



# Paekākāriki School

## Home of the Barefoot Learner

### Term 1 Week 1

Kia ora Koutou,

Welcome to 2018, I hope you have had a lovely break and enjoyed our wonderful New Zealand summer weather. I am excited about our year ahead. With no staff changes we are able to pick up and continue on the great work we started in 2017. With most students returning to their whanau teacher, there is less time needed for settling in and establishing routines, meaning we are able to get straight back into our exciting learning programmes.



Term 1 will be action packed as we make the most of the good weather and opportunities for learning outside of the classroom. We will often ask for your support with these experiences and we look forward to having whanau involved in the many different aspects of our kura throughout the year.

Ngā mihi

Julia

### IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1

February	March	April
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> School closes 12 noon for Teacher Only Day  Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> School closed for Waitangi Day, public holiday  Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> 4pm Meet the Teacher Picnic & PTA AGM  Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> 7pm BOT meeting  Feb Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Learning Conferences / Parent Meetings	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> 2pm Pouwha assembly  Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> 7pm BOT meeting  Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> School closed Good Friday	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> School closed Easter Monday  Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> School closed Easter Tuesday  Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> 2pm Haumia Assembly, LAST DAY TERM ONE.

**Important Information**

In the next few days all students will be bringing home a 'Parent Consent for EOTC Activities' form. Please ensure you read this, sign it and return it to the school office. If you have any questions, please ask your child's whānau teacher

**Please remember...**

- \* **Sun Smart.** All students should have sunscreen applied before coming to school in the morning. We have sunblock available at school for re-application. Clothing & sunhat should be worn to school every day.
- \* **Heat.** Our wonderful summer continues to be very hot which is great for beach swims but not so good for being inside with a lot of other people. Most of our classrooms do not have air conditioning, and in this heat, they become stuffy and difficult to work in. Regular water breaks will be a necessity so please send your children to school with a bottle of water and light weight clothing.

*Belonging*

*Connecting*

*Exploring*

*Thriving*

## Introducing our Staff

Classroom	Level	Teacher
<b>Teina Syndicate</b>		
Te Kohanga	Year 0 - 1	Justine Ward/Rebecca Chisholm Debbie Ayres
Ngā Kākano	Year 2 - 4	Judith Smith <i>Deputy Principal, SENCO</i> Sue Gent
<b>Tuakana Syndicate</b>		
Ngā Purapura	Year 5 - 6	Jess Hortop/Julia Bevin Andy Laurenson Rachel McMullen <i>Deputy Principal</i>
Part time teacher: Alayna Flighty Performing Arts: Rebecca Chisholm Office managers: Raima Kingi and Linda McLaughlan Teacher Aides: Jill Mazey, Naomi Ratana, Sarah McMaster, Hollie Tuileila, Donna Barr, Bridget Pidford, Anna-Maria O'Brien Librarian: Donna Barr Caretaker: Mike Stringfellow Principal: Julia Bevin		

### Welcome

Yesterday, in our powhiri to start the year we welcomed; Maia Nelson, Jarvis Helm, Luke Romeril, Hugh Chang, Chance Redfern, Natalie and Koby Taylor

### Curriculum

#### Concept Learning - Taonga

At Paekākāriki School we follow a concept curriculum model for learning and teaching. Essentially this means that we use a broad concept and weave all learning through this. During 2017 Jess Hortop and Raima Kingi worked to create a concept curriculum reflective of Te Ao Māori (Māori world view). The document is still in draft form but staff are beginning to use this for programme planning.

The concept for Terms 1 and 2 is Taonga (treasure). Taonga is anything prized or treasured and for us, this year the focus will be on wai (water) and kai (food). Whanau teachers will provide more details about the specific learning experiences for your children. This concept learning will integrate multiple areas of the New Zealand curriculum.

