

Paekākāriki School

Home of the Barefoot Learner

Term 2 Week 9

Kia ora Kotou,

This is our final newsletter for Term 2 - next Friday, July 7 school closes for the 2 week holiday break.

You are all invited to the final assembly for Term 2, hosted by Pouawha at 2pm on Friday July 7th in the hall. Cross country awards will be given out at this assembly and we'll be announcing the house winners for Term 2.

Don't forget that tomorrow night we celebrate Matariki with a pot luck dinner, bonfire and entertainment from our students.

Term 3 starts on Monday July 24th. Have a wonderful break.

Ngā mihi

Julia



Just some of our students who competed at the Inter-School Cross Country last week. Great stuff!

Important Dates

30 June	Matariki Celebration
7 July	Assembly
	Last Day Term 2
24 July	First Day Term 3
28 July	Teacher Only Day

Important Information & gentle reminders

- **Absences/Late to school:** Please call the office/ use the school app or email administration@paekakariki.school.nz if your child is off sick. Also, remind your children that if they arrive after the bell, please come to the office to get a late slip (that way we know they are here).
- **Head Lice:** Please check your children regularly for nits, do regular combing, and treat them immediately if they have them. Tying up long hair also reduces them spreading.
- **Gastro bugs:** Please keep your child home from school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhoea.
- **No wheels** (bikes, scooters, skateboards) are to be ridden on school grounds between 8 and 9 am or between 3 and 3:30pm.
- **Before School Supervision.** Please be aware that teachers are not available to supervise children before 8:30am.
- **BYOD:** reminder that student cellphones either come under the BYOD policy and therefore the BYOD form must be signed and returned, the phone is then handed in to the whanau teacher everyday. Otherwise the phone needs to be handed in at the office before school where it stays until 3pm. There is no student cellphone use during school hours.
- **Fruit:** Please ensure that children bring fruit with them as part of their lunch.

Belonging

Connecting

Exploring

Thriving

Curriculum

Boys Writing

One of our achievement targets for 2017 is to improve boys achievement in writing. We are using a variety of strategies to support our work in this area. One such strategy is boys only writing groups with a specific focus/project. These groups take place in both the Tuakana and Teina syndicate. I have been thrilled to have had so many boys from the Teina syndicate visit me to share their writing. I've learnt a lot about the science experiments they've been doing, fidget spinners and the importance of wearing seatbelts. Tino pai to mahi tane!

Mastermind Book Quiz

Term 3 is the time for the annual New Zealand Book Awards and the Kāpiti Mastermind Book Quiz. You can read more about the book awards at <http://www.nzbookawards.nz/new-zealand-book-awards-for-children-and-young-adults/> Our librarian, Donna has been busy preparing our students for the Kāpiti Mastermind Book Quiz. The students who are participating in this event will continue to meet with Donna over the holiday break. We are very grateful to the Campe Estate and Paekākāriki Community Board for their generous donations which have enabled us to purchase 2 - 3 copies of the books.

What's the Big Idea

We are very lucky to have Performance Musicals coming into school on August 16th for their show *What's The Big Idea*. This show is a modern day fable that references classic traditional storytelling to create a brand new musical filled with adventure, audience participation and of course the best in contemporary New Zealand children's books. We are very lucky to be given this show at the discounted price of \$2.50 per student. There is no need to pay this now - Linda will put it on your Term 3 accounts.

Regional Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competition

Nga Purapura students who are in the performance Kapa Haka group have been invited to attend the Regional Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competition in Otaki next week on Wednesday July 5th. Tickets are \$5 for tamariki, \$10 for adults. Raima has emailed permission slips that need to be returned by tomorrow, Friday June 30th. We need help with transport to make this trip happen please!

From Our Students

Kapiti college visit

Last week on tuesday the 20th June all year eight students went on a visit to Kapiti College. When we arrived we had an introductory talk and then in our schools we split up. We did lots of different activities like drama, dance P.E, robotics, filmmaking, food technology, and lots more. But we only had 5 minutes for each activity.

