



Paekākāriki School

Home of the Barefoot Learner

Term 2 Week 3

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Garden Gala event. We are very lucky to have a community who actively supports and is involved in our kura (school). Our students benefit from weekly gardening sessions, kapa haka and other experiences with a focus on holistic learning.

These opportunities are possible thanks to the hard work of the Garden Group and PTA and all the wonderful volunteers who are part of these groups.

Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your basket and my basket the people will live

Ngā mihi

Julia



The BBC came to visit today, filming Wanted Down Under. Thanks to Tuakana for hosting

May
Fri 18 th May Pink Shirt Day - come dressed in pink
Wed 23 rd School Cross Country

June
Fri 1 st 11:15am Miriona assembly School finishes 12pm 12pm - 3pm Teachers only
Mon 4 th Queen's Birthday - no kura
Tues 5 th Interschool Cross Country
Wed 20 th BOT Meeting 7pm
Wed 27 th 1pm school closing so staff can attend their Union meeting

***** Important Information *****

July
Wed 4 th School Photos
Fri 6 th Wainui Assembly & end of term 2
Sun 8 th 9am Lizard garden planting
Mon 22 nd Beginning of Term 3
Aug Term 3
Wed 1 st BOT meeting 7pm
Tues 2 nd Junior Winter Tournament

Please remember...

- **Tummy bugs.** Please keep your child(ren) home for 48 hours after vomiting and diarrhea stop.
- **Colds & Flu** It is that season again! Do keep your child(ren) wrapped up at home when they are sick.

Belonging

Connecting

Exploring

Thriving

School Closure

School will close at 1pm on Wednesday June 27th to enable our teaching staff to attend union meetings in Porirua. We will have staff on site until 3pm if you need supervision for your child/ren but we do ask that you let the office know if you require this service.

Congratulations

As part of the Garden Gala last weekend 2 groups of students carried out their own fundraising. Our Arts and Citizenship leaders ran a Mothers Day raffle as part of their ongoing fundraising for outdoor education. Congratulations to Alice Freeman who won the raffle - I hope your mum enjoyed the treats. Thanks to Body Indulgence for supporting this raffle. One of the Tuakana math groups also decided to fundraise to help support their project learning this term. This involved the Gumboot Throw and the Lolly Jar Guess. Congratulations to Nathan who won the adult gumboot throw and Rowan Smith who won the children's section. Congratulations to Ryley Piper who had the closest guess for the number of lollies in the jar. It is fantastic to see our students being active participants in their school community and contributing so positively to learning.

Thank You

Thank you to Thomas Sullivan and his mum and dad, Paul and Deidra for their generous donation of a laptop for our kura.

Curriculum

Health Consultation

In order to meet the needs of our learners and whanau, the Board of Trustees consults with the community every 2 years on the delivery of the Health Curriculum. Please go to our online survey [here](#) to participate in this consultation process.

What's Happening at Paekākāriki School?

Cross Country

A reminder, the Cross Country is on Wednesday 23rd May and is being held as usual at Campbell Park. Fingers crossed for the beautiful sunshine we had last year! Races will begin at 1pm, going in age order through until 2:45pm. All welcome. Tamariki please come in your house colours: Wainui - blue & silver, Pouawha - green & grey, Haumia - black & white, Miriona - red & gold.

School Production Helpers Needed

We are well underway with the planning for our school production at the end of Term 3. We would love some keen whanau helpers to make this event possible.

We are looking for helpers with costumes, prop making, backstage helpers, food sales and more.

If you are able to help or would like to know more, we warmly invite you to come along on Wednesday 16th May at 6:30pm to the school staff room. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

We hope to see you there

Rebecca Chisholm and Jess Hortop

We've joined the Pink Shirt Day movement!

Paekākāriki School has joined the Pink Shirt Day movement to Speak Up, Stand Together and Stop Bullying! On Friday, 18 May we're going pink to show our commitment to creating a school environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive of all students.

Pink Shirt Day is a national anti-bullying campaign led by the Mental Health Foundation. Pink Shirt Day aims to reduce bullying in schools by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive of all students. Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new Year 10 student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink.



We'll be celebrating Pink Shirt Day by asking everyone to come to school wearing pink on Friday.

