



# Paekākāriki School

## *Home of the Barefoot Learner*

### Term 1 Week 3

Kia ora koutou

We've had a fantastic start to the new school year. For most of students day one of 2019 was just 'the next day of learning' as they returned to their whānau class and teacher ready to get going with their learning. For the small number of students who moved to a new whānau class and teacher, we've been really impressed with the way they have managed the transition and have adapted to a new learning environment. Developing a sense of belonging and connectedness are priorities for us because we know these are the building blocks for learning. Our whānau classes and well-planned transition programmes help us to achieve this.

Thank you to all the parents and whānau who have been involved in ensuring the children are ready for a new school year. This makes a big difference to the children, and their teachers and we appreciate your support.

Ngā mihi nui  
Julia

#### Welcome

Last week we welcomed Violet Rakich to Paekākāriki School. Violet joins the Tuakana syndicate.

This week we welcomed Alex Dawson to Paekākāriki School. Alex joins Te Kōhanga. I know that you will all make our new students and their whānau feel very welcome at Paekākāriki School.

#### \*\*\* Important Information \*\*\*

#### Please remember...

- Sunhats & Sunscreen on every day please and something to cover shoulders.
- Skool Look App If you haven't downloaded it, do. It is a good way to keep in touch - any questions ask at the office.

#### February/Hui Tanguru

Kapiti Schools Triathlon (Postponement)	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Wānanga	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Teina Camp	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb

#### March/Poutū-te-rangi

Yr 7/8 Immunisations	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar
School Radio Shows start	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Inter School Triathlon	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Miriona Assembly	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar
SCHOOL POOL CLOSED	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar

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## Whanau Picnic

Our annual whānau picnic was a big success again this year and it was wonderful to see so many of you there.

A huge thank you to Ema Pomare and Iain Gordon for the hours of work they put into the preparation and cooking of the fish and chips. Ema and Iain's children both now attend Kāpiti College and we are very grateful for their support with our picnic again this year.

Thank you to the PTA for funding this event, we are very lucky to be able to offer our community such delicious food free of charge.

Thank you to all the village fisher people who went out and caught the fish - fresh local fish is definitely the best.

Thank you to our Board of Trustees (BOT) for helping to organise the event, and finally, thank you to the parents who peeled potatoes (40 kg!), cooked, served and cleaned up.

Paekākāriki School certainly is a special place with lots of special people working in the background to ensure our tamariki have the best experiences. If you'd like to be involved more, please read on later in the newsletter about becoming involved on the BOT or PTA.

## Congratulations

The Paekākāriki School gardening programme is one of a kind, it is fully funded by the plant sales and our students are very fortunate to have the opportunity to learn in this context.

School parent, Rebecca Thompson has volunteered many hours working with our year 6 students. Rebecca recently entered fairy gardens, beans, and cucumbers from last years Year 6 gardeners, into a horticultural show in the Hutt and they won a number of prizes:

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for cucumbers

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for beans (green and purple)

A special commendation for the fairy gardens.

Congratulations to everyone involved, this mahi (work) is a wonderful example of **Exploring** and **Thriving**. The certificates will be laminated and displayed in the garden by the Pātaka kai.

Awesome mahi team and big thanks to Rebecca for all her support for this programme.



## Curriculum

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The focus for learning across our school this term is Ngā tangata (People). In exploring this concept, students will be given opportunities to learn more about their personal history, our local history and New Zealand history. Our house groups serve an important role in supporting students to learn the Ngāti Haumia pepeha. Students will also learn about ways they can look after themselves and one another. These learning experiences fit into the Social Sciences and Health and PE strands of the New Zealand Curriculum.

Another important aspect of the Term 1 curriculum is our PE programme with a focus on water safety. We are very fortunate to have a school pool and every child has the opportunity to swim every day. Our school swimming sports will be held at Waikanae Pools on March 13th for students in years 4 - 8. Years 1 - 3 will have their own special session where they will be able to share the skills learnt and have a focus on water safety.

Students across our school will be engaged in a variety of projects. Some of these projects are linked to classroom areas of focus and other times these will be driven by student's personal interests. By facilitating and enabling students to follow their passions we are fostering inquiry and innovation, skills that are important in the world our tamariki (children) are entering.

### What's Happening at Paekakariki School?

#### Teina Camp

**Thursday 28th February** is our Teina Camp. The students have an opportunity to experience a night camping in a familiar environment. It is wonderful to see the student's confidence grow as they move through the school to longer camps and camps further afield. Please see your whanau teacher if you have any questions.

#### Mural Painting

Following on from the very successful murals depicting the Ngāti Haumia pepeha in 2017 we have been asked to create more panels for the Station Museum. Once again our students will have the opportunity to work with local artist, Rachel Benefield in creating these. We are looking forward to watching them unfold.