From Our Students cont...

Once we finished all our activities we came back to the hall and had another talk, this was about our enrolments forms. We were given an enrolment form each. Then we headed back to school on the bus. It was an awesome time and we were all very excited about going to college now. Here are some opinions from a couple of the year eights.

"I really enjoyed the P.E and the filmmaking" said Fraser.

"I really enjoyed the P.E and I thought the whole thing was really good" said Lily.C.

I thought it was a great experience I really enjoyed the dance and PE and can't wait for our next visit later on in the year.

By Amelia Cole-Jones

The Metal Forest

I am walking down a back alley, a desolate place. Buildings tower over me, blocking any stray strand of light that try to penetrate the impenetrable barrier. It's nighttime and the wind howls along the internal prison. I am approaching a corner, wisps of smoke clinging to the walls. I turn it, expecting the same endless brick. But what I see takes my breath away. A metal forest awaits me, gleaming in the moonlight. Creatures of young and old twine around the tremendous trunks, unnaturally silent. I gasp, to amazed for words. A particular one catches my eye and I walk towards it as though a magnetic force is pulling me. It's a startling white fox, but where fur was lie snake scales, tightly interlocked. Suddenly I hear muffled footsteps and spin around. A magnificent creature charging towards me, it's sabre teeth gleaming. "you are not welcome!" It calls, it's deep voice resounding off the metal.

I gasp and sit up, safe in bed, but it's voice remains, "you're not welcome"

Puzzled, I get out of bed and go downstairs. Instinctively I glance at the clock. Oh hell!!!! "it's 9:05!!! I'm late for school!!!" I rush out the door and head to school. Suddenly I spot a short cut, with the school just visible at the end. I run into it without thinking. "ri iiiiip!" I spin around and look back. But all I see is pure brick. Befuddled, I start feeling around the rough, leathery surface but nothing shifts under my fingertips. Discombobulated, I peer at the perfect brick. Too perfect. Skeptical, I inspect again closely. Something's not right. Tentatively I push the brick. Then I push it harder. And harder. It gives way to my weight and I stumble out into the open. I look back at the wall. It doesn't show any sign of anyone ever stepping through. "Cool", I think to myself, "It must be some kind of invisible magnetic force". "Huh.". I walk through again and set off. I wander along the walkway, eyes at my feet, scuffing them. When I finally look up...

I am walking down a back alley, a desolate place. Buildings tower over me, blocking any stray strand of light that try to penetrate the impenetrable barrier... *By Frankie McLaughlan*

From the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met last night and one of the matters we considered was funding for support for children with special needs. The school received \$7,400 from the Ministry of Education for special needs support this year and we topped this up in our 2017 budget to \$19,000. We know that the best use of money for great educational outcomes for our tamariki is spending on skilled personnel and the more staff we have in our classrooms, the more we can support individual learning needs.

Our operational budget has recently increased a little as our school roll has increased. Last night the Board approved an additional 12% for staffing from the operations budget so that the school can employ an additional teacher aide. We still have a shortfall of funding for this position but were delighted to hear that a local business owned by parents of children at the school have pledged \$100 a month to the school, and this generous donation will be applied towards the additional staffing costs.

We encourage local business owners to get behind the school in a similar way if they can. All donations are tax deductible. The school will continue to try to find ways to increase funds for additional staff – the very best thing for our tamariki.

The Board is currently looking at ways that we can increase Māori representation on the Board. We would like to hear your thoughts on this. Let Raima or Linda know if you want one of the Board members to call you to discuss.

Other matters discussed were health and safety audits, work on a new logo and images for our guiding principles, and professional development needs for Board members. We considered reports from our syndicates and were impressed by the huge range of learning opportunities going on at the kura. Thank you so much to our hard-working staff. We passed policies on student safety and welfare and employer responsibility and agreed to move to the SchoolDocs policy system. More on that next term.

Two Board positions come up in November this year. If you might be interested in standing for the Board, then do think about coming along to our meetings and seeing first-hand what we do. All are welcome. Next meeting is Wednesday 2 August at 7pm.

