



Paekākāriki School

Home of the Barefoot Learner

Term 4 Week 3

Kia ora koutou,

What an amazing weekend we had in Paekākāriki over Labour weekend. The annual school plant sale was a wonderful event and a great money raiser for the school gardens and gardening curriculum. A massive thank you to The Potty Potters who work tirelessly through the year to make this happen. More than \$13,000 was raised to go towards projects that support our barefoot learners. The day was nicely finished off with the Pride Parade, and it was fantastic to see so many Paekākāriki School staff and students involved in this community event.



Our school charter and strategic plan have a very clear vision around community and connections. The events over Labour weekend serve to demonstrate how well we progressing on these aims. Thank you to everyone who came along, participated or helped in any way to make the weekend such a success.

Ngā mihi nui
Julia

Nov
Fri 2 nd School Athletics
Mon 5 th - Shared kai Parihaka Day
Wed 7 th - Fri 9 th Year 5/6 Camp
Wed 14 th Senior Inter-School Athletics
Wed 21 st 7pm BOT strategy planning meeting
Mon 26 th Teacher Only Day & Parent Evening - Boys Education
Fri 30 th New Whānau Open Evening

Dec
Tues 4 th Regional Athletics
Wed 5 th 7pm BOT meeting
Fri 7 th Takairi o te Ata Kapa Haka Festival
Tues 18 th Last day!

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

Please remember...

- **Strike Action** on Friday November 16th. More info following, read on for more info.
- **Sunhats & sunscreen** on every day please.
- **Lost Property** there are HEAPS of clothes in the bins outside the hall, please check them.
- **Lollies & sweet drinks:** A reminder that we ask that these are not part of children’s lunchboxes

Belonging

Connecting

Exploring

Thriving

Skool Loop App

Skool Loop is a new app we are adding to our ways to communicate with you, and for parents to notify us about absences. The school app will allow for instant viewing of school events, receiving of notifications, easy advising of absences, access of school contact details and instant accessing of information about the school via a parents smartphone or tablet. We envisage this app will greatly enhance our communication to the whole school community and will work alongside other school communication tools.

We have the larger, one-page version of these short instructions at the end of the newsletter.



Advertising opportunity for local businesses The app is funded totally free to the school by sponsorship of businesses for a small annual fee of \$275. There is a limited amount of how many businesses Skool Loop will feature. They would appreciate it if you would consider featuring your business in our school app, however there is no pressure for you to do so. All artwork can be done complimentary for you. For further information please feel free to contact Alli Smith at The Skool Loop App Alli@skoolloop.com or phone 0800 238 379

Welcome

Last week we welcomed the Snee whānau - Preston into room 3 and Damien into Te Kohanga. Haere mai!

Curriculum



Parihaka Day

On November 5th we remember the peaceful resistance at Parihaka. This story is an important part of New Zealand history and the children will be spending time in their classes learning a bit more about this over the next few days.

On Monday, November 5th we will come together with feathers made by each child to put onto an outline of Mt Taranaki. We will finish our celebration with a shared kai (lunch) for everyone to enjoy. This shared lunch will be held in the hall so please bring something to share to the hall kitchen on Monday morning. We will also run a free sausage sizzle that day. Whānau are welcome to join us for lunch.

Hockey

For the next 6 weeks, on Tuesdays, Wellington Hockey will be running a skills programme for all students. This is the 3rd and final year of this programme, which has been enjoyed by all students. Unfortunately the first session was rained off last Tuesday. Fingers crossed for better weather next week. The cost of this is \$4 and is on your tamariki's accounts.

What's Happening at Paekakariki School?

