



Paekākāriki School

Home of the barefoot
learner

Pānui

Term 2 Week 5

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Nau mai haere mai,

Welcome to week 5 of Term 2. This term is now a 12 week term so we're not quite half way there but what an amazing term we've had so far.

Before March 25th I'd only ever participated in a handful of online meetings using platforms such as zoom, skype and google. I know that for many of our staff this was also true and that for most of our students online 'hangouts' or meetings had not been explored at all.

We've all had to do an incredible amount of learning and exploring over the past couple of months and look at the progress we've made! As I reflect on the learning for all us over this time I am reminded of our 'Exploring' principle and two of the capabilities linked to that:

*I can play, imagine, invent and experiment to find solutions.
I can evaluate the effectiveness of these solutions.*

I am flexible when faced with change and I support others to cope with change.

Adjusting to new ways of learning and teaching at short notice hasn't always been easy and we know we can keep improving but I am very proud of the exploring mahi our staff have undertaken and the way in which our students have embraced and engaged with this new learning. Tino pai to mahi.

Ngā mihi nui,

Julia



IMPORTANT DATES

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

May 2020

13th May BOT Meeting

18th May Back to School

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

- 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 very pleased to be moving to Alert Level 2 and opening again for all students on Monday, May 18th. Please take the time to read the specific Alert Level 2 information sent to you and on Hero on Thursday the 15th of May to prepare your children for the return to school.

THANK YOU to each and everyone of you who have stayed home, looked out for one another, and acted as teachers over the past few weeks. We are very grateful to be part of a community with such a big heart.

Playdates

With the children being back at school and not having seen their friends in a while the playdates will be a high priority for our tamariki.

As we do not want parents and children lingering before and after school we recommend that you pre-arrange playdates instead of organising them at school.

Lunch Orders

With limited space in the office area we have set up an online ordering system through google forms. You will find the link below and on our website.

You will need to put in a separate order for each of your children and orders will need to be in by 8.45 on the Friday. There are different payment options available for you.

We will not be taking sausage orders at the moment as we are still working on a safe distancing protocol for these.

Pie Order form: <https://forms.gle/A7oDS2MrHFoERSmD9>

Transition to Alert Level 2—MOE Info for Parents

The Ministry of Education has put together essential information for parents and caregivers. For more information head to

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/news-stories/covid-19-preparing-for-alert-level-2/>

Phone Service

Explore is offering immediate expert advice and support to anyone who is eligible for disability advice or for anyone who cares for or support someone who is eligible for this service. You can find more info about this service at

<https://www.healthcarenz.co.nz/behavioural-service/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

From our Student

*Lily McMillan, our student
writer for 2020.*

*He is the child who walks
among the stars
He is the man who walks so
far from home
He's traveled so far much
further than mars
It is the universe in which he
roams*

*He is the child who run
through time
He is man who runs from
rooms and fumes
He runs from rome to the
egyption tombs
It is time witch he zooms*

*He is like fire, the final
flame
He is the man who can not
be slain
He is strong but he will al-
ways cry when it rains*

*He will remember you
No matter who
Even if he just said one
word or two*

*He may have many faces
But he always fixes the cas-
es*

*The tardis never takes him
where he wants to go
only where he need to go
to faces his foes*

'Cos he's the Doctor

a madman with a blue box

Barefoot Learner Distance Curriculum

Earlier this year school parent, Sarah McMaster joined the Garden Group and has taken on an important co-ordination and leadership role. She has been supported by Tina Pope and Holly Andrews. It is fantastic to see this important element of our school community continuing. During the Lockdown period, a number of our regular Potty Potters have been keeping up with their support of our Kura by growing and tending to seedlings at home. We are very grateful for their continued mahi. See more later in the newsletter about how you can purchase seedlings and plants.

Solar Panel Offset for March

Your **Carbon Offset** for this month: 821 lbs

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



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:

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Our school is looking forward to seeing pupils return on Monday, and I'm sure many of you and your children are as well. That said, Alert Level 2 is anything but business as usual.

On Wednesday the Board met and Julia stepped us through the Alert Level 2 safety information and the requirements you all were sent last night. It is clear that following these requirements will take up a lot of the teachers' time and energy. Managing the flow of kids around the school and making sure all those hands are kept clean will use up much of the time that would ordinarily be spent teaching. We appreciate your patience and ongoing support for our staff at this difficult time. The Board is deeply appreciative of the work done by Julia and staff to ready the school for the children's return.

The wellbeing of our school community relies on some very small people doing the right thing. Please have a talk to your children about what they need to do at school to help us all keep well. See Julia's email of Thursday 14 May for a full version of the requirements, but the key messages are:

- Social distancing—Stay out of friends' "moist breath zone" (1 metre where possible)
- Practice good hygiene—wash hands with soap and water and dry with paper towels, use hand-sanitiser as they enter and leave rooms, catch their coughs and sneezes in their elbow
- Don't share water bottles or food
- Know the plan for pick-up and drop-off. You are encouraged to have plans that limit the need for adults to enter the school grounds.

Finally, a very big thank you to all the parents and caregivers for engaging in your children's learning over the lockdown. To every parent who scrambled to upskill themselves with our online learning tools, to make sense of the work to be done, and to get your children along to the Google Meets, thank you.

CURRICULUM

Nathan Wallis

Unfortunately our parent evening with Nathan Wallis last term had to be canceled 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>

Library

Library books issued before Lockdown need to be returned to RETURNS box clearly labelled in the library, please. The library will re-open under Alert Level 2 and students will continue with their regular class sessions.

Ngā mihi nō te whare pukapuka - Donna

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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 via our online order form. which can be found on our website. <https://forms.gle/A7oDS2MrHFoERSmD9>
Lunch is sold on a Friday . Tamariki can choose from Pies, Pizza, Wraps and Sausage Rolls. Some vegetarian options available.
We are currently not supplying any sausages on Wednesday.

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/>).

