



Paekākāriki School

Home of the barefoot learner

Pānui

Term 4 Week 7

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,

This is the time of the year where schools all over the country are setting budgets and juggling staffing for the coming year. Here at Paekākāriki School, we are in the fortunate position of having minimal changes to our staffing for 2020. See the detail further in the newsletter.

The Ministry of Education set the number of teachers for a school-based on its roll. This staffing component provides for;

- Classroom teachers
- Management release time for our Deputy Principals and SENCO
- Classroom release time for all teachers working .8 or more.
- Classroom release time for special needs

The Ministry of Education in its operational funding to schools provides money to release teachers for Professional Development and to cover sick leave. The MOE also provides a small amount of funding for teacher aides.

At Paekākāriki School we employ 2 part-time teachers to cover the release aspects of the job which ensures we have a consistent team of teachers working with your children. We are lucky to be able to call on these teachers for one-off events such as training days and sick days which means we have little need to call on external relievers.

Our collaborative learning environments enable us to use this limited resource as efficiently as possible and provide stable learning environments where there are always adults who know the children well working in the space even when sickness and release days crop up.

Our teacher aides are key members of the teaching teams and will often be found working with small groups or individuals as part of the regular classroom programme.

Ngā mihi nui

Julia



IMPORTANT DATES

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

February

4th February First day of Term 1

6th February Waitangi Day

TERM DATES 2019

2019 School Dates

Term 4 Monday, October 14th -

Thursday, December 19th

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

Thursday, April 9th

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

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September 25th

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Wednesday, December 16th
(Teacher Only Day - to be confirmed)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Last Day of School

Our final day of the year will be Thursday, December 19th. This day will begin with Prizegiving at 9:30 in the hall. Following morning tea we will have our Poroporoaki (farewell) for our year 8 leavers at 11:30. The school will close just after midday.

Sick Children

Currently we have quite a few children away sick. The teachers have been providing extra hand sanitiser for the tamariki to use before they go off to eat their morning tea and lunch.

Please ensure that your children are well enough before sending them back to school. Children with diarrhoea and vomiting should stay home until well and at least 48 hours after their last episode of diarrhoea and vomiting.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

Paekak's Got Talent Finals

The Finals of PGT will be held on Friday, December 6th at 2pm in the school hall. We have some very talented performers and some celebrity judges. All welcome. Any questions, contact Whaea Becs rebecca@paekakariki.school.nz

Takiri o te Ata Festival—Kapa Haka

On Wednesday the 4th of December the Kapaz Haka Performance group will be attending the Takiri o Te Ata Festival at Kāpiti College. This is a great opportunity for our tamariki see other groups perform and to show off their performance skills. If your child is in the Kapaz group you would have received a letter with information and a permission slip.

Staffing for 2020

Te Kohanga

During Term 1 2020 Justine Ward will be working reduced hours with Jane Stent and Alayna Flighty covering the majority of the teaching time. Justine will resume her normal hours in Term 2. Lisa Button will continue to provide support in Te Kohanga in her Teacher Aide role.

Ngā Kākano

Judith Smith and Sue Gent are the key teachers in this team. They are supported by Jill Mazey and Lisa Button.

Ngā Purapura

Rachel McMullen, Andy Laurenson, Jess Hortop, Rebecca Chisholm and Julia Bevin are the key members of this teaching team. They are supported by Naomi Ratana, Donna Barr, Jill Mazey, and Anna Maria O'Brien.

Release Teachers

Kendra Hersche will provide release for teachers across the school and shares her love of and skill in visual arts with the team.

Rebecca Chisholm provides release for the Deputy Principals and shares her love of and skill in performing arts with the team.

Support Staff

Maartje Schouten will be working in the office from Wednesday through to Friday. Raima Kingi will be working in the office on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday she leads the gardening programme and on Thursday the Kapa Haka programme.

Donna Barr continues in her role as librarian.

Mike Stringfellow continues as caretaker and Naomi Ratana as cleaner.

Laurence Hortop continues in his role as Teacher Aide supporting special programmes.

CURRICULUM

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Miriona

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

News from the Library

All school library books are now due back in preparation for annual stock take etc.

Many thanks to Teina students who have already returned books.

Senior students should also now be returning their school library books - Years 7&8 on Monday 2nd December.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any queries re. missing books... please contact me library@paekakariki.school.nz.

Ngā mihi nō te whare pukapuka ~ *Donna*

Athletics

Three of our students have earned a spot in the Kāpiti Schools Athletics team and will go the Regionals Championship on Tuesday the 3rd of December. Well done Isabelle McLaughlin, Billy McLaughlan and Alfie Crocker. Good luck on Tuesday!

D.E.A.R. Week— Christmas Crafts

During our dear week the children participated in all sorts of different activities. Here are some photos of the kids in action.



Mountain Biking

Six of our students went to the Interschool Mountain Biking competition last Tuesday. Besides having an amazing time they also did really well.