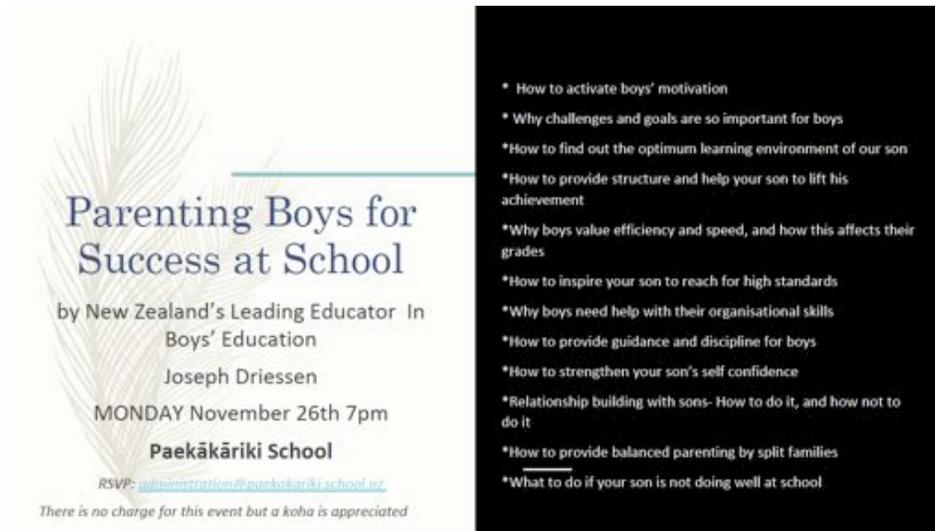
Bike Track Project

The bike track that has been developed in behind the cricket nets needs some finishing work done to it. We have unsuccessfully applied for funding to help us out with the hireage of a digger and the materials needed to make the track more sustainable and durable. We are now looking for volunteers who might be able to source;

- some clay, base course or lime for the track surface
- a small digger to finish shaping the area and move the materials into place

If you or anyone you know could help us out with these things please get in touch with the school office 04 292 8205 or administration@paekakariki.school.nz

Parenting Boys for success at school - please RSVP if you are keen.



Parenting Boys for Success at School

by New Zealand's Leading Educator In Boys' Education
Joseph Driessen

MONDAY November 26th 7pm
Paekākāriki School

RSVP: administration@paekakariki.school.nz

There is no charge for this event but a koha is appreciated

- * How to activate boys' motivation
- * Why challenges and goals are so important for boys
- * How to find out the optimum learning environment of our son
- * How to provide structure and help your son to lift his achievement
- * Why boys value efficiency and speed, and how this affects their grades
- * How to inspire your son to reach for high standards
- * Why boys need help with their organisational skills
- * How to provide guidance and discipline for boys
- * How to strengthen your son's self confidence
- * Relationship building with sons- How to do it, and how not to do it
- * How to provide balanced parenting by split families
- * What to do if your son is not doing well at school

Interschool Athletics

On Tuesday 23rd of October, we sent a group of enthusiastic participants to the annual Year 4-6 Kāpiti Schools Championships. All students participated really well giving everything their best shot, despite it being so early in the season. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day with transport and supervision. It would not be possible to attend these events without your help!

Paekāk's Got Talent

The annual Paekakariki School talent show returns this term. Start thinking about and preparing your entries. Categories are visual art, dance, singing, musical instruments, and variety.

The events will be held as follows, starting at 1:50pm.

Singing and variety on Friday, Nov 23rd

Dance and Instruments on Friday, Nov 30th

Final on Thursday December 6th 30th



Athletics Day

Athletics Day is coming up on tomorrow, Friday November 2nd. If it is cancelled, we will let you know on Friday morning. Sunhats, sunscreen and lots of water is a must on this day – or warm layers if it is cold. It will be a great day out for the whole family, and you're very welcome to order the weather we had last year!

Year 5/6 Camp

Coming up next week! Year 7 & 8s in as usual.

Ngā Purapura video newsletter

In case you missed it, do watch the video newsletter from the Ngā Purapura staff team - it is informative and a giggle. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0flbdnrHck&feature=youtu.be>

Volunteer Spotlight

Our students are very fortunate to be able to participate in a wide, rich curriculum thanks to the efforts of many people, some of whom are volunteers in our school. Each newsletter we will highlight some of the wonderful people who help make Paekākāriki School such a special place.

Gardeners

Our school gardening curriculum is run a core group of volunteers who come into school every week and work with small groups of students who garden, harvest and cook. Thank you to Hannah Zwartz, Ripeka Thomson and Gina Burge for your wonderful mahi, we are very lucky to have such a dedicated group of people supporting our tamariki.

This gardening curriculum is made possible not only by our volunteers but by the work of the Potty Potters who raise the funds needed to keep the programme going. Every Wednesday a group of community members, including school parents, work away in the gardens creating the backbone of our gardening curriculum. A massive thank you to:



From Our Students

I'm writing this on Wednesday on Halloween. Athletics is this Friday. We have been practising for it for the past 2 weeks and I have learned that unfortunately, I still suck at vortex, discus and sprints. Which is sad but oh well.

Also, Year 5&6 camp is next week. I might interview my friend Esme after the camp to ask her how it was. So very eventful week this week and I am very excited to go Trick or Treating and eat candy!

I'm not that excited about Athletics though because I don't really enjoy compulsory physical activities.

