



Paekākāriki School

Home of the barefoot learner

Pānui

Term 2 Week 7

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Nau mai haere mai,

We have almost completed two weeks back at school after our significant time away in Lockdown. Thank you to everyone who has made this smooth and easy, your co-operation and understanding has really helped. We know that it's hasn't always been easy getting back into routines and being around a lot of other people. For this reason, we have taken a gentle approach to the return to school, fortunately, the weather last week enabled us to get outside and reconnect with one another and our environment.

We also know that, for some, the challenges may come a little later and we will continue to monitor the situation at school whilst moving forward with our plans for teaching and learning in Term 2.

A big thanks from me to the team of dedicated professionals at Paekākāriki School who, during these uncertain times have remained committed to delivering quality, appropriate and relevant learning experiences for all children whilst managing wellbeing and Hauora for all. Hauora is a Māori view of health and covers the physical, mental, social, and spiritual needs that everyone has. Our staff place this at the centre of all that they do and I know that this sets our tamariki up to be confident and resilient learners.

Ngā mihi nui

Julia



IMPORTANT DATES

May 2020

29th May Virtual Assembly

June 2020

1st June Queen's Birthday - **School closed**

8th - 11th June Inside Out Pride Week

17th June BOT Meeting

July 2020

July 3rd Year 8 Immunisation - **Cancelled new date TBC**

July 3rd Assembly

July 3rd Last Day Term 2

August 2020

5th August BOT Meeting

17th August Teacher Only Day

TERM DATES 2020

2020 School Dates

Term 2

Tuesday, April 28th - 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 continue to operate under Alert Level 2 protocols. The change to gathering sizes doesn't impact schools and therefore nothing in our procedures has changed.

Parents are still encouraged to create drop off and pick up routines that limit the need to come onto school grounds. If you do come onto school grounds at these times please stay on the grass areas.

A reminder that no one is to enter the classrooms, the 'one in one out' rule applies in the admin area and please contact the office if someone other than a parent is doing drop off/pick up or if your child is going to be late.

We also require that all children stay home if one of your children is sick.

Welcome

We welcome Noah Allen and his whānau to Te Kohanga and Paekākāriki School. We hope you enjoy your journey as a Barefoot Learner.

Contact Detail Letter

On Thursday your child would have brought home a form with the contact details we currently hold for your whanau. We request that you check all the contact detail on this form, make changes where needed, sign it and return it to the office by **Friday the 5th of June**.

If your child is in Te Kohanga you would **not** have received a contact form. If your child is in any of the other classes and you haven't received anything, please contact the office on administration@paekakariki.school.nz and we will send out a new one for you.

Pool Key

Thank you to all the parents who returned their pool keys already. If you still hold a pool key, please return it to the office asap.

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

*Lily had a busy two
weeks and will have a
new story to share in
the next newsletter.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

Cross Country

Term 2 is traditionally the term for cross country. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions we cannot hold the cross country during level 2. We are hoping to hold a school cross country during level 1, so our tamariki will start their training for this event in the coming week.

We will keep you updated and will inform you of the cross country dates as soon as we know more.

Solar Panels

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

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



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

From the Board

The Board of Trustees is holding By-Elections for two positions. We now have the main roll open for inspection. The main roll contains the names of every person entitled to vote in the election. If you would like to view the main roll please visit the office. Due to level 2 restrictions we will require you to sign in on arrival and follow the "one in, one out" rule. The main roll closes for inspection **at noon on Wednesday the 3rd of June.**

WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL?



SCHOOL HOUSE GROUPS

Congratulations to **Pouawha** for winning the **Term 1 2020** 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:

CURRICULUM

STEAM

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths! This is an approach to learning and teaching that integrates learning across subjects and supports project-based learning. This year Jess Hortop and Rachel McMullen are working on developing a Paekākāriki School STEAM curriculum and providing students with a lot of opportunities to explore as learners.

Philosophy for Children

Many years ago I trained as a Philosophy for Children facilitator through The University of Auckland, a process that has had a significant impact on my teaching philosophy and practice ever since.

P4C, or Philosophy for Children, is an approach to learning and teaching which enhances children's thinking and communication skills, boosts their self-esteem, and improves their academic attainment. It was established over forty years ago by Professor Matthew Lipman of Montclair State University in the United States and is now practiced around the world.

In P4C, a stimulus, such as a story, video clip or image, is shared with a group of children. The children are encouraged by a trained facilitator, such as a teacher, to come up with the kind of big, engaging philosophical questions about the stimulus which are at the heart of P4C.

Philosophical questions are open to examination, further questioning and inquiry. They are contestable, central and common – that is, there is more than one valid point of view, the question is important in the lives of the children, and it is a shared issue or concern.

I regularly use P4C during my time in the classroom and last week I facilitated discussions with our Tuakana students about "What is the point of school?" and "What is learning?". I thoroughly enjoy the reflection, opinion-forming, debate, and discussion that our tamariki involve themselves in during these sessions.

SCHOOL NOTICES

School Lunches Price List

Pies:	\$3.50
(Mince, Steak and Cheese, Potato Top)	
Pies (Veg):	\$4.00
(Mex & Korma)	
Wraps	\$4.00
(Butter Chicken)	
Pizza	\$3.00
(Hawaiian)	
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/PaekākārikiSchool/>).



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 Gates

During Level 2 our gates will be open in the morning and afternoon. Once school has started we will close the gates for our tamariki's safety.

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_311d30lhk9bekt3ferb8f4qack@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Pacific/Auckland

Lunches

All orders are made via our online order form, which can be found on our website, and Facebook page. 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

