



# PYES PA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## 8 February 2018

### OFFICE HOURS – 8:30am to 3:30pm

Catherine Fitzpatrick Mon-Tues-Wed  
& Deirdre Sadd Tues-Thurs-Fri

View this newsletter on our website:  
[www.pyespa.school.nz](http://www.pyespa.school.nz)

### Term 1

Tuesday 30 January – Friday 13 April 2018

**Want to pay by Automatic Payment?  
Our Account is with Westpac and the details are:**

**Acc Name: Pyes Pa Road School  
Account No: 03 1549 0008987 00**

## EFTPOS is now available in the office.

Tēnā Koutou, Parents, Families and Whanau

Nau mai hoki mai ki te wahanga tuatahi,

**Welcome back** to 2018, an extremely warm welcome to those students and families new to our school and those new to Tauranga. I have enjoyed sharing stories with our students regarding their individual holidays and am sure that regardless of whether you travelled or stayed home that you were able to make the most of the spectacular run of weather we had. 2018 promises to be a particularly exciting year with a change in Government and a new Minister of Education. We can look forward to a return to an enriched curriculum, which celebrates diversity. During my holiday break I read a quote on the wall of a café in New Plymouth. The quote **‘In a world where you can be anything you want, be yourself’**. I believe this quote best personifies what this Government is setting out to achieve for the students of our Country. Personally I am excited by the changes that are being discussed and look forward to working alongside you and your students to achieve your dreams. Best wishes for an extremely prosperous 2018.

**Staffing:**

New Year's signal many new beginnings. In particular we are excited about the new additions to our teaching team. We welcome;

Miss Rose McLiver - Room 2 Teacher

Mrs Emma Ranui – Assistant Principal, Room 8

Mrs Lisa Harrison – Room 3 Release Teacher (Thursday and Friday)

Mr Gordon Blair - Room 9 Teacher

These teachers each bring diversity to our school and enhance our teaching team with their individual strengths. We also welcome Mandy Cooper and Craig Symons to our cleaning and caretaking team. Mandy and Craig replace Dennis who retired at the end of 2017 and the 'Dynamic Duo' are proving to be a great fit to our school.

**Meet the teacher:**

Thank you to those parents who turned up for our meet the teacher evenings last night and we acknowledge that there are extenuating circumstances within the dynamics of each family which may have precluded some people from attending. Should you wish to meet with your child's teacher at any stage throughout the year they are available via a call to the school office or an email. Research findings show that students benefit when schools and parents have successful partnerships.

**ERO:**

Our School is looking forward to welcoming the Greg Stuart and his team of reviewers from the Education Review Office in Week 4 of this Term. The review is taking place in line with the regular review cycle. As a staff and school we look forward to the feedback so we can continue to ensure that our programmes of work are both innovative and engaging.

**Property:**

There are a number of property improvements that the Board has been working on and it is great to return this year and see some of the work, which has begun to take place. The removal of the line of trees on the edge of the field has opened up a big space for redevelopment. The integrated unit for Term One 'Identity' will give students the opportunity to share their thoughts on how they would like to see the area developed and transformed. It is great to get stage one of our car park completed, initial impressions are it has improved the number of parks and also accessibility.

We do note however that we still have lack of safe parking spaces resulting in a need to park across the road as we continue to work with the NZTA on suitable solutions. Presently we are awaiting confirmation of funding to complete stage two.

The school is currently working very closely with the Ministry of Education on a building remediation project. The funding submission is currently in Wellington awaiting approval and we can look forward to our facilities being upgraded and improved.

Painting of our school buildings will also commence in 2018. Buildings not requiring work will be repainted and those buildings being upgraded will be painted as part of the Ministry capital works.

