



Paekākāriki School

*Home of the barefoot
learner*

Pānui

Term 2 Week 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Nau mai haere mai,

Welcome to the third week of Term, it is certainly odd to be 'here' and yet not being able to properly connect with you all.

We had our Teacher Only day on Tuesday which involved a small number of us sitting 2 meters apart from one another and the rest of the team joining us via Google Meet. It was great to connect with everyone but it's not my preferred way of working.

During our meeting, I asked everyone to think about the things they enjoyed about the Lockdown. For many, it was the slower pace of life, made easier by the beautiful weather and being able to connect with our natural environments. For others, including myself, it was the bonus of having older children at home, and they couldn't just get up and leave! It has been many years since our whole family has spent more than a week in the same house and although it was noisy and messy it was lovely to have that time with them again. We enjoyed family walks, meals together, card games, and debates.

I hope that, despite some challenges, you too have been able to enjoy aspects of the Lockdown and have created some special memories with those in your bubble.

Please remember that we have no hard and fast rules or expectations about what your children should be doing for their Distance Learning. We recognise that as a family you need to do what works best for you. We have provided a range of experiences for you to choose from and our staff are available to help, but if you need/want to mix things up - go for it! We will meet your child where they are at upon their return to school and will continue to move them forward in their learning. They are not 'falling behind' and there is no 'catching up' to do, just progress to be made. Everything you do at home contributes to that moving forward - thank you.



IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Julia

TERM DATES 2020

2020 School Dates

Term 2

Tuesday, April 29th

- 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 have one 'bubble' at school involving a few students and staff. We are keeping ourselves busy and safe but we miss everyone else.

If your situation changes and you need to send your child/ren to school please email principal@paekakariki.school.nz as soon as possible to enable us to put necessary preparations in place.

We have developed and implemented procedures for accessing the school site during Alert Level 3 and these will become very useful when we move to Alert Level 2.

Please check out the Ministry of Education advice at <https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/news-stories/information-to-help-with-your-planning-for-alert-level-3#checklist-parents-alert-level3>

Welcome

We welcome Brendon Harris to the support staff team at Paekakariki School. Brendon is working alongside individual children and supporting the Get Stuck In programme. He has many years experience working with young people in schools and as a sports coach and we are excited to have him join the team here.

Thank You

At Paekākāriki School we are very fortunate to have a number of people who donate money towards our hardship fund on a regular basis. We use this money for a variety of needs in our school community. Over the last 5 weeks we have been able to provide families with grocery vouchers thanks to the generosity of our donors. Thank you very much.

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

Barefoot Learner Distance Curriculum

Hopefully you've all had a chance to look at the new Barefoot Learner Distance Curriculum. This draws on the advice of many academics in the education and child mental health arenas. We had a lot of fun putting this together and we hope you have a lot of fun with it in your bubbles. If you've not seen it yet go to <https://paekakariki.school.nz/learning/>

Pā Harakeke

We are trying to progress the plans to get started on the first phase of the grounds development plan - the Pā Harakeke.

Being in lockdown for 5 weeks has certainly added some additional challenges to this piece of work.

We are on the hunt for quotes for earthmoving and carpentry work for this project. I'd love to hear from anyone who is interested in doing this work for us. Please email principal@paekakariki.school.nz if you or anyone you know is interested in either the earthmoving work or the carpentry work.

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

Lily wrote an investigative piece which you can find on page 5 of this newsletter.

CURRICULUM

Nathan Wallis

Unfortunately our parent evening with Nathan Wallis last term had to be cancelled but we've just found out that you can purchase two of his talks via webinars with Eventfinda.

'The First 1000 days' is an informative and engaging narrative on how our loving day-to-day interactions with children, significantly the first 1000 days, plays a critical role in defining later outcomes for our children and for their future.

'Engage Your Brain' emphasises the brain development of the 2-8yr olds (and the teen 'emotional' period) but is pertinent to any age group who want to engage their brain. The importance of play-based learning is discussed.

Both of these talks can be viewed at any time between 28 April and 28 of May.

