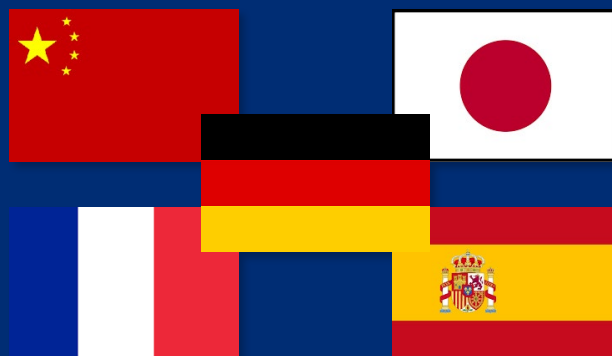


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INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

Kia ora whanau! 大家好! Gruß alle! Hola a todos!

Bonjour à tous! みなさん、こんにちは!



As part of our opportunity framework here at PNINS, we are offering again this year a range of international languages that students can try out.

Learn some language skills and culture of the language that you choose. These are; Mandarin Chinese, French, Japanese, German and Spanish.

The cost to enrol for a language is \$140.00 which when spread out over 20 one hour long classes during terms 2 and 3 is exceptional value for money. Check the school website with parents/caregivers for the days of each language and enrolment procedure.

Why learn an international language? (you may ask yourself). There are a multitude of winning reasons to start learning a language, but you may want to visit countries that speak your learned language and engage with the locals in their mother tongue (or when they visit us here!)

It opens up a whole new outlook and world of exciting possibilities. Think about if you wish to one day travel, study and work overseas in another country, another language, another culture, huge satisfaction. See and understand a culture better from their perspective! Wow!

Check outside the school staffroom the [international languages notice board](#) to find more information on language options here at PNINS.

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