Kia pai mo te tau nei

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

## Dates and Information to Remember

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| <b>Thursday 8 February – Board Meeting 7.15pm</b>              |
| <b>Tuesday 13 February - Technology</b>                        |
| <b>Tuesday 13 February – PTA Meeting @ Greers 7.00pm</b>       |
| <b>Wednesday 14 February – Assembly 2.30pm</b>                 |
| <b>Monday 19 February - ERO in school</b>                      |
| <b>Tuesday 27 February - Technology</b>                        |
| <b>Wednesday 28 February – Assembly 2.30pm</b>                 |
| <b>Thursday 1 March – Year 1 &amp; 2 Swimming Sports</b>       |
| <b>Friday 2 March – Year 3 &amp; 4 Swimming Sports 12 noon</b> |
| <b>Friday 9 March – Triathlon/Biathlon, whole school</b>       |

### *Tauranga Swim School*

Tauranga Swim School offers quality lessons with measurable results for all ages and abilities, including disability classes.

Check out our reviews, pics and more information on facebook. or call Andrea 0272868506, or email [info@taurangaswimschool.co.nz](mailto:info@taurangaswimschool.co.nz), [www.taurangaswimschool.co.nz](http://www.taurangaswimschool.co.nz)

## *Term Dates 2018*

*Term 1 – Tuesday 30 January – Friday 13 April*

*Term 2 – Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July*

*Term 3 – Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September*

*Term 4 – Monday 15 October – Thursday 13 December*

# **SPORTS NEWS**

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all enjoyed your summer break.

I have just been registering our term one sports teams today.

Our Rippa Rugby teams are still short of players if your child is keen to give it a go please email me as soon as possible. ([l.olson@pyespa.school.nz](mailto:l.olson@pyespa.school.nz))

I have just started today at school and will be in for the next two Thursday's taking Flippaball sessions for each of the classes in the school pool. Most of the students seemed to really enjoy it, so please make sure your child has their togs.

Please keep an eye on the school calendar for the up and coming sport events. Swimming sports, Girls Cricket tournament and our Tri/Biathlon.

Thanks  
Lynda



## **Blue Rovers Junior Football Club** **Preseason 2018**



**Location :** Morland Fox Park

**Dates :** Thursday 8th February to 15<sup>th</sup> March (6 weeks)

**Times :** Grades 8/9/10: 4.45pm to 5.45pm

Grades 11 to Youth: 6.00pm to 7.00pm

**Cost :** \$25 for 6 weeks

**Payment options :** Cash on the first two nights. **We ask that players pre-register for preseason by emailing [treasurer@bluerovers.co.nz](mailto:treasurer@bluerovers.co.nz) with the players name and DOB....**





- HELEN O'GRADY -  
- DRAMA ACADEMY -

## **DRAMA CLASSES FOR YOUNGSTERS!**



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- DRAMA ACADEMY -

**CONFIDENCE, GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS, SELF-EXPRESSION,  
TEAM WORK AND SOCIAL SKILLS.....**

These **LIFE SKILLS** can be developed in ALL children, through our comprehensive SPEECH AND DRAMA programme. The **HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY** offers after- school classes for children from 5-17 years. Not sure? Try **FREE** trial lesson! Lessons include speech, music and movement including mime and creative improvised drama in an atmosphere that emphasises cooperation and fun.

NEW class opening in **GREERTON** for 2018!

For further information on session times and locations, or to discuss how the programme could benefit *your* child, please phone Camilla May (Academy Principal) on **576 4400** or e-mail [hogradybop@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:hogradybop@yahoo.co.nz) Enrol online [www.helenogrady.co.nz](http://www.helenogrady.co.nz)

Facebook.com/Helen O'Grady Drama Academy – Bay of Plenty

## ***Babysitter***

**Reliable 14 year old girl, ex Pyes Pa student is available for babysitting.  
Please phone Kate on 027 648 5650.**

## ***Head Lice***

***Please be aware that head lice are active in our school at present.  
Please check your children and treat accordingly.***

# Learning Matters is now open in Tauranga

We are excited to share that Learning Matters in Tauranga is now open at 172 Waihi Road. We would like to introduce ourselves to you. We are both very experienced primary school teachers who have gone on to complete intensive training in multisensory learning through the Australian Dyslexia Association. Multisensory educators teach literacy skills directly and explicitly through an evidence based multisensory, structured and systematic approach.

**Marion Kirby** - I have had 27 years classroom experience teaching from Year 0 - Year 6. Over half of this was spent teaching locally at Pillans Point School in Tauranga.

**Carla Woodhead** - I have been teaching in various roles for 20 years. For the last 5 years I have been working with children with specific learning difficulties as a SPELD teacher.

We are both absolutely passionate about helping struggling learners reach their potential. Learning Matters offers both literacy and maths assessments, as well as 1:1 and small group literacy and mathematics sessions. Sessions are available before/after school and also during school hours.

For more information please contact Learning Matters on 027 LEARNIN (532 7646). Or learn more at [www.learningmatters.co.nz](http://www.learningmatters.co.nz) and on our facebook page.

Please note that there are 2 parent workshops that may be of interest to your community for 2018.

- Parent Seminar - Tuesday 27th March
- Power to the preschooler - Wednesday 25th July

<http://www.learningmatters.co.nz/>



**LEARNING MATTERS SAVE THE DATE**  
Professional Learning Workshops - 2018

**DYSCALCULIA AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTION**  
9-3pm | \$235  
Hamilton - Tuesday 29th May  
New Plymouth - Tuesday 22nd May  
Tauranga - Thursday 31st May  
Queenstown - Tuesday 12th June

**TEACHER AIDE**  
9 - 1pm | \$195 (Includes Literacy Success Kit)  
Tauranga - Tuesday 27th March  
Queenstown - Wednesday 7th March  
Hamilton - Thursday 29th March

**DYSLEXIA IN THE CLASSROOM**  
9-3pm | \$235  
Hamilton - Tuesday 17th April  
New Plymouth - Wednesday 23rd May  
Tauranga - Tuesday 19th June  
Queenstown - Thursday 14th June

**SENCO SYSTEMS**  
9-3pm | \$235  
Hamilton - Tuesday 27th February  
Tauranga - Thursday 1st March  
Queenstown - Tuesday 6th March

**LITERACY SUCCESS ASSESSMENT TOOL TRAINING**  
Year 0/1 teachers and Sencos 9-3pm price TBA  
Hamilton - April 10th and 11th  
Tauranga - May 9th and 10th

**POWER TO THE PRESCHOOLER - EVENING**  
6-8pm | \$30  
Hamilton - Thursday 5th April  
Tauranga - Wednesday 25th July  
Queenstown - Tuesday 28th August

**PARENT SEMINARS - EVENING**  
6-8pm | \$30  
Tauranga - Tuesday 27th March  
Hamilton - Thursday 15th March  
Queenstown - Thursday 7th March

Please contact Rebecca at [admin@learningmatters.co.nz](mailto:admin@learningmatters.co.nz) for further details or to reserve your place. Please note all prices are excl GST

# Yoga @ Pyes Pa School

We are very excited to offer our wonderful Pyes Pa families and friends a chance to learn Yoga in our very own school hall. Everyone is welcome to join in, whether a beginner, experienced, pregnant or with young kids. Louise Thompson,



**Tauranga**

**Yoga Instructor and qualified Physiotherapist** wants our classes to be inclusive for all our community.

*Where:* Pyes Pa School Hall

*When:* Every Tuesday during term time

*Time:* 9-10am

*Cost:* \$10 per session (cash only)

What to bring: You will need a yoga mat, and a small blanket to help support your body during some of the yoga poses. Your participation will also contribute to the new Confidence Course our PTA is fundraising to purchase. Every person who comes to Yoga will have \$2 of their fee donated to our PTA to raise funds for this amazing equipment for our kids.

We look forward to seeing you there! *If you have any questions with regards to lessons please contact; Ellen Fanelli 027 2507769 or Rachel McLeod 021 537718*

