



Paekākāriki School

Home of the barefoot learner

Pānui

Term 2 Week 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Nau mai haere mai,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and in some way adjusted to a new normal in Lockdown.

Welcome to a very unusual Term 2. As of Wednesday April 15th we have started Term 2 in Distance Learning mode. When we closed up for the COVID 19 Lockdown all students were provided with take-home learning packs, library books and material for online learning. These resources should be sufficient to get you through until April 29th, the date we have been advised by the MOE for re-opening the school site for learning and teaching. In addition to this you can expect contact from teachers either via email, phone, text, google meets etc. Further useful resources will be shared by teachers.

As we begin our term 2 we focus on planning for the term ahead, mindful that the exact nature of schooling over the coming months is still uncertain. We are working with the Ministry of Education and other support agencies to ensure learning and teaching continues to best meet the needs of all students.

It is important to note that other school term dates remain the same. The alteration to the Term 2 dates has not affected any other term dates.

Take a look at my piece further in the newsletter about how we can support our tamariki to be strong, confident and capable people.

Now as much as ever is a time to be patient with one another and ourselves, to provide those around us with security and support and to be kind. There is no question that working from home, having restricted access to support networks and hobbies whilst taking on the responsibility for home-schooling is a challenge. We want to support you wherever and however we can. So please get in touch.

Ngā mihi nui,

Julia



IMPORTANT DATES

Please note all dates are subject to Covert-19 regulations and can change.

April 2020

15th April Distance Learning Starts

27th April Anzac Day Observed

29th April School Open TBC

May 2020

10th May Plant Sale & Garden Gala

13th May BOT Meeting

29th May Assembly

June 2020

1st June Queens Birthday

17th June BOT Meeting

July 2020

3rd July Year 7 Immunisation

3rd July Last Day Term 2

August 2020

17th August Teacher Only Day

September 2020

3rd September Yr 8 Immunisations

TERM DATES 2020

2020 School Dates

Term 2

Tuesday, April 29th (TBC)

- Friday, July 3rd

Term 3

Monday, July 20th - Friday,
September 25th

17th August—Teacher Only Day

Term 4

Monday, October 12th -
Wednesday, December
16th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Coronavirus

We are now underway with our Term 2 learning via distance - it is a completely new world for all of us. Things are shifting on a daily basis so we are doing our best at keeping everyone up to date with the latest news.

Please check your emails regularly as this is the easiest way for us to get information out to you all.

Some important information to date:

- Home Learning/ Papa Kāinga TV is on TVNZ OnDemand, TVNZ 2+1 and Sky Channel 502.
- Free internet safety filter for parents
- While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe, we have launched www.switchonsafety.co.nz - a free way to block the worst of the web for students and teachers.
- It is anticipated that school will re-open on Wednesday April 29th but we will know more next week.
- Please connect with your child's teacher/s if you have any concerns or queries.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who were selected by their teachers for Principal Awards at the end of Term 1. What wonderful Barefoot Learners you all are; Pearl Amery-Zwartz, Carla Kernreiter, Josef Mountjoy, Lily Andreas, Ana Vieira, Jarvis Helm, Harley Watson, Ruby Moffatt, Ed Allan, Sofia Lloyd, Isabelle McLaughlin, Lily McMillan, Jack Gregory, Mania Foster, Pippa Saunders.

SCHOOL HOUSE GROUPS

Congratulations to **Pouawha** for winning the **Term 1** House Challenge.

Wainui

(House colours: Blue & Silver)

Term 1: 386

Term 2:

Term 3:

Term 4:

Pouawha

(House colours: Green & Grey)

Term 1: 456

Term 2:

Term 3:

Term 4:

Haumia

(House colours: Black & White)

Term 1: 318

Term 2:

Term 3:

Term 4:

Miriona

(House colours: Red & Gold)

Term 1: 425

Term 2:

Term 3:

Term 4:

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

LincEd Upgrade

You will have noticed a new look to our Student Management System (previously called LincEd, now called Hero). This should be easier to use and now comes with a mobile app which can be downloaded from the app store or playstore (look for Hero by LincEd).

Your login details are unchanged so we do not anticipate many difficulties operating this new platform but please get in touch with administration@paekakariki.school.nz if you are experiencing difficulties.

Solar Panels Update

The solar panels were installed and operational at the beginning of March and every week we collate a variety of data about our energy usage. The image below is from our monthly report - 10 trees is an impressive start!

Your **Carbon Offset** for this month: 875 lbs

You have offset the equivalent of: **10 Trees**



From our Student
Lily McMillan, our student
writer for 2020.

CURRICULUM

Balanced and Barefoot - Book review

Over the last couple of weeks, free from too many distractions I have been able to catch up on some professional reading. I am notorious for buying books which sit around for months untouched, the pile only being added to rather than diminished.

One of these books is titled

'Balanced and Barefoot. How unrestricted outdoor play makes for strong, confident and capable children.'

Written by Angela J. Hanscom and published in 2016

I found the messages contained in this book were particularly helpful in our current situation. Hanscom is a paediatric occupational therapist based in the United States.

- Active free play outdoors promotes healthy sensory and motor development in children.
- In nature children learn to take risks, overcome fears, make new friends, regulate emotions, and create imaginary worlds.
- Through child-initiated play, children naturally develop strong muscles and sensory systems, learn creativity, and develop healthy social and emotional skills.
- Through free play, children become flexible, resilient, and capable. Free play lays the foundation for a successful working career and the development of long-term relationships as an adult.
- Young children (5 - 13 years) could benefit from at least four - five hours of unstructured physical activity and outdoor play daily.
- Children will naturally create their own play opportunities and seek out the type and amount of movement they need - without the need for adult intervention.
- Overcoming our fears and the tendency to keep children entertained are the first steps toward encouraging active, independent play outdoors.

This seems like the perfect opportunity to open the doors and leave your children to explore their own backyard. Hanscom notes that initially it may take a child up to 45 minutes to settle into deep play within the environment but, over time this will happen much more quickly. It is during this time that the adults need to resist the urge to intervene and/or entertain.

SCHOOL NOTICES

BYOD

Norrcom are our technology support providers and have a new arm of their business providing devices for students in schools with a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) option. To find out more about this service for our community go to <https://www.byod.co.nz/devices/paekakariki-school/> and enter the following password: 25MQDZ

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 or scooters at lunch time need to be wearing shoes and a 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_3i1d30lhk9begr3ferb8f4aack@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.

Fun Zone

ON SITE After School Care @ Paekākāriki School – Fun Zone Enrolments are now open for 2020!

In Room 5 from 3pm till 7pm! Our fun, safe and friendly 'on-site' After School Care Programme has casual and permanent spots available for Paekākāriki School students for 2020!

Now even easier to enrol and book **ONLINE!** Check us out online www.funzone.co.nz/after-school-care or contact our friendly Fun Zone Enrolment Team.

Alternatively, pop into **Room 5 at Paekākāriki School** from 3pm for an enrolment form.

OSCAR Approved – Childcare Subsidies apply: info@funzone.co.nz | T: 0800 543 9696 | M: 021 711 531



School Lunches Price List	
Pies: (Mince, Steak and Cheese, Potato Top)	\$3.50
Pies (Veg): (Mex & Korma)	\$4.00
Wraps (Butter Chicken)	\$4.00
Pizza (Hawaiian)	\$3.00
Spinach Rolls	\$3.00
Sausage Rolls	\$2.50

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/PaekakarikiSchool/>).