If you have any comments or questions, please email chair@paekakariki.school.nz.

We hope to see you at our Matariki celebrations!

Word of the Week

As you read, listen to others you may see or hear unusual or interesting words. The best word each week shared with me will win 5 house points.

The winning word this week is;
Armageddon - the end of the world.

Thanks to Nico who has won 5 points for **Wainui** House!

School House Groups - Behaviour Points Term 2

Week	Wainui (Cullen)	Pouawha (Trimmer)	Haumia (Te Kanawa)	Miriona (Tua)
1	3	7	5	8
2	2	2	0	6
3	10	16	13	28
4	16	14	8	20
5	5	1	11	3
6	3	4	5	5
7	8	6	5	5
8	0	0	2	6

What is happening at Paekākāriki School?

Calendar

To find out what is happening at Paekākāriki School please go to our [Community Calendar](#) - events will also be linked to the App and Facebook page.

School Newsletter

Our school newsletter is published fortnightly, with all other urgent messages sent out via email, Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PaekākārikiSchool/>) and/or the SchoolApp.

School Website

<https://Paekākāriki.school.nz/> is our temporary website which has more information about our school including a parent handbook, policies and procedures, BYOD information.

Matariki

At Paekākāriki School

Celebrate Matariki at Paekākāriki School on Friday June 30th with a potluck dinner and a heap of different Matariki activities for the whole whānau. Bring your kids and your dinner (with plates and cutlery) and we'll provide a fun atmosphere to welcome Matariki and the Māori New Year. We'll start at 5pm with a whakatau (or welcome) and then bring out the mats and chairs for tea picnic-style in the school hall. Wananga are making us rewena bread and kawakawa tea. Following kai we will get into our Matariki activities which include weaving, a dance performance, kapa haka performance, string games, purerehua, art and a bonfire to name a few. Our tamariki will also share some of what they have been learning around legends through their artwork.

We look forward to seeing you and your whanau on this special night at our kura.

Matariki Friday June 30th

5pm Whakatau - Welcome
5.15 Dinner in the school hall
6.15 Matariki Activities
8pm Close

Potty Potters

9am to 11amish every Wednesday. Come and make plants with us when you can and have all your gardening questions answered while you do it. Sign in at the office.

Soup in School

Soup in Our School is back this term. Thanks to the Garden Group we have free soup in school every Thursday lunchtime.

Garden Group

The Garden Group is funding for the second year in a row, free soup and bread each Thursday lunchtime as well as gardening across the school. Tuesday's lunchtime gardening with Diane is open this term to all students keen to explore the living world from 1-1.50pm. Parents are welcome to join in this fun session.

Wananga

Our after-school wānanga is an opportunity for us all to share our learning and nurture our tamariki. It is on Thursdays after school from 3 - 4:30pm, based in the hall, library and outside. Whānau welcome to join in! With lots of hands on activities, through kai and korero, sport and play. We'll have lots of fun ways to support learning and build confidence.

For more information contact Jess, Raima or Julia in person or by email: jess@paekakariki.school.nz, raima@paekakariki.school.nz, principal@paekakariki.school.nz

Buying stationery

A reminder that when buying stationery from either **Paper Plus** or **Warehouse Stationery**, please mention our kura - every purchase you make (can be for anything!) will see us getting a small rebate. They all add up. ☺

Entertainment Books

Are available to buy at the school office, or online. Every purchase raises money for the school. They cost \$65 each & have 100s of discounts at venues all over worth \$20 000. Visit www.entbook.co.nz/10558u7

Community Notices

Before and After School Care

Sophie Hoole In Home care/ before and afterschool care available in a caring and loving home I look after children from Newborns babies to teenagers available from 7am to 6pm I also do babysitting in your home weekdays after 7pm and weekend day and nights and can also do overnight babysitting. My home has a children area full of toys, games, art gear and books I have a huge front garden for kids to play outside and sleeping area for the younger kids. I have 9 years of experience with working with kids and have worked with twins and children with special needs. Call/txt Sophie 021793155 or email sophiehoole3@gmail.com

Rochelle Smith My name is Rochelle Smith. My children, Josh and Chloe attend Paekākāriki School. I am keen to re-enter the workforce providing before and after school care for local families. I have been police checked and am flexible with times. I'd be very happy to have a chat with you about your needs - 04 9055150 or 0220931800.

