

Parakai FLYING SCHOOL

JUNE NEWSLETTER

HAPPY QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and will continue to read through further editions and forward to anyone you know who may be interested. If you don't wish to receive any further issues of the newsletter, please unsubscribe as per the directions...

FIRST SOLOS

Big congratulations to Angelo Cruz who went solo on his path to his PPL and Mike Lochner who had his first solo in a Microlight. This is a huge milestone for each of them—congratulations again.



AIRCRAFT OWNERSHIP WITH A SYNDICATE

Ever wanted to own your own aircraft but didn't think it was possible? Perhaps a syndicate is something to think about. A syndicate is a group of like-minded people who pool their

resources to buy and maintain an aircraft. Many syndicates have around 5 members, however, large groups may have in excess of 25. Some of our own Parakai Flying School students are now proud aircraft owners in the ZK-TNM syndicate with their new aircraft based at Parakai. Contact Simon if you would like more information on forming or buying into a syndicate.



Pictured: ZK-TNM syndicate aircraft

PILOT ETIQUETTE – FLY THE WEATHER, NOT THE FORECAST

We are firm believers that if you only went flying when the forecast was favorable, you'd never go flying. We prefer, therefore, to be guided by the actual weather. If you're wondering if the weather is suitable for flying at Parakai, there are a number of ways to find out.

1. Look out your window—if it's a beautiful sunny day with not more than a breeze, chances are you're ok for local flying.
2. Check the online weather station. Did you know Parakai Airfield has it's own weather station? You can find it here: <http://parakaiairfield.co.nz/weatherstation.htm>
3. Call us! We're happy to let you know what the weather is like here. Sometimes the weather in Parakai can be drastically different to what it is in the CBD.



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ZK-TWT IN FINAL STAGES OF REPAIR

Following a minor incident in May, ZK-TWT went offline for some major repairs. We are happy to report that the engine is now back from overhaul and ready to be re-installed. We've missed our flagship trainer and will be eager to start training in "Tweety" again soon.

CUSTOMER TESTIMONIAL



Maurice Cronin writes: "I know I have been saying more than once that Parakai, its spirit, its people and its aircraft are among the very best exemplars of an operation run to encourage recreational flying that I have seen anywhere at any the 141 airfields at which I have been lucky enough to fly. To find that I have in my logbook the names of all three Lockies as well as Dave's adds a very special note of distinction."

EYES ON THE PRIZE

A visiting aviator dropped in at Parakai Airfield in late May, flying a non standard circuit, making no radio calls and displaying no obvious rego numbers. A good landing was observed, taking advantage of what was clearly a very advanced airframe with variable geometry wings, retractable undercarriage and excellent control systems. The small size suggested a Microlight. Further investigation showed that this was... Email us the name of this mystery aviator—all correct emails will go in a draw to win a Flying School cap.

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

If a plane is picketed outside, make sure check the wings for frost before taking off. While it is easy to see that thick ice would affect the wings, it is not so obvious that a thin layer of frost can also cause a problem... The surface of the frost is rough, so it disrupts the airflow and decreases lift. If the frost melts on one wing more quickly (as it is likely to do during takeoff as one wing may find a warm patch of air), it can cause asymmetric lift at just the time you really don't need any excitement. Easy to fix, just hose it off with plenty of water, making sure that the water is not freezing in the control surface hinges.

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PPL SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Although we received less than the 25 completed applications needed to award the intended scholarship, we felt that the caliber of the applicants was excellent and we couldn't let that go unnoticed. Instead, we're offering 10% off up to 50 hours of flying towards the PPL of one lucky student.

A big congratulations goes out to Reuben Barry Palmer, "an average kiwi boy who one day dreams to fly"! Reuben's enthusiasm and perseverance throughout the scholarship application process made him a winner in our eyes.

Many thanks to all who applied and completed their assessment flights for Parakai Flying School's first PPL Scholarship. Everyone who completed their application and 2 test flights will receive 10% off up to 10 hours of flying.

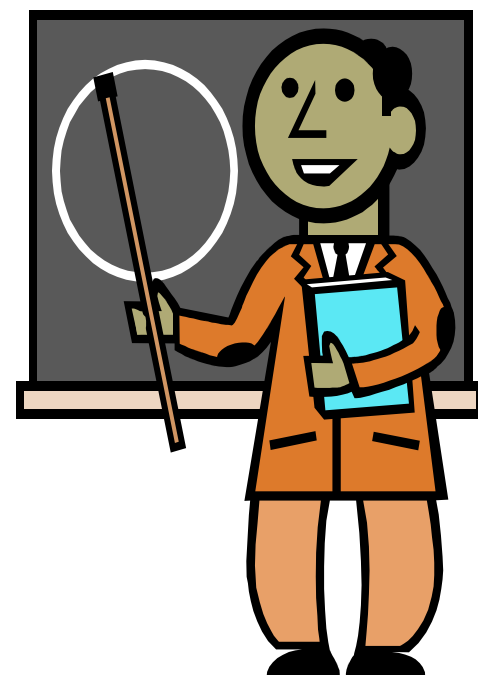


NIGHT SCHOOL THEORY CLASSES

The second night school theory class focusing on Meteorology is now complete. The next subject will be Radio and will commence on 29 June. It will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for 3 sessions. The cost is \$75. Please contact Simon if you wish to sign up.

PPL THEORY EXAMS

PPL theory exams may now be sat at Parakai Flying School! Our first session will be upcoming very soon! Please register your interest to sit an exam with Simon (if you haven't already). You may sit any PPL subject.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER?

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