

## Launchpad (formerly Bible in Schools) 2020

The Patumahoe School Board of Trustees have been discussing the implementation of the Launchpad education programme. This is in light of some pending changes to religious education being considered by the Government and recent feedback from our school community.

For a number of years now our school has been providing Launchpad lessons for 30 minutes once a week. In line with the Education Act (1964) the school must remain closed for instruction while the programme is running and participation in the programme has been managed on an opt out basis.

We have since decided to offer Launchpad as an additional programme that your child has to be opted into. This means that school will **not be** closed for instruction during this time and classes will resume as usual. The default option now is that your child will be in class, unless you have indicated on the attached form that you would like your child to attend the Launchpad programme. This will take effect from Term 1 2019.

The programme will run on a Thursday morning from 8.30-9.00am.

Please complete the form below by ticking the appropriate box and listing your children's names, detach and return to the classroom teacher or the office. If you wish to change your decision at any stage, simply contact the school office and we will update the database.

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### Launchpad

I would like my children to participate in **Launchpad**

Please list children's names:.....

I would not like my children to participate in **Launchpad**

Please list children's names:.....

Parents name:

Signature

## WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

Patumahoe School produce a school newsletter every Wednesday afternoon. It contains important information about the current events at the school.

Patumahoe School strives to be an environmentally sustainable school. With this in mind we have decided to issue our newsletter through electronic mediums and **not** produce a paper copy for general distribution like we have been doing for some time.

### Where do I access the newsletter?

You can find our latest newsletter in the following places,

**The Patumahoe School Website:** [www.patumahoe.school.nz](http://www.patumahoe.school.nz)  
(click on the newsletter icon on the home page)

**The Schools App:** This is an app for your phone that the school use to keep you up to date with important information. You will receive a notification on your phone when the newsletter is uploaded and you will be able to access the newsletter instantly on your phone.

**Hard Copy:** If you are unable to access our website or the skool loop app we do offer the option of receiving a hard copy of the newsletter every Wednesday. This will be given to your child to bring home at the end of the day. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter every week. Please sign the form below and return to the office.

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I wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter every week:

Name:

Child's Name: