



## Paekākāriki School

Home of the barefoot  
learner

# Pānui

## Term 1 Week 3

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Nau mai haere mai,

There has been a bit of discussion in the media recently about student achievement and what schools need to do to 'fix' the drop in New Zealand's rankings. Regardless of the bigger, national picture with its highly political context it is always a good idea to reflect and evaluate what we are doing as individual schools for the tamariki in our communities. This is something that I believe our staff and BOT do very well. We spend a lot of time noticing outcomes for learners and adjusting the curriculum.

The Barefoot Learner curriculum is unique to Paekākāriki School and has a focus on developing the whole child. This curriculum is grounded in neuroscience and based on a lot of research into what is working in other countries. A Report published in January by the George Lucas Educational Foundation titled "A Fuller Picture of What a 'Good' School Is" noted that schools who promoted social and emotional development were also the most effective at supporting long-term student success (work habits, motivation, attendance rates, participation in and graduation from tertiary education). The study carried out by Northwestern University in 2020 found schools that improve students' social and emotional development - social skills, a sense of belonging, feelings of connectedness and a growth mindset,- have a much larger impact on long term outcomes than schools that focus only on improving test scores. Andy Laurenson, Tuakana teacher and experienced educator often refers to this as 'the long game'. It is important that teachers are aware of the impact they have but very often that impact is not known for several years and is not easily measured by scores on tests.

We continue to strive for continuous improvement and we are proud of our curriculum and of the outcomes we achieve for our tamariki. Please read further on in the newsletter about '[How You Can Help](#)' us to do the best for our tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui,

Julia



### IMPORTANT DATES

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

#### February 2021

**24th Feb** Whanau Picnic  
**24th Feb** BOT Meeting

#### March 2021

**4th March** Teina Camp  
**5th March** Assembly  
**8th March** Teacher Only Day - School Closed  
**10 March** School Swimming Sports  
**31st March** BOT Meeting

#### April 2021

**2 April** - Good Friday - School Closed  
**5th & 6th April** - Easter - School Closed  
**7th April** PTA Meeting  
**8th April** Interschool Swimming  
**16th April** Assembly  
**16th April** Last Day Term 1

#### May 2021

**3rd May** Teacher Only Day  
**4th May** Term 2 starts

## TERM DATES 2021

### 2021 School Dates

#### Term 1

Wednesday, February 3rd  
- Friday, April 16th

**Easter:** April 2nd till Tuesday  
the 6th

#### Term 2

Tuesday, 4th May - Friday  
9th July

#### Term 3

Monday, 26th July - Friday  
1st October

#### Term 4

Monday 18 October -  
Thursday 16th December

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Sun Safe

During Term 1 & 4 all children will be required to wear a sunhat while playing outside.

We recommend that tamariki also have sunscreen on before they come to school. We supply sunscreen at school for re-application during the day.

### Lunch Orders & Sausages

We will continue with our online ordering system through google forms. You will find the link below and on our web-site.

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. You can order at any time in the week. Prices vary from \$2.50 to \$4.00 and can be found on the form.

There are different payment options available for you, if you have any questions about these pop into the office.

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

Sausages can be ordered and cost \$2.00 each. Pop into the office to order and pay.

### Positive Behaviour for learning (PB4L) - Barefoot Learner Focus

For the next couple of weeks we are focusing on Kia Kaha Kia Maia - Be strong, be brave  
A Paekākāriki Barefoot learner is self confident by trying new things, showing kindness when playing with new people, trying new things and learning from mistakes.  
Play days are great for being brave and making new friends.

### Hero

The Hero App has been updated and we would recommend that parents download the app onto their phone. The app allows you to see post's about your child's learning, gives you an update on you school account and easily lets you access the notices.

It now also allows you to report an absence or lateness, so you no longer have to email the office.

It also shows you the term dates and we are working on the calendar feature.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PĀEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

### Tuakana Chinese New Year Celebrations

A small group of students celebrated Chinese New Year together with yummy food. A big thank you to Lily M. and our student leaders for organising.



### School Pool

The school pool is up and running during Term 1. Each class will use the pool during the day. We would also like to open up the pool during lunchtimes. To do so we require parent help. If you are able to help out during lunchtimes from 1 till 1.50pm please contact the office [administration@paekakariki.school.nz](mailto:administration@paekakariki.school.nz)

It is also possible to use the pool after school hours. The cost for a pool key is \$30 for the term. All Tamariki will require supervising from an adult, 18 years or over, at all times.

### Whanau Picnic Wednesday February 24th

Classrooms will be open from 4pm to meet teachers etc. At 5pm there will be a welcome and picnic. The PTA will provide vege nachos, but please bring your own bowl and cutlery. The pool will be open for families, please supervise your children. No one is to use the pool unsupervised.

Please call into the school library, any time after 4 p.m. There will be books for interested students - culled library books, most are non-fiction plus a few junior fiction. These are older, worn, loved books so will be free to good homes or a voluntary donation if you wish to support our students' library. I look forward to seeing you and thank you.  
*Ngā mihi nō te whare pukapuka - Donna*

### Assembly

Miriona House Group are hosting a school assembly in the school hall on Friday March 5th at 2pm. You are all very welcome to join us.

### Solar Panels

The solar panels were installed and operational early in 2020. Every month we collate a variety of data about our energy usage. The image below is from our monthly report - 15 trees in January is awesome.

Your **Carbon Offset** for this month: 1,284 lbs

You have offset the equivalent of: **15 Trees**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

### How You Can Help

As a state primary school we receive an operating budget from the Ministry of Education. This fund needs to cover everything involved in running a school other than teacher salaries. Our operational fund does not cover all of the property maintenance, gardens, pool work required. It is not enough to provide learning support for all those who need it. As the principal I spend a lot of my time seeking additional sources of income just so that we can deliver the kind of learning environment we believe in. Below are a few ideas for how you might be able to help us stretch the limited government funding and ensure it is directed towards learning and teaching.

It would be great if whanau could support us in this ongoing challenge;

- **PTA.** We rely on the hard work and generosity of the PTA and our local community. The funds raised at the school gala and other events are vital to the successful operation of our school. *Many hands make light work - if you are able to help out get in touch. They'd love to have you on board.*
- **Garden Group.** On Friday's the Potty Potters work in the garden and greenhouses down the back of the school. The seedlings they raise are sold during our plant sale. If you like to help please come along of Friday or contact Sarah [pottypotters16@gmail.com](mailto:pottypotters16@gmail.com)
- **Adopt a Garden.** We have a number of small garden beds that require care and attention. Would you and your whanau like to adopt a small garden and take responsibility for its maintenance? This would save us money on employing a gardener. If so please pop into the office and we can get you set up.
- **FlyBuys points.** Although these can't be gifted to us to use for purchases directly from Flybuys, points can be converted into New World vouchers. These vouchers can be used by staff to purchase resources for classroom learning programmes such as science, cooking, technology etc.
- **Sponsorship and donations.** If you have connections with businesses who deal in anything related to office supplies, furniture, or books and they have surplus stock please ask them to consider donating to us. Maybe you know of a business who would like to sponsor us or a special programme, or help fund camps or other Education Outside the Classroom activities?
- **Give A Little.** This page has been set up to help us purchase equipment for our Nature Based Learning programme. Things such as wet weather gear, tarpaulins and emergency kits are on the list! <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/paekakariki-school> We are very grateful to those who have donated so far and are pleased to say we have been able to get started on the wet weather gear purchases.
- **Hardship Fund.** This is a great way to be an anonymous donor and support whanau who are struggling. We convert the donations into Pak N Save vouchers, petrol vouchers, stationery, school activity fees, fruit for all children and food parcels. If you would like to help out this way - it is considered a taxable donation. Please see Maartje in the office and she will help you get set up.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

Saana Martin

*Student writer for 2021*

Hi, Hope you all had a great first few weeks back, today's newsletter is going to talk about some awesome after school activities in Paekākāriki that you/your kids might like to join!

If you like **sports** you could try one of these cool sports for summer and winter in our village.

**Yoga** with Anja Foley-Classes for 6-8 year olds at 4pm and 9-12 year olds at 4:45 pm. Bookings required.

**Starstormers junior roller derby**-For all girls aged 7-18 who want to learn the skills of roller derby. It runs in terms 2 & 3 at Waikanae Memorial hall. For more information contact Amy Delahunty at amyde-lahuntynz@gmail.com

**Football**-We have a local football league against Paekākāriki, Paraparaumu, Waikanae and Otaki. There are teams for kids aged 4-13 years old. No experience needed. Registrations are now open. For more information email Michael Lloyd at msaslloyd@gmail.com.

If you want to keep playing soccer in the summer you can join **Magno's advanced skills training** for U12 and U9 age groups on Fridays after school at our local Campbell Park. Starting Friday 19th february, for more information contact Magno at magnoaqui@yahoo.co.uk

**Tennis**-Junior tennis will kick off again on Sunday the 21st of February at 10-11am everyone is welcome to come and give it a try.

**Table tennis association**-On thursdays at 7:30-9:30Pm, from May to September, families are welcome to come and play table tennis at the Memorial Hall. For more information contact Mark Amery at mark@amery.net

Paekākāriki **Surf lifeguards**-They have a large active membership of junior 7-13 year olds and seniors 14+. They also offer competitive training squads for surf sports, for more information go to <http://www.paekakarikisurflifeguards.org.nz>

**Self defence** Paekākāriki: held at Paekākāriki school 7-13 years on wednesday 4:30-5:30pm and 13-adult on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm. For more information contact whaea Raima at sdpk@hotmail.co.nz

There are also activities that go year round that you could try if you don't want to play sports or you want another thing to do.

**Venturers/Scouts/Cubs/Keas**-Four age groups meet at the scout hall on different days and times to learn about different knots and outdoor skills. For more information contact Michel Lloyd or Maria Cameren.

**GO club**-for a S.T.E.M. focused and fun after school club, sign up for New Zealand's first ever S.T.E.M. club for girls only, Juniors club for year 2-4 on Tuesdays from 3:15-5pm and seniors for year 5-8 on wednesdays at 3:15-5.15pm.

**Learn to cook with Fiona and Jess Walker**-Mondays from 3:15-6pm at their home in Paekākāriki. It's for ages 10-13. For more information contact Fiona at fiona.joywalker@gmail.com

If you want to learn the art of **visual arts or wow** the crowd with an instrument then this is the paragraph for you.

Harriet Bright-Does after school art lessons for kids

Shona Jaunas-Teaches piano and violin.

Julia Truscott-Runs piano lessons.

Matt Watkins-Teaches the drums.

Holly Ewens-Teaches guitar, songwriting and vocal lessons but is taking a break from teaching this term.

You can find more information on these activities and more on Paekākāriki Tauhokohoko on Facebook or the Paekākāriki website at [paekakariki.nz](http://paekakariki.nz). There are many more activities available outside of Paekākāriki that you could join but aren't we lucky to have all these amazing people doing these amazing things for us right here in our lovely village!

## SCHOOL HOUSE GROUPS

Congratulations to **Wainui** for winning the **Term 4** House Challenge.  
And Congratulations to **Miriona** for winning the **2020 House Challenge**.

Wainui

(House colours: Blue & Silver)

Term 1:

Term 2:

Term 3:

Term 4:

Pouawha

(House colours: Green & Grey)

Term 1:

Term 2:

Term 3:

Term 4:

Haumia

(House colours: Black & White)

Term 1:

Term 2:

Term 3:

Term 4:

Miriona

(House colours: Red & Gold)

Term 1:

Term 2:

Term 3:

Term 4:

## BYOD

Norcom 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

## Policy Review

This term we have 1 policy to be reviewed;

### Home Learning

To participate in this review please

Visit the website

<https://paekakariki.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

1. Enter the username (paekakariki) and password (wellington).
2. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
3. Read the policy.
4. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
5. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
6. Enter your name (optional).
7. Submit your ratings and comments.
8. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form

## Hearing and Vision Screening - 24th February

Regional Public Health provides a vision and screening programme for all Year 7 students.

- **Vision** - pupils will be advised of the results at the time of the screening. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified.
- **Children who wear glasses** and/ or are under professional care and have regular checks will not be required a vision check from our service.

**Non-consent - please notify your school if you do not want your child being screened.**

*This screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please see an optometrist.*

## 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 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.

### 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](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=paekakariki.school.nz_3i1d30lhk9begr3ferb8f4aack@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Pacific/Auckland)

### School Newsletter

Our school newsletter is published fortnightly on a Thursday, with all other urgent messages sent out via Hero, email and/or the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PaekākārikiSchool/>).

### Website

The school website has been redeveloped and will be added to over the coming months.  
[www.paekakariki.school.nz](http://www.paekakariki.school.nz)

### Report an Absence

To inform the school that your child will be absent you can either use the Hero app, call us on 04- 2928205 or via our new website; <https://paekakariki.school.nz/>

### School Lunches and Sausages

School lunches are available on a Friday. Orders can be made via Google Forms at any time during the week but need to be in before 8.45 on a Friday. <https://forms.gle/A7oDS2MrHFoERSmDg>  
Sausages can be ordered at the office on a Wednesday before school.

### 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

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**He Rangi Mokopuna, celebrating Children's Day** <https://fb.me/e/diCDep5zi>

Sunday 7 March

Haruatai Park, Ōtaki

12pm-7pm (movie starts at 5pm)

It'll be an awesome day for the tamariki kicking off at 12noon with free entry to the Ōtaki pool, waterslide and dunk tank. On the sports field you can have a go at back yard cricket, football and tennis, plus we'll have bubbles, bouncy castle and face painting too. With so much action you might need to refuel by grabbing a bite from a range of food trucks, or bring your own picnic and enjoy the vibe.

There'll be chill-out areas to read books with our librarians, and local musicians on the Zeal stage.

Play activities finish at 4.30pm with the children's movie Aladdin (rated PG) showing at 5pm on the big outdoor screen, sponsored by Mike and Audra from Voyle and Co. See you there!

### Torpedo7 Friends & Family

**Offer begins Wednesday 17th February 2021!**

**The Deal:** Save up to 50% off

**Valid Dates:** 17 Feb 2021 – 2 Mar 2021

#### How to redeem:

**In-store** - Show the attached flyer or JPEG image

**Online** - See the unique promo code on the flyer to use at the online checkout.

*T&C's - \*Discounts are off RRP and vary by category. If the product is already on promotion customer will receive the lower offer or promo pricing. Not available in conjunction with any other offer. Excludes Electronics, Freight, Gift Cards, and Workshop Services. Valid from 17/02/2021 to 02/03/2021.*



The flyer features a background image of two women jogging on a dirt path through a forest. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, it says 'Torpedo7 FRIENDS & FAMILY SALE'. Below that, it says 'UP TO 50% OFF A HUGE RANGE OF GEAR'. At the bottom, it says 'Valid from 17th February - 2nd March 2021'. Underneath that, it says 'HOW TO REDEEM' with 'INSTORE - present flyer (number 62) to staff at till (on phone or printed)' and 'ONLINE - use below voucher code at checkout'. The code 'CODE: FF-E3C0-1328' is listed at the bottom. A small disclaimer at the very bottom reads: '\*Discounts are off RRP and vary by category. If the product is already on promotion customer will receive the lower of offer or promo pricing. Not available in conjunction with any other offer. Excludes Electronics, Freight, Gift Cards and Workshop Services. Valid from 17/02/2021 to 02/03/2021.'

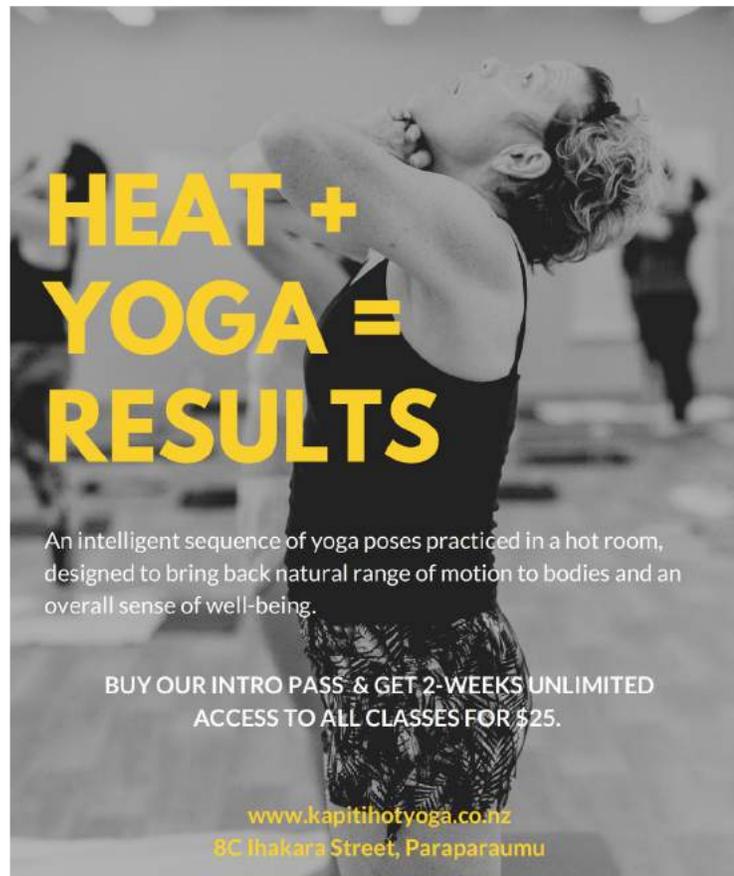
Homestyle cook wanted for Raumati based Early Childhood Centre. 25 hours each week, within school hours. Phone Beki or Sara on 04-902-7130 to discuss or send your CV to [manager@kapitichildrenscentre.co.nz](mailto:manager@kapitichildrenscentre.co.nz)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Paraparaumu Junior Rugby Club registrations are now open for the upcoming season. Go to [www.sporty.co.nz/paraparaumujuniorrugby](http://www.sporty.co.nz/paraparaumujuniorrugby) to register your child. We have rip-pa rugby grades (non-contact) from U6 to U13 and tackle grades (contact) from U8 to U13. Some grades have all girls teams. The season kicks off in early May with training starting in April. We also have our club day in late March. Any questions, please contact [rego.pjrc@gmail.com](mailto:rego.pjrc@gmail.com).

### **Otaki College Interschool Show Jumping Day 2021**

Wednesday Feb 24th - Waikanae Park all-weather arena  
Open to all primary, intermediate and secondary school riders  
School teams of 4 or individual riders welcome  
Entry via Equestrian Entries: [www.equestrianentries.co.nz](http://www.equestrianentries.co.nz)



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A vibrant, tropical-themed poster for a roller skating event. The background is light blue with green palm fronds, a yellow beach umbrella, a yellow life ring, a pink donut with sprinkles, yellow flip-flops, and a cocktail glass. The text is centered and colorful.

*Roller Summer*  
**BEACH PARTY**

**SATURDAY**  
**13**  
March

6.30PM TO 8.30PM

COOL MUSIC	COLD DRINKS	PIZZA SNACKS
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Skaters Entry \$10  
Club Members: \$6  
Skate Hire: Free

Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club  
4a Railway Rd UH

**MECCANO** <sup>2021</sup> National Exhibition  
*plus* Hornby Model Railway Display

**Waikanae Memorial Hall**  
**Pehi Kupa Street**

Public Welcome

Sat 20th March 10am~4pm  
Sun 21st March 10am~4pm