Sophie Allan

Touch Rugby

Hi this is the Paekākāriki school touch team we wanted to tell you about the game last week. The last game was good we won 8-5 and we were vs Paraparaumu School. This team had fast people and some slow we did not know that we would win. Dre was also puffed out he could not even sprint, he had put everything into it He was on the field nearly the whole match. Then near the end, he came off the field swapping with Sebo. Riley suggested that we should SPREAD OUT which we did and then celebrated the 8 - 5 win. Thank you Aroha and Adam being our coaches.

Kade Jakob and Dre.



From the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday night. See the minutes (when they are finalised) in the school office for the full wrap-up of the meeting. Two important points to come out of the meeting are as follows:

1. **Teachers strike 16 November:** The next nationwide teachers strike day is scheduled for Friday 16 November. As we did for the August strike, the Board voted to close the school on that day, as without the teachers there is no one to run the school safely. We are unanimous in our support of the teachers joining in the strike action. What they want from the Ministry is reasonable and are steps towards ensuring a sustainable, quality education system for our children. We note that what our teachers would like to see included in the deal are:
 - more resources and specialists to help them support the most vulnerable students, and
 - more time per student and more non-contact time so that they don't have to work at the weekend in order to get their jobs done.

There are lots of ways that you can show support for our teachers during this time of industrial action. Telling them that you support it is a great start, as is writing a letter to your MP, or attending **Athletics Day on Friday with an umbrella**, which is Paekakariki School's activity for the national union Community Engagement Day.

We did not make the decision to close the school lightly. We appreciate that it will put you under pressure to find childcare and make other arrangements, particularly because of the upcoming teachers only day.

2. **Teachers only day Monday 26 November:** The school will be closed for students on Monday 26 November. Teacher only days are scheduled at the beginning of each year, so it is unfortunate that the strike action is also taking place this month, as this places extra pressure on us all to find childcare arrangements. On the other hand, my kids are really looking forward to November.

Kirsten Ralph, Chair of BOT

Policy Review

This term we have a couple of key policies up for review. If you would like to participate in this process

1. Visit the website <http://paekakariki.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (paekakariki) and password (wellington).
3. Follow the link to the Complaints policy and the Behaviour Management policy.

4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

From the PTA

Paekākāriki School Plant & Bake Sale tea towels, locally designed, beautiful Christmas gifts, available at the Paekākāriki Market this Saturday with Lotte! If you'd like to be involved with the PTA, please email paekakarikischoolpta@gmail.com
Alexander Saunders, Chair of PTA

Bikes and Scooters

We are very lucky in Paekākāriki to have a safe community in which to cycle. Students and whānau 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.

Bike Track

Tamariki are making great use of the bike track that the Get Stuck In Boys have built with the help of Alex McDonald. We have started a timetable for breaktimes at school, so everyone gets a chance to use it. All riders must wear a helmet. All riders must use the track in a clockwise direction.

Mondays - Years 0 - 3 / Tuesdays - Years 4 & 5 / Wednesdays Years 6 - 8

Thursdays - Girls / Fridays - Boys

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.

School House Groups

Congratulations to Haumia who were the Term 3 winners.

Skool Loop App

Download Skool Loop from Google Play - this is a free app you can use to notify us of absences, and where notices and the calendar will sit, eventually (only just been launched, so we're still getting to grips with it). Go to the next page to see simple instructions on how it works.

Calendar

To find out what is happening at Paekākāriki School please go to our Community Calendar.:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=paekakariki.school.nz_3i1d30lhk9begr3ferb8f4qack@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Pacific/Auckland

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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/PaekākārikiSchool/>).

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...

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

Fun Zone After School Care

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 5439696

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

Community Notices

The legendary **Paekākāriki Playcentre Bonanza** returns! There'll be great food and coffee, live music, a live auction, a raffle, a plant sale and a whole bunch of brilliant bargains in our jumble sale for you to snap up! We'll also blow up that bouncy castle and there will be lots of fun for the kids. This year, we're hoping to raise enough money to fix our library's leaky roof, so come and support your local tamariki, in true Paekāk style!

Saturday November 10th
10am - 2pm

The Playcentre Big Play Out! – flyer at the end of the newsletter

Free to kids 0-6yrs

9.30am - 12pm

Come and join the fun at a park near you!

There will be bubbles, music, scavenger hunts, bikes and trikes, balls, ice, slime, playdough.

Grasslees Reserve	Monday November 5
Otari-Wilton Bush	Tuesday November 6
Whareroa Farm	Wednesday November 7
Shorland Park	Thursday November 8
Freyberg Beach	Friday November 9
Paekakariki Community Gardens	Friday November 9

Junior Tennis Is Back! Join us on Sundays @ 10am (at the Paekakariki Tennis Courts) - bring a plate to share, and enjoy a free sausage sizzle. Ages 8+ (though get in touch if you have a child under 8 who is keen to play). Tennis is a great summer sport for all children so come and see what it's all about.

