

Paekākāriki School

Home of the Barefoot Learner

Term 4 Week 9

Kia ora Koutou,

The success of Paekākāriki School rests heavily on the support and dedication of parent, whānau and community volunteers. It is so encouraging to see so many of you in our school each day; supporting your child's learning, sharing their day with them, sharing your talents, and supporting staff. Adults who volunteer their time send a clear message to all our tamariki that they a part of a village that cares greatly for them.

To all those who give so freely and abundantly of their time and energy, I offer my sincere appreciation and thanks. Whether you help out at school or at home, your support is highly valued by us all.

Please continue to involve yourselves, the Home of the Barefoot Learner is your place too.

Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you all back here on Wednesday January 31st at 9am.

Ngā mihi

Julia

Important Dates

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| 14 December | Year 8 Big Day Out & Leaver's Dinner |
| 19 December | Last day of Term 4, includes prizegiving & poraporaki |
| 31 January | 1 st day of Term 4 |
| 5 February | School closes at 12 noon |
| 6 February | Waitangi Day |
| 13 February | Whānau Picnic, PTA AGM & Meet Your Teacher |
| 14 February | BOT Meeting |



Maia Truscott-Takura, Billy McLaughlan and Arlo Handford represented Kāpiti in the Regional Athletics last week in very hot Masterton.

Important Information & gentle reminders

- **Sunhats** to school every day please!
- **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).
- **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.
- **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.
- **Fruit:** Please ensure that children bring fruit with them as part of their lunch.

BOT Elections

The results of the recent BOT election for two parent representatives are as follows:

Liz Kennedy 56
 Levi Farrell 41
 Sara-Lee Rimmer 30
 Halen Farrell 14
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The new board met for the first time last night and elected Kirsten Ralph as the new chair.

Congratulations

The Arts

To all students who participated in the arts evening and Paekak's Got Talent event this term.

Special congratulations to all the winners;

Teina: Josie Nelson, Wendy McLoughlin, Scarlett Gregory and Isla Michalak.

Tuakana: Olivia Cameron and Amelie Lloyd, and Esme and Seth Bainbridge.



A group of Tuakana students have been working on murals to depict the Ngāti Haumia pepeha (a structure that identifies who we are, where we are from and where we belong). Yesterday these murals were unveiled at the station car park. This was a collaborative project between the Station Museum Trust, KCDC, local artist Rachel Benefield and Paekākāriki School. We are very proud of the finished products - please take time to admire them when you next catch a train.



Basketball

Congratulations to the Paekākāriki School basketball team who won the interschool competition last week. This team was coached by Keir and Leith Maxwell and Tanira Kingi - we are very grateful for your support and expertise. The players have developed many skills and have had a lot of fun playing basketball this year.

Curriculum

LincEd

Just a reminder that end-of-year paper reports are no longer part of our reporting to parents programme. At the end of this term all students academic progress information will be available to parents on LincEd. If you have not yet successfully navigated this system please get in touch with the office staff who will be able to help you.

2018 Information

All students will bring home an important information on Friday about 2018. This will include their stationery list, an outline of known costs for 2018 and the name of their 2018 whanau teacher (all children will receive this information even though only a few will actually be moving into learning environments).

From Our Students

Pirate day

Last Wednesday all the Teina syndicate had a pirate dress up day.

At 11:30 they split up into two groups. One group went to Campbell Park and had a treasure hunt for pirate treasure, played on the playground and ate lollies.

The other group stayed at school and played games like musical pirate chairs, walk the plank blindfolded and lots more.

I asked some of the Teina students what their favourite part of the day was, here is what they said:

"My favourite part of the day was going to the park" said Billy and Martha.

"My favourite part of the day was eating the lollies and playing on the playground at the park" said Pearl and Kahu-Ariki.

Sounds like an awesome day, I wish I was there!

By Amelia Cole-Jones

School House Groups - Behaviour Points Term 4

| | Wainui (Cullen) | Pouawha (Trimmer) | Haumia (Te Kanawa) | Miriona (Tua) |
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Getting to Know Us -

Kia ora koutou

I've been teaching for roughly 10 years now. I began my teaching career here at Paekakariki school. So it's been amazing to come back and re-join the team and the community of Paekakariki.

In between teaching, I've spent a number of years traveling, volunteering and studying art. I now have two small children, 2 and 4 years old, which has led to the decision of putting down some roots back here in Wellington. I truly love the dynamics of teaching; there are no two days the same. And those moments when you see your students discover a new learning, or become passionate about a topic and take initiative for their own learning, they're just magic moments to witness.

Being the Release Teacher at Paekakariki allows me to get to know most of the kids on a personal level. It also gives me a good understanding of the students' learning journeys, as they progress through the school. I'm so lucky to be here.

From the Board of Trustees

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Wednesday February 14th at 7pm.

We are always open to hearing your comments or questions, please email us via chair@paekakariki.school.nz.

From the PTA

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the PTA team!