#### Swimming

Swimming and water safety are key aspects of our Term 1 curriculum. Over the summer the school pool has been refurbished and is looking fantastic. Thanks to the PTA for their generous contribution towards this project. Every child will have the chance to swim in the school pool on a daily basis. We love to provide students with the opportunity to swim at lunch times but this does require supervision - **are you able to volunteer from 1:10 - 1:40 one day a week? Please contact the office if you can help us out!**

Our Tuakana students also participate in a programme at the Coastlands Aquatic centre. Syndicate newsletters will provide more detailed information about the swimming and aquatics programmes.

We are completing some of the maintenance work on the school pool and are aiming to have it operating from Wednesday February 7th for daily swimming lessons for all students.

We will extend invitations for whānau soon to apply to have a key to the pool. We ask for a bond of \$30 for the key, which will be payable to the school office.

### **From Our Students**

This section of our school newsletter will be written by Sophie Allan this year. Sophie is a Year 8 student who is a keen writer. I know that Sophie is looking forward to being our student reporter for 2018.



### **What's Happening at Paekākāriki School?**

#### **Teacher Only Day**

On Monday February 5th school will close at 12 noon for a short **Teacher Only day**. During this session staff will be involved in professional development aimed at supporting the development of communication skills for our students across the school.

#### **Whānau Picnic and PTA AGM**

On Tuesday February 13th, starting at 5pm we welcome all whanau to join us at school for a picnic. Classrooms will be open from 4 - 5pm, giving you the opportunity to meet staff and look around the learning spaces. The evening will include a brief PTA AGM - it would be great to see some new faces join our very dedicated team. The PTA will be thanking outgoing chair Shona Jaunus for her awesome mahi. They are looking for a new chair & treasurer. They will also be sharing details of the fantastic fundraising they've done this year. If can anyone help with the financial audit this year, or help Ema and Ian making fish and chips on the day of the picnic, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Shona if you can help with either on 021905886.

#### **Board of Trustees (BOT)**

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 February with our two newly elected trustees. We are always open to hearing your comments or questions, please email us via [chair@paekakariki.school.nz](mailto:chair@paekakariki.school.nz).

#### **Working Bee**

Thank you to Mike Stringfellow and Ben Nixon who organised our recent working bee. It was a very hot day and we really appreciate all the people who turned up to help tidy our kura and get it ready for the new year. Thank you the PTA for their generous support of the projects we completed around the school. A new shade sail for the sand pit is coming soon! Thanks also to Tony Bevin who made us the mud kitchen now situated in the junior play area.

#### **Bikes and Scooters**

We are very lucky in Paekakariki to have a safe community in which to cycle. Students and whanau who cycle and scooter to school please remember you must WALK your bikes into and out of the school grounds. This helps keep other cyclists and pedestrians safe. Students who wish to ride bikes at lunch time need to be wearing shoes and a cycle helmet.

#### **School Gate Safety**

For the safety of our tamariki all of our school gates need to be closed during school hours. Please make sure you close the gates behind you, thank you.

#### **Activity fees**

Linda will be in touch soon with statements via email to parents, detailing the activity fees this year. For most things, we know the cost, but some things are still be finalised. If this is the case, this will be detailed in the statement. You are very welcome to pay by cash or eftpos in person in the office, or by using internet banking. You are very welcome to set up a direct debit and pay off a little each week. If you do have a direct debit, Linda will allocate the money to activity fees and send you statements now and then.

### Congratulations to the prize winners from 2017 prizegiving

	Te Kohanga	Rm3	Rm4	Rm6	Rm7	Rm8
Most improved	Sierrah Reid Jaida Reid	Cadence Nixon	Arthur Kahl	Kyah Ralph	Issy Kennedy	Finn Moffit

Most outstanding	Arabella Calder	Aneke Kilbride	Sofia LLOYD	Rhys Baker Gaby Hirst	Lillias Brown	Cassidy Piper
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<b>Teina</b>	<b>Tuakana</b>
Marlon Albertson	Eli Ward

Te Tohu Mana Maoritanga mo nga Tama- Boys	Te Tohu Mana Maoritanga mo nga Kotiro-Girls	Sports - Girl	Sports- Boy	Arts - Girl	Arts - Boy	Earth angel	Nicki Wrightson Citizenship Award for Tangata Whenuatanga
Kahu Warena	Gaby Hirst	Kiri Hartnett- Owen	Finn Crowther  Eli Ward	Rosa Lee	Rohan Hutchison	Kyon Tuiileila	Lily Croucher