Yoga with Anja Term 2 yoga classes will run through to Monday 3 July with **no** class on Queen's Birthday weekend. 7pm- 8.30pm @ Memorial Hall, The Parade. \$15 casual visit or \$75 for a six class pass (\$12.50 per class) Yoga mats, blocks and blankets are provided. I look forward to seeing you.
Anja 021 02350601

'Star in a Short Film' holiday programme, July 10 - 14, 8 - 13 years. Let's make a movie in a week! Hands-on fun filming around Kapiti, based in Paekakariki. Film will premiere Sunday July 30th at St Peter's Hall, Paekakariki. To enrol please contact Julia Truscott. Phone 027 6888 292 04 2928667 or email thepineappleproject@gmail.com. Limited space

July is Plastic Free month! - find out more <http://www.plasticfreejuly.org>

Book Signing this Saturday at PaperPlus Coastlands - 'The Magic Pencil' by Ben Spies, between 1pm and 3pm.

School Holiday Roller Disco in Upper Hutt July School Holidays Roller Discos Mon – Fri both weeks 1 – 3 pm Entry \$7 Skate/blade hire \$3 Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club 4A Railway Avenue UH. Mobile 0226824517, skatewellington@yahoo.co.nz www.facebook.com/upperhuttrollerskatingclub

Movie Theme Roller Disco Sat 5 August 6.30 – 8.30 pm Entry \$7 Skate/blade hire \$3 Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club 4A Railway Avenue UH. Mobile 0226824517, skatewellington@yahoo.co.nz www.facebook.com/upperhuttrollerskatingclub

Pony Camp - School Holidays Program Beginners - July 10th till July 14th and Advanced - July 17th till July 21st . \$380 for 5 days.

Mulled Wine Concerts, Paekakariki's elegant music series has announced that its July concert will feature the IOTA PIANO QUINTET on 16 July 2017 at the seaside Memorial Hall in Paekakariki. Iota Piano Quintet includes NZSO violinists Rebecca Struthers and Elizabeth Patchett, NZSO violist Lyndsay Mountfort, NZSO cellist Eleanor Carter and pianist Kathryn Mosley - Eleanor's sister, who resides in England. Kathryn's recently completed PhD included in depth research into Beethoven's concerti, so the chance to hear her play the Czerny arrangement of the second piano concerto should prove very interesting. The idea of coupling it with the Schumann quintet is nostalgic for Kathryn, Eleanor and Elizabeth as this was a piece they played many times together whilst studying at Auckland University. Paekakariki's Mulled Wine Concert series has been presenting classical music events on the Kapiti Coast for over ten years now and with the organiser's dedication to high-quality music, has become established as a significant part of the Kapiti music scene. The Paekakariki Memorial Hall is loved by musicians and audiences alike for its beach-front location, stunning views and easy parking. The hall is also favoured because of its excellent acoustic qualities which allow the music of the great classical composers to be heard with clarity and distinction. Organiser Mary Gow also likes to create the atmosphere for which chamber music was written by inviting local artists to decorate the walls and showcase their artworks. Audiences appreciate the very moderate costs of the events, the friendly intimacy and the close contact with the performers encouraged by the venue. Iota performs music by Czerny - his arrangement of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2 , Beethoven's String Trio in D, Op.9 No. 2 and Schumann - Piano Quintet in E flat, Op. 44. For Kapiti music-lovers, this is an opportunity not to be missed! Artworks will be showcased by Paekakariki's "star" artist, Sir Jon Trimmer.