Interschool Swimming Sports

On Friday 11th May Paekakariki took part in the Kapiti Schools Swimming Festival. The Juniors swam in the morning and the Seniors swam in the afternoon. Matua Anaru and Whaea Naomi ran the two teams between them for the day. The kids did our school proud, swimming to the best of our ability and they behaved superbly well. It was a pleasure to work with them all day. Thank you to those parents who helped with transport and supervision throughout the day. Our transition from Junior to Senior programmes was seamless and carried out with a minimum of fuss. At the time of writing, results were not available. Our next big Inter-Schools Sports event will be the Cross Country, for which we are currently training.

From the Garden Group

Thank you once again ngā whānau o Paekākāriki. We made almost \$9000 at the plant sale - a new record for our autumn sale! We're increasing our teacher aide budget to support our tamariki to access the amazing garden curriculum - growing, sciencing, mathsing, designing and building, cooking, writing and artsing. We're replacing our worm farm lids and finishing weedmatting and maintaining our hothouses and shade house. We're building a covered area for tamariki to garden in and shade for them to sit under. We're buying more of our lovely organic compost for potting up plants for the next plant sale. We continue to fund free soup Thursdays. We're growing and sourcing hundreds of plants for the proposed landscaping at the kura. And we're passing on \$3000 to the PTA. Worth it, eh?

Thanks for coming and supporting us. Thanks for helping, watering, potting, tidying, weeding, bringing, donating, PRing, moving, designing, researching, sign-writing and putter-uppering (and pulling downering), pricing, labelling, pruning, feeding, picking upping, hamming-it-upping, lending, pricking outting, wiping, selling, laminating, counting, sweeping, weed-matting and, well, blimmin everythinging! (And buying, of course!)

Please support our generous sponsors - Gus Evans in Waikanae, Harrisons in Peka Peka, Kāpiti Nursery in Otaihanga, Palmers in Plimmerton and Leacroft in Pauatahanui. When you shop there be sure to let them know it's because of their support for the Paekākāriki School Plant Sale.

A great team put this together and we'd love you to come and join us. It's good fun. Wednesday mornings from 9am or we can always find a job for you to do in your own time. Come when you can, it's not a weekly commitment unless you want it to be. And we have chocolate biscuits!

Also we desperately need whānau helpers for Monday and Tuesday 1.45 to 3pm with the kids. No need for gardening experience. If you can help please let the office know.

From the Board of Trustees

Here are some highlights of our 9 May meeting to keep you in the loop with Board decisions and discussions. Full minutes of the meeting will be available at the school office as soon as they are finalised.

- **A big thank you** to the people behind the mightily successful Garden Gala on 6 May. We are so lucky to have such creative and dedicated people in the PTA, the Potty Potters and the Garden Group. Paekākāriki gardens will be blooming come the spring, and lawnmowers suddenly seem a lot more interesting. Special thanks to Alexandra and Sara Saunders for their efforts.
- **Welcome Nick Martin** – the newest member of the Board of Trustees. The Board voted to co-opt Nick on to the Board to take on responsibility for the property portfolio. Nick is dad of Saana and Maia, coach of the football Minis, and an engineer in the time he has left. He will share this portfolio with Kirsten Ralph.
- **Who does what:** We finalised the portfolio responsibilities of other members. They are:
 - Chair and property: Kirsten Ralph
 - Principal: Julia Bevin
 - Staff Representative: Jess Hortop
 - Health and safety: Sean Versteegh
 - Finance and communication: Anja Foley
 - Curriculum: Levi Farrell
 - Policy and communication: Liz Kennedy
 - Secretary: Raima Kingi
- **Annual Plan:** Each term, Julia reports back to the board on progress against our [Annual Plan](#). The Annual Plan provides the detailed steps to meet our strategic goals and is well worth a read if you are interested in the direction of our kura and your child's education. The Board was satisfied that strategic goals had been met so far this year in line with the plan.
- **International students:** See the separate report from Kirsten Ralph in this newsletter.
- **Child absences:** Did you know that if your child misses the roll call in the morning, they are marked absent for half a day? Frankly, most of the parents on the Board didn't know either until we discussed the attendance data supplied by the Ministry. There are strict guidelines about the promptness with which the roll is taken and the information reported back to the office, and children have to actually be in class in order to be marked present, not putting their bikes away or ordering pies at the office.



From the Board of Trustees continued...

International programme

The Charter hui in 2016 highlighted many parents wanted our tamaki to have a strong sense of belonging and relationship with Paekakariki while also being globally connected and understanding their place in the wider world. In answer to this the school and Board have been exploring how to create an international programme.