### From Our Students

At the beginning of Week 1, we had the national 'play day', which meant that we basically got to do whatever we wanted, but no screens. It was really enjoyable, and I personally dug it. I asked my brother Billy whether he liked it, and he said that he really enjoyed it. He also said that he loved spending time on the school BMX track. Another thing that has happened was that the Arts and Citizenship leaders held a fundraiser where everyone dressed up and brought a gold coin to school. It was really fun and nice to dress up and also to see people who would normally wear the same clothes dress up too.

*Frankie McLaughlan*



## Thank You

Thank you to Kate & Hayden Lucas (mum and dad to Maz and Zack) and whānau for koha and delivery of the dining room suite which is in the staffroom, and is enjoyed by staff, students and whānau.

Thank you to Mishy Vieira (mum to Ana and Leila) and the Atiawa ki Wakarongotai Charitable Trust Board for their whākaaro rangatira of providing staff and tamariki/rangatahi with an opportunity to attend Te Matatini ki te Ao! Mauriora!

Thank you to the Sport, Education, Community & Cultural Foundation (SECC) for their outstanding donation of sports balls to our kura!

Thank you to the Nixon/Jackson whānau for their donation of a TV.

Thank you to the Aviation Security Services at Wellington Airport for their donation of many scissors.

Thank you to the Cobeldick/Sullivan whānau for their donation of books to our library.

We appreciate the ongoing support of community-minded people and organisations. These donations make a big difference to our environment and learning experiences. We and our tamariki thank you!

## From the Board of Trustees

In May this year we will be seeking nominations for three parent representatives on the schools Board of Trustees. If you are wanting to find out more about the roles of Board of Trustees, the New Zealand Schools Trustees Association (NZSTA) are holding a hui for all who are interested in what the role involves. This will be at Waikanae School on 18 March at 6.00pm Please see the flyer further on in the newsletter for more information. We look forward to seeing you and helping our school's succession planning! RSVP to [f.charters@waikanae.school.nz](mailto:f.charters@waikanae.school.nz)

*Kirsten Ralph*

## Policy Review

This term we have a couple of key policies up for review:

- **School Swimming Pool**
- **Alcohol, Drugs, and other Harmful Substances**

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.

## PTA

*Do you want to be more involved and influence the educational opportunities for your tamariki at kura?*

*Are you feeling a missing link between students, parent and teachers?*

*Are you keen to support the kura to meet the aspirations of our tamariki?*

(PTA Constitution, Objectives, 2016)

## COME TO OUR FIRST OF YEAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 AT THE KURA, 5.30PM

The W/PTA has contributed to the kura through regular meetings with the school management, Board and other school groups, such as the Garden Group; providing input to the strategic plan and grounds plan for the kura; sponsoring events that bring together our whānau and community (MATARIKI, GARDEN GALA, FAMILY FISH N CHIP NIGHT), and generating extra funds to meet the needs of our tamariki (SPECIAL NEEDS EQUIPMENT, SCHOOL UPKEEP).

Call Kerran, Secretary 0273968431 or Alexandra, Chair 0279322587 or write to [paekakarikischoolPTA@gmail.com](mailto:paekakarikischoolPTA@gmail.com)

## 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**  
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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.

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=paekakariki.school.nz\\_3i1d30lhk9begr3ferb8f4qack@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Pacific/Auckland](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=paekakariki.school.nz_3i1d30lhk9begr3ferb8f4qack@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Pacific/Auckland)

## 2019 School Dates

**Term 1** Monday, February 4th - Friday, April 12th

**Term 2** Monday, April 29th - Friday, July 5th

**Term 3** Monday, July 22nd - Friday, September 27th

**Term 4** Monday, October 14th - Thursday, December 19th (Teacher Only Day - Friday, October 25th)

## 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 has been redeveloped and will be added to over the coming months.

[www.paekakariki.school.nz](http://www.paekakariki.school.nz)

*Paekākāriki School appreciate the support of the following organisations who help us provide programmes and resources for our tamariki in 2018 and 2019.*



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## 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 Tuesdays 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](mailto: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 news



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## Have you thought about becoming a board member for your school?

**Kōrari** –a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees

Come along to NZSTA's Kōrari Programme to find out about becoming a school trustee on a school board!

***We are holding a community hui at Waikanae School in the school hall / staffroom on 18 March 2019 at 6.00 pm in the lead up to this year's board of trustees' elections.***

At the hui you'll hear about:

- What is a school board of trustees
- What do trustees do
- What skills do trustees need
- Who can become a trustee
- How do I become a trustee
- Who is on a board of trustees

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- How is a board elected
- What help do school trustees get
- How does the board of trustees work

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[nzsta.org.nz](http://nzsta.org.nz) [facebook.com/NZSTA1](https://www.facebook.com/NZSTA1) [twitter.com/NZSchoolTrustee](https://twitter.com/NZSchoolTrustee)

### Medications for the heart

The Heart Foundation are holding FREE sessions across the region to discuss heart medications.

