



## Paekākāriki School

*Home of the barefoot learner*

# Pānui

## Term 4 Week 5

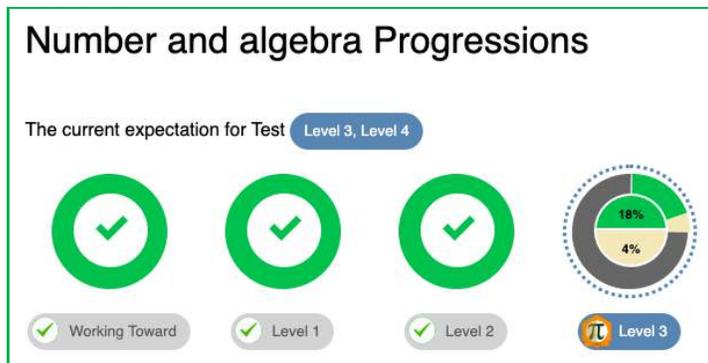
### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,

As we near the end of the school year staff are working on providing updated information to whanau about student progress and achievement. We do this in several ways;

1 - comments/posts which detail the learning experiences your child has been involved in and their personal achievements within these. We comment on strengths and next steps. You will receive an email notifying you of such posts.

2 - Progress dials for Number and Algebra, Geometry and Measurement, Statistics and Probability, Reading, and Writing. These are aligned to the New Zealand Curriculum with the level expectations for your child stated at the top of the dials. See the example below:



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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### November

**18th November** Teacher Only Day

**20th November** School Athletics

**25th November—29th November**  
Year 7 & 8 Camp

**29th November** New Whanau  
Open Morning

#### December

**4th December** Kapa Haka Festival

**9th December** Kaumatua Morning  
Tea

**11th December** Choir at Coastlands

**11th December** BOT Meeting

**12th December** Yr 8's Big Day Out

**12th December** Yr 8 Leavers Dinner

**19th December** Prizegiving

**19th December** Last Day

#### TERM DATES 2019

##### 2019 School Dates

**Term 4** Monday, October 14th -

**Thursday, December 19th**

**(Teacher Only Day - Friday, October 25th)**

#### TERM DATES 2020

##### 2020 School Dates

**Term 1** **Tuesday, February 4th** -

Thursday, April 9th

**Term 2** Tuesday, April 28th - Friday,  
July 3rd

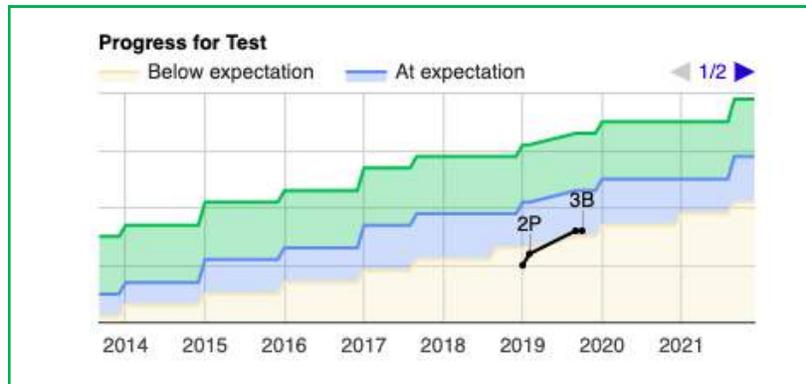
**Term 3** Monday, July 20th - Friday,  
September 25th

**Term 4** Monday, October 12th -  
Wednesday, December 16th  
(Teacher Only Day - to be confirmed)

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL—CONTINUED

3 - Progress dials for Belonging, Connecting, Exploring and Thriving. These are aligned to the New Zealand Curriculum Key Competencies.

4 - Progress Charts for every dial show the development over time and the band within which your child is sitting (above expectation, at expectation or below expectation). Once again these are aligned with the levels of the New Zealand Curriculum.



Whilst we are updating student achievement and progress information on a regular basis the final data points will not be ready until the final week of the term. It is important that you are logging into your LincEd account in order to access this information. Please see the office staff if you are having difficulty. Students who have been at school for less than 20 weeks will have less information than those who have been at school for 6 months or more.

Ngā mihi nui

*Julia*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Teacher Only Days

A reminder that we have another Teacher Only Day this term, the school will be closed on **Monday, November 18th** for LincEd professional development and data entry.

## From our Students

Our story begins one cold winter day when everybody was tucked away, and little Billie was out, catching Christmas. His mother had told him once before, that the essence of Christmas was right here, in his heart. He had thought this ridiculous and had at once set out, determined to prove his mother wrong.

And so away he went match-box in hand and collected Christmas. He captured the snowflakes, stars, and Christmas lights, but oh no! The snowflakes would melt! He would have to try another way. Billie thought long and hard about his problem. What could he use? A fridge would stop the stars from shining, and the lights from shimmering.