Kapiti College has been in the International Student business for about 10 years. Kenakena School has been involved for almost as long. Both schools have worked with short stay groups and long term students. There is demand for good quality education for Chinese students outside of China and it seems that this pathway is something many Chinese families consider as a serious option. Given this, families are keen for their children to develop their English language skills as early as possible. By providing an opportunity for families to come to New Zealand for a few weeks and immerse themselves in our primary school system can be seen as an important step in this pathway.

We are working with Kapiti College, Kenakena and other local schools to work collaboratively, building a Kapiti cluster approach. Over Easter Julia joined as an observer with Kapiti College and Kenakena during their visits to a number of schools in China. During the visit Julia established a relationship and signed a sister school agreement with Changzhou University Elementary School. This agreement is about sharing our cultures and teaching practices with one another. It may lead on to exchanges for teachers and students.

At this stage we continue to explore the concept of hosting international students particularly those from China and are working through all the legislative and compliance aspects of hosting international students. As a school we believe hosting international students both short stay and long stay would be beneficial to our tamaki, building an understanding of other cultures, and bring in additional revenue. In addition as we anticipate the roll at Paekakariki school to remain around 160 students, hosting international students compliments the roll.

In addition to hosting students we are exploring other avenues to add to our international programme;

- A once a week international class with our Year 5 students where they can start to learn about other cultures and languages, and connect with our sister school.
- Hosting teachers from overseas through American Field Scholarships (AFS)
- Establishing connections with other international teacher programmes

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Wednesday June 20th at 7pm. We are always open to hearing your comments or questions, please email us via chair@paekakariki.school.nz.

Kirsten Ralph, Chair of BOT



After School Care

Fun Zone After School Care is up and running at kura now after school every day. Please get in touch with Fun Zone directly if you have questions or would like to book your tamariki in. All correspondence should be direct with them – they will be doing all their own administration.

0800 543966

<https://funzone.co.nz/paekakariki-school/>

Bikes and Scooters

We are very lucky in Paekākāriki 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.

Calendar

To find out what is happening at Paekākāriki 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.

Paekakariki School appreciate the support of the following organisations who help us provide programmes and resources for our tamariki in 2018



Ongoing things happening...

Fundraising

The Entertainment Book is available for purchase either in book form from the office, or online this year, every purchase raises money for kura. Packed with discounts & bargains! Information at office, or order here <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10558u7>

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 throughout Terms 2 and 3 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. 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 speak to any of us, or email administration@paekakariki.school.nz

Community Notices

If you're thinking about buying a Chromebook for your tamariki – Please contact Whakaaro Hou Education Trust – they buy in bulk to get good prices http://www.kc.school.nz/index/home/Whakaaro_Hou_Education_Trust

Artful kids fun art classes

Thursdays 3:30-5pm in Paekakariki, Ocean Rd.

Kids learn techniques of painting and drawing using great quality materials and while following their own creative interests and ideas.

\$20 a week. All materials supplied. 7 yrs and up. Parents welcome to join in.

Rachel 021 234 0949.

Term 2 Yoga with Anja in Paekākāriki

Mondays 7pm – 8.30pm, strengthening and toning

Thursdays 9.30am – 10.45am, stretching and relaxing, pre-schoolers and home-schoolers are welcome to come along for free with mum, dad, grandparents, auntie, uncle or caregiver.

Yoga mats, blocks and blankets are provided. Just show up and give it a go!

Where: Paekākāriki Memorial Hall, The Parade, Paekākāriki

Cost: casual \$15; six class pass \$80 Contact: Anja 021 02350601; anja@avida.co.nz; www.avida.co.nz

New Kapiti TAIJI and QIGONG Group - A Pathway to Wellness

FREE Student-led practice groups 6pm Tuesday & Friday in Otaki, & Thursday lunchtime in Paraparaumu.

Four or five intensive workshops per year with international teacher, Peter Dobson.

See Kapiti Taiji & Qigong on Facebook, or call Meg Stone 0224049009.

STARTING Saturday May 19th Boys Only - Jazz/Funk Dance classes - 12pm

Kapiti College Dance Studio - Raumati

Denise Walker Dance Academy

Ph 0274544073

Email Denise.walker82@gmail.com

Wairua Adventures presents unique and exciting Youth Mindfulness Camps and programs. We have lovingly crafted Mindfulness workshops combined with a variety of holistic practices such as yoga, meditation, martial arts, self defence, team building games & fun activities.

See our upcoming Youth Scavenger Hunt for 9-12yr olds and our new Kids Adventure Day for 5-8yr olds. For all other information on all of our fun adventures go to www.wairuaadventures.co.nz