### Mathletics

Mathlete of the Year	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up
Lily Croucher	Billy McLaughlan	Eli Ward

### Cups

Hugh Brown Literacy Award	Maths Award	Most improved boy	Most improved Girl	Most Academic Boy	Most Academic Girl	Barefoot Learner	Most Consistent (books)
Nico Anderson	Gabe Mountjoy	Arlo Handford	Rosa Lee	Rohan Hutchison	Ellie Hardstaff	Fraser Stone	Eli Ward  Finn Crowther

<b>Special Principal Award</b>
Amelia Cole Jones

### School House Groups

Congratulations to **Wainui** who were the overall winners for 2018!

### Congratulations to our 2018 House Leaders:

Miriona - Eti Sumby-Cruikshanks and Ava Vivier  
Wainui - Gaby Hirst and Lillias Brown  
Pouawha - Lilah Griffin and Issie Kennedy-Martel  
Haumia - Mani Finn and Frida Sumby-Cruikshanks

## **Congratulations to school captains for 2018:**

Sports - Kahu Warena and Arthur Giesen  
Arts and Citizenship - Kyah Ralph, Bella Morgan and Sophie Corbett

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

### **Calendar**

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

### **School Newsletter**

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

### **Website**

The school website is being redeveloped this term. <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](mailto:jess@paekakariki.school.nz),  
[raima@paekakariki.school.nz](mailto:raima@paekakariki.school.nz), [principal@paekakariki.school.nz](mailto:principal@paekakariki.school.nz)

## Community Notices

### Vegetarian Cooking Workshop

Sunday 18 February 2018, 9.30am-2pm

A hands on cooking experience that will delight your taste buds. Learn about nutritious summer meals and be inspired by different spices, grains, legumes, vegetables and sweets according to the summer season. Based on Ayurvedic principles, the ancient tradition of Indian medicine. The workshop will culminate in a freshly prepared organic vegetarian lunch. Limited to 10 people.

Location: 28 Te Miti Street, Paekākāriki

Cost: \$95 incl nutrition lecture, morning tea, lunch and recipe booklet

Contact: Anja Foley, 021 02350601, [anja@avida.co.nz](mailto:anja@avida.co.nz)



KAPITI MUSIC

CENTRE  
GROUP MUSIC LESSONS  
4 YEAR OLDS - ADULTS

**COST:** begins at \$180 per year for 30 lessons. (lessons are for 30 minutes)

**WHERE:** Kapiti College Music Department

**WHEN:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
3.45pm - 7.00pm

**WHAT INSTRUMENTS:** Saxophone, Clarinet, Violin, Ukulele, Cello, Flute, Brass, Recorder, Percussion, Drums, Glee Club (singing) Keyboard, Introduction to Music, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ensemble & Improvisation Band

**HOW:** Come to an Enrolment day on Saturday 10 February 10.30am - 12.30pm  
Tuesday 13 February 5.30pm - 7.00pm  
At Kapiti College Music Department (A Block) or

**CONTACT US:**  
[admin@kapitimusiccetre.org.nz](mailto:admin@kapitimusiccetre.org.nz)  
[www.kapitimusiccetre.org.nz](http://www.kapitimusiccetre.org.nz)  
Phone 021 297 14143

**Junior Tough Gal and Guy** - entries open on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**Hoop Club Kapiti – Junior Basketball Coaching Programme – Term 1 2018**

**Paraparaumu Sessions:**

Restart for Term 1 2018 Sunday 18 February and runs through to Sunday 8 April 2018

Paraparaumu College Community Sportshall, Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu

9.30 to 10.30am 5 to 7 year olds

10.30 to 11.30am 8 to 10 year olds

11.30 to 12.30pm 11 to 13 year olds

ALL NEW PLAYERS MOST WELCOME