Mad for Marshmallows Make sure you visit Staglands these July School Holidays, and enjoy free marshmallows to toast on the fire down at the barn. Don't forget they'll also be running their, very popular, free tractor trailer rides (circumstances permitting). Bring the kids and the adults too and immerse yourself in this classic kiwi childhood experience. www.staglands.co.nz

SOS: Save Our Seeds documentary at Te Ra Waldorf School Hall, Thursday 6th July 2017, 7.00p.m, entry is sliding scale of \$5-\$15, all proceeds to Earthcare Aotearoa. Also on at Sustainability Trust, Forrester Lane, Wellington, Monday 10th July, 7.00p.m.

SPADE AID - come help us plant 5,000 trees in 4 hours

Where: Queen Elizabeth Park, Mackays Crossing

When: Sunday 2nd July

Anytime between 10am and 2pm

You bring: Warm clothes, sturdy footwear and a spade if you have one

We'll provide: Plants, free sausages and live music.

Check out the Greater Wellington Regional Council Facebook page for more information.

Te Newhanga Kapiti Community Centre are super excited to be offering two really awesome pledge packs to our Kapiti Community as part of KCDC's annual No.8 Wire Week!

1. Kids Edition - encouraging rubbish free lunches

What you get - 1 x 1.65L Sistema Bento Lunchbox & Magnet for only \$5. Help your school to be rubbish free by taking the pledge and receiving one of these lunch boxes.

2. Adults Edition (COMING SOON) - encouraging plastic free shopping, reduced car use and reusable coffee cups.

What you get - A locally made reusable coffee cup from Idealcups, a fabric Boomerang Bag made by local Kapiti Volunteers, a Bumper Sticker from KCDC and a Magnet for just \$12

Check it out here <https://www.kcc.net.nz/pledge>

SPORTS JAM - Jam Packed with Sport

Hi Kids! Do you want to have heaps of Sports fun during your school holidays? Then check out Sports Jam. Sports Jam will offer you a great chance to try new sports, games and activities, learn new sports skills and meet new friends! Sports featured at sports jam includes: Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Touch, Rugby, Cricket, Rock/wall climb, Softball, Golf, Croquet, Bowls, Petanque, Netball, Dodge Ball, Ti uru, Volley Ball, Plus heaps more... Sports Jam is Jam Packed with sports!!!!

Kids will be able to have a go at all activities on offer. Sports Jam offers great coaching with sports skills adapted to suit all skill levels and abilities etc.

- **Program:** Kids can register for full week or individual day/s
- **Ages:** Primary school kids (ages 7 - 12 year old)
- **Venue:** Paraparaumu College (Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu)
& Upper Hutt: (Upper Hutt College - Moonshine Road, Upper Hutt)
- **Times:** 9am - 3pm (Full day) (am or pm option also available)
- **Dates:** July 10th - 21st 2 weeks, Mon-Fri.
- **Medical:** First Aid personnel on site
- **Refreshments:** Free - Juice, water, fruit, snacks
- **Payment:** (\$23.00) per child per full day, AM or PM Options (\$13.00)
- **Cash & Eftpos:** Payable on the day at venue.
- **Pay Online:** Bank Funds Transfer: Account Number 02 0733 0201598 000
- **Bookings:** www. sportsjam.co.nz, email: sportsjam@hotmail.co.nz,
- **Phone:** 021 1160 086

Jump After School Holiday program - A fun and active program with something for everyone. Lots of options to choose from. If you like horses - check out Fri 21st. Don't miss out - spaces are limited. BOOK

NOW <https://jumpafterschool.aimyplus.com> www.jumpafterschool.nz ph. 022318 7022

Have a very warm winter break at **Craft Garden School Holidays**. From the 10th until the 21st of July, 9am to 3 pm at St Pauls Anglican Church in Paraparaumu. OSCAR approved, WINZ subsidies available and only \$30 per child per day. Family discount applies. To enroll visit www.craftgarden.co.nz or call 0800272385. See you there!



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9am - 11pm Monday to Sunday

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www.parenthelp.org.nz