Run by registered pharmacists, we will talk about all of the various groups of medications, what they do, common side effects, etc.

Whānau are encouraged to come along and learn more about your heart condition.

UPPER HUTT:	Wednesday 6 March, 5.30pm-7.00pm Hapai Club, 879-881 Fergusson Drive Speaker: Mara Coler, Clinical Pharmacist, HVDHB
PARAPARAUMU:	Tuesday 12 March, 5.30 – 7.00pm Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre, 15a Ngahina St Speaker: James Westbury, Community Pharmacist
TAITA:	Tuesday 26 March, 5.30 – 7.00pm Walter Nash Centre, 20-22 Taine St Speaker: Mara Coler, Clinical Pharmacist, HVDHB
WAINUIOMATA:	Tues 2 April, 5.30 – 7.00pm Wainuiomata Community Hub, 1a Queen St Speaker: Mara Coler, Clinical Pharmacist, HVDHB

Please register at [medheart.eventbrite.co.nz](http://medheart.eventbrite.co.nz)



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Register or sponsor someone at [www.kapitirunforyouth.co.nz](http://www.kapitirunforyouth.co.nz) or phone 04 299 2285 for a registration pack.

Registration  
9 - 10.15am

Event Start  
10.30am

Start & Finish  
MacLean Park  
Paraparamu Beach

### Sponsors



# Sunday 31st March 2019

Choose from a  
**6k or 12k**  
Fun Run/Walk

## Hoop Club Kapiti – Basketball Coaching Programme – Term 1 2019

### Paraparaumu Sessions:

Sunday 10 February to Sunday 7 April

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](mailto:contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz)

### OTAKI SESSIONS

Sunday 10 February to Sunday 7 April

Otaki College Gym, Mill Road, Otaki

2.30 to 3.30pm 5 to 10 year olds

3.30 to 4.30pm 11 to 17 year olds

ALL NEW PLAYERS MOST WELCOME

Contact – Corey Woodroffe 0274439141 or [contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz](mailto:contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz)

## Staglands

### Kids Go Free at Staglands on Children's Day

**Staglands Wildlife Reserve** will be celebrating **Children's Day** on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** by offering **FREE ENTRY** into The Reserve for **ALL CHILDREN**.

In addition to their usual attractions visitors can enjoy **free off-road tractor-trailer rides**. So if you are looking for a fun Children's day outing for the whole family; meet at Staglands and Connect with Nature on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

\*Offer is not available with any other offer. Children (0-16 years) must be accompanied by paying adult.

For more information visit [www.staglands.co.nz](http://www.staglands.co.nz)

## KCDC - Park to Path 2019 is back!

To register and more information [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/parktopath](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/parktopath)

Park to Path is a free community fun run and walk with a 6km or 10km option. Starting at Otarua Park, Otaihangā, the route takes you from the park onto the beautiful Waikanae river trail with the opportunity to take a selfie at the Selfie stand; before going onto the expressway track. The 10km option takes you towards Waikanae before looping back.

This year, we are adding a fun "School versus School" challenge. When entering your child, there is an option to enter what school they attend. The winning school will receive swim passes for

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every child who takes part on the day to any of the three Kapiti Coast District Council pools: Coastlands Aquatic Centre, Waikanae or Otaki pool.

The winning school will be the school that has the highest percentage of children registered based on their current roll.

There is also 1km fun option for children around the park as well. There is no online option for this as we will take registrations on the day.

**Date:** Sunday 10 March 2019

**Time:** 8.30am onwards

**Where:** Otaraua Park, Lancelot Grove, Otaihanga

<https://www.facebook.com/events/400986904009783/>

## **Migrant Connect - Citizens Advice Bureau**

**Making New Zealand your home?**

**Join us for a Free Lunch & Information Session**

**When** 11:00 am on Saturday 9 March 2019

**Where** Rimu Room, upstairs in Coastlands, Paraparaumu  
(entrance between Pagani and Black Pepper)

**Topics** New Zealand's First People: The Māori

■ Arrival in New Zealand

■ Customs & Traditions

■ Language

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Kapiti Citizens Advice Bureau.

Kapiti Citizens Advice Bureau  
offers free, face to face support to new migrants.

Phone: 04 298 4944

Email: [kapiti@cab.org.nz](mailto:kapiti@cab.org.nz)

## **CELEBRATE NEIGHBOURS DAY AOTEAROA with an OVER THE FENCE CUPPA!**

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Neighbours Day Aotearoa, and in Kāpiti we're celebrating!

Getting to know your neighbours better is a great way to help build stronger, happier and more resilient communities.

Invite your neighbours for an 'Over the Fence Cuppa' and KCDC will support you with ideas, resources and a goodie pack to help you create a fun get-together in your neighbourhood.

Find out more at: [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/neighboursday](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/neighboursday)