Here are the placements:

Year 5 boys: Kailash Foley 1st, Isaac Thorns 4th, Jakob Cameron 9th

Year 6 girls: Eloise Judge 6th

Year 6 boys: Louis Driver 4th, Arthur Kahl 24th



BOT NEWS

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Setting our 2020 strategy

The Board of Trustees is working on our Strategic Plan for 2020 and completing the annual planning for Paekākāriki School. Parents should have received an email asking for feedback via a survey and this will be used to feed into our planning. It includes important questions about how happy your child is at school and what you think of our multi-level classroom learning environments. We also want to know what you think about the way we report student achievement and which methods of parent-teacher engagement work best for you. You have until Sunday next week, 8 December, to respond to [the survey](#).

Living wage for teacher aides

In our last hui, the Board discussed how much we value our teacher aides and the great contribution they make at our school. Recent publicity has shone a light on improving the disparity in pay for teacher aides and we voted for our permanent support staff to receive the living wage.

The education union NZEI and the Ministry of Education have been in ongoing negotiations over support staff's collective pay agreement as about 90 percent of teacher aides earn less than the living wage. Teacher aides play a crucial role in supporting school pupils and around 10,000 school support staff nationally are in union meetings to negotiate with the Ministry of Education to get increases in pay, security of employment and career development.

OTHER NEWS

School Radio

School Radio Club continues on air from 1 till 1.30 pm. A BIG thanks you to Caroline Wilson who has stepped down as Coordinator . And a thank you to Aimee Crothall who has taken over!



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School Newsletter

Our school newsletter is published fortnightly on a Thursday with all other urgent messages sent out via LincEd, email and/or the Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/>)



SCHOOL NOTICES

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.

Report an Absence

To inform the school that your child will be absent you can either call us on 04- 2928205 or via our new website; <https://paekakariki.school.nz/> Select Report Absence, fill out the form and press send.

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_3i1d30lhk9bekt3ferb8f4aack@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Pacific/Auckland

Lunches

All orders are made at the office. Cash and Eftpos options available.

Sausages are sold on a Wednesday for \$2

Soup is available on a Thursday at no cost (Winter months only)

Lunch is sold on a Friday. Tamariki can choose from Pies, Pizza, Wraps and Sausage Rolls. Some vegetarian options available.

School Lunches Price List

Pies	\$3.50 - Mince, Steak and Cheese, Potato Top
Pies (Veg)	\$4.00 - Mex, Korma
Sausage Rolls	\$2.50
Wraps	\$ 4.00 - Butter Chicken
Pizza	\$ 3.00 - Hawaiian
Spinach Rolls	\$ 3.00

Fun Zone



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Early Childhood offer—Wise Owl

Kia Ora Whanau,

My names Jaydie, I have a 5 year old in Te Kohanga.

During my time here I have noticed lots of younger siblings and wanted to offer you all a special deal at my ECE centre in Raumati 'Wise Owl'.

We are only 10 minutes drive from School and we have quite a few children here who have siblings at school or will be attending Paekakariki school so it is a great place to start building those relationships.

If your child is 2.5 years or older we would like to offer a special deal.

2x 6 hour days (8.30-2.30 or 9.30-3.30) for \$20 a week. Or 3 for \$30.

If your child is 3 you can use their 20 Free hours and stretch them over 5 mornings or 3 or 4 days.

We have an awesome 'kiwi backyard' and a lovely home away from home environment.

Pop in for a look around, catch me at school or give us a call if you want to know more

04 299 6133 wiseowl.raumati@xtra.co.nz

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/](https://www.facebook.com/PaekakarikiChristmasToySwap)

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The GO and BO Clubs

The GO Club is back for the Summer Holidays! We are running for 3 days this December, for girls and boys 6 and over. Build (and break!) loads of LEGO! Create beautiful Christmas crafts; and get FROZEN on Friday and make ice cream! See more here, and stay tuned for our January program, from the 13th-31st!

https://enrolmy.com/the-go-club/activity/31-The_GO_Club_December_Holidays

ARTRAGEOUS KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! Find out more about us on our website artrageouskids.co.nz. **Bookings essential!**

Creative Christmas programme: 16 – 23 Dec 2019

Summer Adventure programme: 6 – 31 Jan 2020

Venue: *Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington*

8.30am-3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15

Bookings available at enrolmy.com/artrageous-kids

Big Kids (Olderageous) Holiday programme

Our BIG KIDS programme is aimed at children aged 10-14 years. Providing them with a space, focused adult attention and loads of resources. This programme is tailored to draw out older children's interest in creating and using their imagination and creativity in a hilariously fun atmosphere. Find out more about us on our website artrageouskids.co.nz. **Bookings essential.**

Creative Christmas programme: 16 – 23 Dec 2019

Summer Adventure programme: 13 – 24 Jan 2020

Venue varies (please refer to our booking site): *Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington, or the Pavillion at Wellington High School, Taranaki St, Mt Cook, Wellington*

8.30am-3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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gear, tickets
+ books

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team top the leaderboard
by reading,
and win cool prizes!