Then, five days before Christmas Eve, he thought of another way.

A book! A book! The perfect way to catch Christmas. Stars were scattered across the page, light exploded in joy, and snowflakes gathered around the edge.

At last Christmas eve was here, and Billie could not wait. Finally, he heard the telltale ring of the bells and rushed outside just in time to see the reminders hooves disappear over the edge of the roof. When he got inside he saw a note from Santa, which read: Thankyou from the bottom of my heart, and a very, very merry Christmas.

Frankie McLaughlan

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

### New Whanau Open Morning

Friday 29th November 9.30 - 11.00am. An opportunity to come and join us for shared Kai and a look around our shared spaces. Find out more about our barefoot learners and have questions answered. ~ All welcome



### Senior Camp

The year 7 & 8 team will be away from the 25th till the 29th of November for this years camp. They are going to Teapot Valley which is situated near Nelson. The tamariki will travel there by ferry. And have a week full of fun activities planned.

### DEAR week (Drop Everything and Rongoa) healing week

Week 6 will be our Drop Everything and Rongoa week. This week alongside Teacher only day Monday and Athletics on Wednesday. This will be a time to make things, to recharge the mind and body and a time to think about others. Tuakana and Teina will work outside classroom, aswell as in the class and at the park.

### Calendar Order

Thank you to all the parents who ordered stationary made out off the kids art work. If you like to order additional items or missed out and still like to order some stationary, please fill in a orderform. These can be found in the office. Orders close next week, Friday the 22nd of November.

### New Football Post

A big thank you to Kate Lucas and Capital Football for our new Futsal goals (with nets) and footballs. The got tried out straight away and were a great success.



# CURRICULUM

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Congratulations to **Miriona** for winning the **Term 3** House challenge.

## News from the Library

One Sunday morning recently, Saana, Mia, Amelia and Eloise, made lemonade and some baking to sell in the village to raise money for the school library. Thank you girls for your thoughtfulness! Your contribution to the school library is much appreciated.

Students requesting books or series for the school library is invaluable for planning future book purchases, any suggestions or comments from whanau would be great too. [library@paekakariki.school.nz](mailto:library@paekakariki.school.nz)

Ngā mihi nō te whare pukapuka ~ Дoмa



## Athletics

School athletics will take place on **Wednesday 20th November**. Whanau are welcome to join us for the day. Students are preparing for this now so please encourage your child to dress in clothing that will be comfortable for these activities. Below are some photos of our interschool athletics.



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### A big mihi to gardening guru Hannah Zwartz

Our special thanks to Hannah Zwartz (garden whizz and Pearl's Mum) who is stepping down after running the gardening programme at our school for 7-8 years.

Through her green-fingered vision and commitment she has grown our gardening curriculum to be a valued and integrated part of Paekākāriki School. She also initiated Soup in Schools at our kura which our tamariki love. Hannah started the garden programme to give Year 6 pupils the experience of growing their own food. The programme is self-funded by Potty Potters and has expanded over the years to include a strong junior element.

Gardening is continuing at our school through the project 'Ngā Honongā ki a Papatūānuku/ Relationships to Papatūānuku' and Hannah is still supporting Raima and Holly with their garden curriculum in a more informal way.

*"Hannah brought her gardening expertise when she started the school's garden programme and we've been very lucky to have someone of her calibre. The programme has matured and is now an integral part of the school - which is what we were always hoping for,"* says Tina Pope of Potty Potters.

Many other schools and community groups also benefit from Hannah's garden knowledge. She looks after about 15 farms including being urban kai farm co-ordinator for The Common Unity Project in Lower Hutt which feeds four schools and is based at a care and protection facility for youth. Closer to home, Hannah is a founding member of Paekākāriki Orchard and Gardens, the group running our very own community gardens at the end of Tilley Rd.

The Paekākāriki School gardening programme is also appreciated further afield. It is a finalist in the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards after it won the Kapiti Awards for the Youth Development and Education category.

### Good luck Hannah, Tina and team!

### Free donations scheme for 2020

Parents won't be asked for school donations next year as the Board has voted to take up the Government's donations scheme for decile 1-7 schools, which means we will receive the new Government payment instead.

Although school donations are voluntary, families can feel under pressure to pay and the Budget 2019 initiative is designed to alleviate that pressure on households. It also recognises that Decile 1-7 schools can find it difficult to raise funds from their communities.

Boards of Trustees that opt-in to the donations scheme can still ask parents and guardians to pay for optional activities outside the curriculum. Our school will still seek payment for extra curricular activities such as school camps, sports trips and music lessons.

Around 1,700 New Zealand schools will be eligible to join the new scheme and schools which opt in will receive their additional funding in January 2020.