Check out eventfinda for a more detailed description.

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/search?q=nathan+wallis>

Sharing of Learning

Our teachers have been working hard over the lockdown period not only to prepare distance learning opportunities for students but also in keeping up with their regular work. Our Reporting to Parents Schedule for 2020 is:

Once every 6 months (mid and end of year) every child has:

- Progress dials updated
- Goals updated (2-3) for each area
- Whanau Teacher General Comment

Throughout the year 'Sharing of Learning' takes place on the Celebration Page, to highlight the Wow Moments in;

- Maths
- Literacy
- Barefoot Learning
- Inquiry

This Sharing of Learning could be

- A photo, video with a short description.
- A sample of work uploaded with teacher comments
- Stories of learning

Over the next few weeks you will see at least one 'Sharing of Learning' in Hero for your child.

FROM OUR STUDENT WRITER

~ LILY MCMILLAN ~

In this edition of the newsletter I am going to talk about five of the eight questions I posted in a survey for the senior block. 32 people answered. I will be talking about the different results and why I think people answered what they did. Hopefully in about 436 words (joke, I have no idea how long this is...)

Question one: Do you miss school? The possible answers were yes, no or sort of.

16 people said sort of 14 people answered yes and six people said no. I believe most people said sort of 'cos they miss school because they miss friends, teachers, games, clubs and stuff, but who doesn't want to get up at nine and go to bed at eleven. I think I kinda just answered for yes and no to.

Question two: Do you enjoy this form of school at home? Possible answers yes, no and I don't know. 17 people answered I don't know, 10 said yes and 9 said no.

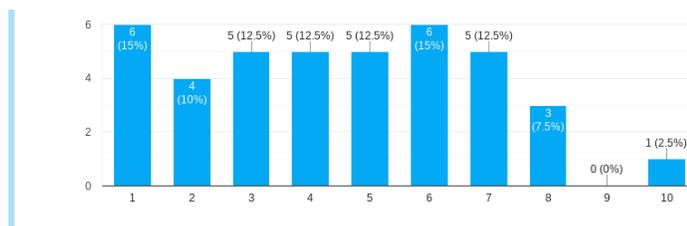
I think some people said no because this form of school is a lot less struced than ordaniory school so you really need to try and get done without the teachers telling you what to do every three seconds. On the other hand people who answered yes, it is a lot more lax for people who know what they are doing. Again for people who said I don't know they probably feel both sides of the argument. So question three, geronimo.

Question three: Do you structure and pace yourself and your day around your school work? Possible answers yes (10 answered), No (only 2 people), sometimes (11) and a little bit (13 people). I think this question is a bit self explatori people like matua Andy said yes. A little bit is just people who are like right got to do this now and sometime are people who randomly say ok I will do this then, that later and stuff like today but not for another week. ok alonze here we go.

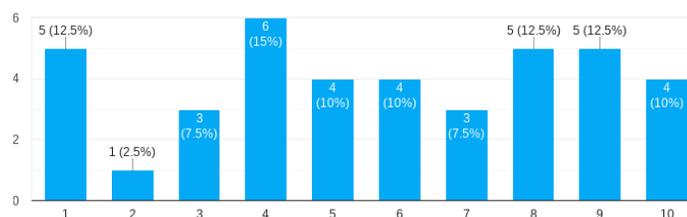
Question four: Are you learning more than you would normally learn? I did this as a short answer so I will just sum them up. 2 people were just confused, 16 people said no, 8 said not really or kind of or dunno, 4 people said yes, 4 people said the same probably or sometimes and about some-things, one person said this is not a valid question and one person said yes, about horses. I don't know how to analyze this so I am going to leave that to you .

In my next question I will show you a chart of how people rate normal school compared to lock-down school. (40 people answered these questions.)

Question five: How do you rate normal school? Here I will be showing a chart of the responses and that's it cos I ran out of time. And 1 is the best 10 is worst.



Question six: How do you rate lock down school? Ditto but 10 is the best and 1 the worst.



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/>).