We will be running some working bees over the holidays so please come help out at one of those. Mike Stringfellow our fantastic Caretaker and very active PTA member will be organising these with Ben Nixon. They are always fun and it makes the school look so much better afterwards.

The AGM will be held at the school picnic on February 13th, get in touch with me if you would like to stand for any of the roles chair, treasurer and secretary.

Have fantastic holidays!

As always, there are always these ways of accessing information about the school:

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/PaekakarikiSchool/>) and/or the SchoolApp.

School Website

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

Ongoing things happening...

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. We get plants ready for plant sales that raise money for kura. Sign in at the office. This is such a valuable contribution many wonderful people make from the wider community & is very much appreciated.

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

Wānanga

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. It will be on again in 2018. 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

Community Notices

Christmas vouchers available Still searching for the perfect Christmas gift? I have lovely vouchers available for massages, health consults, cooking workshops, yoga retreats and yoga classes: both private or group.

All treatments, consults and teachings are performed here in Paekakariki by Anja Foley at the Ayurveda & Yoga Wellness Centre.

Just text or email me: anja@avida.co.nz or 021 023 50601

Holiday Football

Bookings now open for January '18 school holidays!

Book your kids on a fun football programme where they will learn new skills, keep active and enjoy playing games.

Aimed at 7-12 year olds, it runs last 2 weeks of January holiday. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-3pm at Weka Park, Raumati Beach.

Cost is \$40 per day or a discounted \$100 for the 3 days.

Thursday session could go ahead depending on demand and will be \$40

Please ensure children have water, a packed lunch and appropriate clothing/footwear and sunblock.

You can also see more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/footballholidayprogramme/>

Kāpiti Libraries –

Summer Reading - Registrations for the libraries Summer Reading Programme - 'Wild About Reading' are about to open. Ages 5-12.

Registrations open 1 December and remain open until 16 December. Children can register at their local branch library or they can go online and register at <http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/libraries/childrens/summer-reading-programme/>

"This is a chance to keep up with your reading over the summer holidays and have fun while you're doing it! Wild about Reading starts on Wednesday 3 January and the last day you can report in is Friday 26 January. Report in once a week during this period. There are four cool ways to do your report; you can draw a picture, write a review, send an email or come into the library and talk to a volunteer. Each time you will be given a prize for checking in. When you complete the programme you will be invited to join us at Waikanae Pools for the Finale Party!"

Music Competition Win \$300 in our Music Competition. Post a video of you playing either an original song or cover to the Crawshaw Music School Facebook page before December 15th 2017. The intro of your video must include these words: *This is my entry to the Crawshaw Music School 2017 video competition.*

Visit www.facebook.com/crawshawmusicschool to find out more.

Café Playgroup Wednesdays St James Church Hall, Ocean Road, Paekākāriki. 9:15 – 11:15. Bring a piece of fruit and a gold coin. Open to preschoolers and caregivers.

Karapoti Mountain bike race is now open for entries – visit <http://www.karapoti.co.nz/> Includes opportunities for children to take part.

Child & Adolescent Counsellor Grant Shearer has recently launched a private counselling practice here on the coast. He is a child and adolescent specialist and has worked in schools for the past 25 years as a Teacher, RTL and Counsellor. Phone 027 568 2729 grantshearercounselling.com

Junior Tough Gal and Guy – entries open on Feb 1st for this, event is on in Wellington on Thursday 24th May. Put the opening date in your diary – places will fill up fast! When you register your child, tick a box to say that the Teacher will be picking up the race bag on the day of the event. As long as you put in your full school name and tick the box to say Teacher will collect the race bag then we will be linked together and have everything waiting for the school on the day of the event.

Whakaaro Education Trust – supporting families to purchase Chromebooks for their children.

The next roll out date is the 13th & 14th February 2018. Chrome book for the beginning of 2018. The closing date for Expression of Interest forms is 9th February 2018.

Our pricing and dates are all on <https://whetrust.weebly.com/>

FREE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WORKSHOP AT MAHARA GALLERY

Wednesday 20 December, 10am - noon, Textile workshop for ages 8 years and above

Come along to Mahara Gallery for a free textile workshop with artists Tricia Wheble and Donna Kennedy

Make your own embroidered art piece to take home - all materials provided

Workshop is FREE but bookings essential (limit 12 people)

For bookings, phone 021 641 123 or email education@maharagallery.org.nz

Pre-Xmas Kids' Workshops: Dec 18, 19, 20, 8.45am to 12noon

Sustainability-themed workshops for kids aged 5 to 12 while you get Xmas errands done. Build a garden out of wooden pallets, upcycle found materials for Xmas decorations and cards, and take a walking tour of green Wellington. \$28 per session, bookings essential: sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events

Wilderkids: Jan 15 to 26, 8.30am to 3.30pm

A school holiday programme which gets kids exploring nature in Wellington Town Belt. Build a hut, make weed pesto, forage for food and bugs – and plenty more fun! \$56 per day, bookings essential. \$10 places available for Community Services Card holders, please see sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events for more.