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### Keeping kids sun smart

A reminder to parents to please ensure your child brings a good sun hat to school which covers their face. The weather has started to warm up and the Board has agreed its Sun Smart Policy for this term and term 1 next year. The main points of keeping our school whanau sun smart are below.

#### Sunsafer behaviour

- Students need to wear hats that shade the face whenever they are outside and involved in school activities. Students at school without a hat must remain in an allocated shaded area or inside at break times.
- We encourage students to protect themselves with broad spectrum sunscreen (which the school provides) of at least SPF30 (Sun Protection Factor), and by sitting/playing in the shade where possible.
- When outside and involved in school activities, staff model appropriate sun-safe behaviour by wearing hats and making use of shade whenever possible. Parents are also encouraged to wear sunhats and be positive role models when picking up children or participating in school activities.
- We encourage students to wear swimwear that covers them as much as possible when swimming outdoors, e.g. long-sleeve rash tops.
- We encourage students to wear clothing that protects the skin (e.g. long sleeve tops) when at risk of extended sun exposure, such as sports days and picnics etc.

#### School activities

- Students eat lunch in the shade as appropriate.
- We encourage students to keep hydrated by drinking water.
- We try to schedule outdoor activities to minimise exposure to the sun during the summer.
- We include sun protection in our risk management planning for on-site and off-site activities.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Paekakariki Christmas Toy Swap, Saturday 30 November 1-4pm

Would you like to do your Christmas shopping in as sustainable way as you can without buying new?

Put aside all your no longer wanted good quality kids toys, sports equipment, dvds, games, puzzles and books for our Christmas Toy Swap coming up on 30th November! Drop-off your items before the day then come along to do your Christmas "shopping" for quality pre-loved items. If you're not swapping you can still make purchases on the day. All proceeds to the Paekakariki Scout group and leftover items go to charity.

For all the details about how it will work head to <https://www.facebook.com/PaekakarikiChristmasToySwap>

### The GO and BO Clubs

The GO Club and B.O. Club are back for Term 4, kicking off in week 2! Book now on [enrolmy.com/the-go-club](http://enrolmy.com/the-go-club)

Spaces are limited! An after-school STEM (science, tech, engineering and maths) club encouraging girls to get confident with STEM, and helping boys be better communicators. Child led, light snack provided, high adult-child ratios. See [thegoclub.org](http://thegoclub.org) for more info!

**Paraparaumu:** Tuesday 3:30-5pm The B.O. Club (boys 6-10yo) and Thursday GO Club 3:30-5:15pm (girls 6-12yo) Drop off from 3:15pm

Walking distance from Paraparaumu School and Kāpiti Primary! 6 Tongariro St

**Paekākāriki:** Juniors Y1-Y4 Tuesday 3:15pm-5pm Seniors Y5+ 3:15-5:15pm Wednesday

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Christmas Market**  
**Waikanae Memorial Hall**  
Sunday, December 15th  
9.30am – 2pm  
Over 90 stalls and food trucks  
Suitable for all ages this event is family friendly with bouncy castle, fire trucks, face painter and even a visit from the big guy in red himself!  
Gold coin entry fee to Kapiti MenzShed

KAPITI INDOOR Market  
Voyle & Co REALTY



**NEW The Maclean Park Experience**  
Enjoy a family day out at the newly upgraded Maclean Park!  
**Saturday 16 November, 11am-2pm**  
**Maclean Park, Paraparaumu Beach**  
Join us to celebrate the newly upgraded park space and the 20th anniversary of the Paraparaumu Beach Markets!

- Live Music
- Free Sausage Sizzle after 12pm
- Playground Hunt
- Kids Activities
- Pop-up play
- Spot Prizes
- & much more!

For more information visit [kapiticoast.govt.nz/maclean-park-refresh](https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/maclean-park-refresh)

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Kapiti Coast DISTRICT COUNCIL

### **Kapiti Women's Triathlon Pre-Xmas Training –**

LACE UP YOUR SHOES!!! Come join this friendly, constructive running session with experienced women from the Kapiti Running and Tri Club 6pm this Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at the Waterfront Bar carpark.

BREAK AWAY FROM THE PACK!!! – cycle training on 18<sup>th</sup> November and 2 December run by the Kapiti Cycle Club at 6pm at the Waterfront Car Park. Come and get some great tips on technique, turning, using your water bottle and pace. \$5 a session

GET YOUR SWIM ON!!! – Swim training run by our coach Emma at Coastlands Aquatic Centre every Sunday from 10 November to 15 December 9.30-10.30. Use Emma's experience to check you technique and build on great technique to help you in the open water. \$5 a session

Tag a friend who you think would love to come along. More information is available on the website <https://www.kwt.org.nz/training>