Term 4 Yoga with Anja, Mondays 7pm & Thursdays 9.30am @ Memorial Hall, The Parade, Paekākāriki
\$15 casual visit or \$80 for a six class pass

Paekākāriki has a website! www.paekakariki.nz This web platform is managed, developed and run by the Paekākāriki community for the community. For it to survive we require support from those who will benefit from it. Please consider having a paid listing on the site for your service or business – only \$75 per year. Or you could donate here - <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/support-paekakariki> All questions to mypocketuniverse@gmail.com

Playgroup at St James's – every Wednesday 9:15 – 11:15am – for preschoolers & their whānau. Bring gold coin & fruit.

Whakaaro Education Trust – supporting families to purchase Chromebooks for their children from \$4 per week. The cut off for expression of interest forms is 2nd November 2018 for the year end roll out of Chrome books on the 14th November 2018. Pricing and dates are all on <https://whetrust.weebly.com/>

The GO Club is now in Paraparaumu! We build girls up! An afterschool club for girls Years 1-8, we explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) in a fun, safe and supportive environment. Loads of LEGO, lots of laughs! Tuesdays 3:30pm-5:15 in Paraparaumu and same time Wednesdays in Paekakariki. Places are limited, book now at www.enrolmy.com/the-go-club



The Little LEGO Library Presents
The GO Club
We build girls up!

The GO Club is a STEM group for girls, exploring Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths in a fun, safe and supportive environment.

Paraparaumu: Tuesday and Thursday 3:30-5:15
Paekakariki: Wednesday 3:30-5:15
Thursday is a pilot Maori/Pasifika program, see www.library.org for more info

Term 4 spaces available! Classes are limited so sign up now at:
www.enrolmy.com/the-go-club



All profits go to the The Little LEGO Library, which lends LEGO sets to children with learning difficulties as part of an ongoing occupational therapy programme. We are currently fundraising for our launch in 2018.

Neurodiversity Parent/Family Workshop (dyslexia, dyspraxia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia)

Presenter: Sarah Sharpe. Neurodiversity Education Consultant and Teacher in Charge

Neurodiversity Education at Kāpiti College

When: 13 November

Where: [21 Tongariro Street, Paraparaumu](#)

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Cost: \$20/head \$30/family

Sarah Sharpe is running an information evening/workshop for all families interested in neurodiversity, focusing on dyslexia, dyspraxia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia.

The aims of the evening are:

- To assist parents to better understand their child/children as learners.
- To provide a 'toolkit' of resources and strategies to enable parents to best support their child/children with their learning.
- To equip parents with the knowledge and understanding of the education system and how to access appropriate help for their child/children.
- To provide parents with online links to information, resources and support groups.
- An accessible and user-friendly guide will be provided and there will be a chance to ask questions at the end of the evening.

For more information, and to register interest visit :

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1885014414952897/>

To find out more about Sarah and her work, visit sharpe-minds.com

The Lions Club of Kapiti are providing workers and students in Wellington the opportunity in the case of a disaster to prepare for the **long walk home. This event is to run over two days, the 10th and 11th of November 2018.** Day 1 is from Wellington to the Ngatitōa Domain at Mana and Day 2 from Ngatitōa Domain to Raumati. This project has the support and backing of Lions Clubs, emergency services and Wellington and Kapiti Coast Councils. Find out more here -

<https://www.enteronline.co.nz/index.cfm?page=EventDetails&ID=5320>

Hoop Club Kapiti - Basketball Coaching Programme - Term 4 2018

Paraparaumu Sessions:

Sunday 28 October to Sunday 9 December 2018

At 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 17 year olds

ALL NEW PLAYERS MOST WELCOME

Contact - Angelo Robinson 04 9040142 or contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz



The Playcentre



BIG PLAY OUT

FREE TO KIDS 0-6

9:30AM - 12PM

bubbles • music • scavenger hunts • bikes and trikes • balls • ice • slime • playdough

GRASSLEES RESERVE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

OTARI-WILTON BUSH TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WHAREROA FARM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

SHORLAND PARK THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

FREYBERG BEACH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

PAEKĀKĀRIKI COMMUNITY GARDENS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Come join the fun at a park near you!



www.wellingtonplaycentre.org.nz

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Whānau tupu ngātahi - families growing together