



Paekākāriki School

*Home of the barefoot
learner*

Pānui

Term 1 Week 9

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week Rachel, Judith, and I attended the Wellington Regional Primary Principals conference. This is a great opportunity to network with other principals and deputy principals and to undertake some professional development focused on school leaders. For the last few years, I have been on the organising committee for this event and it was wonderful to see so many of our school leaders come together for learning over two days.

We had the opportunity to listen to inspirational speakers such as Dr. Paul Wood and Norm Hewitt, both demonstrated how relationships are key to wellbeing and success. In addition to this our conferences always include inspirational young people sharing their stories. This year I invited Paekākāriki's very own Sophie Handford to speak to the group about her journey into local politics, we also heard from Chloe Swarbrick about her journey into central politics. As school leaders, we thoroughly enjoy seeing our young people sharing their stories and reflecting on the key moments in their lives.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Ngā mihi nui,

Julia



IMPORTANT DATES

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

March 2021

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.

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/A7oDS2MrHFoERSmD9> Sausages can be ordered at the office on a Wednesday before school.

REMINDER

Looking forward to *Easter break* starting **Friday 02/04/2021 to Tuesday 06/04/2021** incl.

School Holidays start on the **Friday 16th April**, will return to school on Tuesday the 4th May.

Teacher Only Day is on **Monday 3rd May**

Term 2 starts on the **4th of May**

Caretaker

We have farewelled our caretaker of several years, Mike Stringfellow and welcomed our new caretaker, Brent Mazey.

Farewell

Rebecca Chisholm has resigned from her part-time teaching position to take up a job share role at Raumati Beach School. Rebecca has been a member of the Paekakariki School team for five years and has been responsible for leading the performing arts programme including a very successful whole school production and several arts evenings. We will miss Whaea Becs and will keep you informed of the new staff appointment outcome.

Thank You

Our annual school swimming sports held at Waikanae Pools was once again a very enjoyable and successful day. Thanks to [Andy Laurenson](#) and Jane Stent for organising the different aspects of the day. Thanks to all our parent helpers who turned up and took on jobs and who helped with transport, and thanks to our community volunteers who came along to help with recording and marshalling. Our tamariki are very fortunate to be part of such an involved and caring community.

We would also like to thank the PTA and all the (parent) helpers for their amazing Mahi during the firewood fundraiser. It was a lot of hard work.

Kaitawa Reserve



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

Hero Platform

Hero is the online environment that enables teachers, students, and families to *view and share content anytime, anywhere on any device. The software is secure, easy to use, and brings together all school-related information in one place.*

With Hero, you have the ability to:

- read posts relating to your child's learning
- view information on your child's progress and goals
- read and comment on school notices sent to the class or groups your child is part of
- respond to school notices such as surveys and trip permission requests
- view school term dates
- view a school calendar of events
- notify the school if your child is absent or late
- navigate to other school-related webpages
- customise your account by adding a profile image
- select how you wish to receive notifications - you can choose to receive notifications via email (our current default setting) or as in-app notifications on your device.

Learning posts combined with curriculum information and goal-setting form an online report designed to build year-on-year so that over time you have access to written posts, images, video, work samples, and helpful resources all in one place.

If you haven't already we strongly encourage you to download the app from the Apple Store or Google Play. Due to the confidential and personal nature of the information stored in Hero you are required to log in each time just as you would with your bank or a platform such as Manage My Health.

School Pool

We will be closing the school pool as of today for winter and repairs. If you have a key please return it to the office asap. Due to the limited use of the pool this year we will give those key holders a full refund.

Tuakana Beach Days



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

Reunification Feedback

A couple of weeks ago we held our annual reunification drill. These drills are an important way for us to test systems and processes in the unlikely event of an emergency. The most likely scenario would be an earthquake where we have to evacuate the buildings. We have learnt a lot from the experiences of our colleagues in Christchurch and know the value of being prepared. Thank you to everyone who supported this exercise. It is important to note:

- Adults must move away from the assembly zone as soon as children have been collected. This makes it easier for staff to manage the children still waiting to be collected.
- We can not predict the exact nature of an emergency and there may be situations when we are outside for long periods of time and therefore might need to seek out shelter, in which case we won't necessarily be in the same spot.
- Only authorised adults are allowed to collect children. In an emergency. Please make sure we have all of those details for our files.

Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees meetings are open to the public. This means that anyone can come to a school board meeting and observe the board in action. However, Board meetings are not public meetings and visitors may not speak at the meeting unless the board grants them speaking rights.

The dates of the board meetings are published on our school website, in the school newsletter and on the calendar.

The agenda for the meeting will be published on the website a week before the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting are available for reading and can be found in the office.

PB4L (Positive Behaviour for learning) - Barefoot Learner Focus

Mohiotanga - Sharing of information

A **Paekākāriki Barefoot learner** - can share ideas, ask for help if needed and listen to others point of view.

Science in Ngā Kakano



Waka Ama



CURRICULUM

School Happenings

Over the last few weeks I have had the pleasure of not only teaching in classes but also of doing some informal observations. It is wonderful to see the amazing and varied learning experiences offered to our tamariki.

I have seen students:

- Working on a novel/film study of Whale Rider
- Exploring and explaining their thinking in solving complex mathematical problems in small groups
- Searching their environment to find 'longer', 'shorter' and 'the same' lengths as instructed by the 'Measurement Master' aka whaea Jane!
- Designing, creating, and testing prototypes for propulsion
- Learning important words for reading and writing off by heart - 'heart words' which you may see Whaea Fiona wearing on a lanyard around her neck
- Practice their reading with their teacher in small groups
- Harvesting and cooking vegetables from our maara (garden)

Garden Group on the Tools



Alfie's Math Corner

CURRICULUM

From our Students
Saana Martin

Hi,
This week I have written a poem:

*A night in the wilds will always be
dark*

*All ways have a lookout for swords that are
sharp,*

*In a battle have no
fear*

*As we will always be
there*

*Watching your back with magic, arrows and
blades*

*Forever here with you through battles and
raids*

*Whether we're fighting ten dragons or goblins ga-
lore*

*We'll fight here together if there's two-hundred and
four*

*So when it is dark you should never have
fear*

'Cus wherever you are we'll always be there

Alfie's Math Corner

COMMUNICATIONS

Potty Potters

School Garden every Friday 9am-12

Come along and help out in the School Garden. There are a range of jobs to choose from, including making/potting up the plants for our Plant Sales. Stay for as little or long as you like. No garden experience necessary!

If you would like to help out in the garden but can't make these sessions, please contact Sarah McMaster
mcmaster_sarah@hotmail.com

Paekakariki School Winter Plant & Seedling Sale

Saturday May 8th ~10am-1pm

We are needing more volunteers to assist in the lead up to the Sale, as well as on the day.

- Label Making (This involves cutting up blinds into labels for our seedlings and plants. Able to do easily your own time at home.)
- Comms (Helping us promote our Plant Sale.)
- Preparing our Seedlings
- Preparing our Sale area
- Help on the day

If you think you may be able to help with any of the following please get in touch with Sarah on 021969645 or mcmaster_sarah@hotmail.com

PTA

Reason #1 to support PTA: Parent helpers make better lovers

Reason #2 to support PTA: Parent helpers have a youthful glow about them.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with and supported the firewood fundraiser. We made \$2000 for the school.

Our AGM will be hosted on the 7th April at the school at 7pm. Children are of course welcome, jarmies and onesies are an acceptable dress code.

Nga mihi nui ki a koe!

The PTA

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

Lunch Orders & Sausages

We will continue with our 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. 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/A7oDS2MrHFoERSmDg>

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

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

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

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/>

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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

“Collective Impact: Give.Grow.Connect” is the theme of **#SVW2021**. Student volunteers give a hand and add real value to the community. Together they make a substantial impact on Aotearoa New Zealand. By giving to a community or cause, student volunteers grow and flourish. They gain knowledge and create change within their communities. Through volunteering, mahi aroha and social impact, student volunteers create their own social and professional networks. They connect with peers and people who share their same passion and interests.

Students, universities, schools and organisations all over New Zealand will be celebrating **#SVW2021** through a variety of events and festivities that celebrate our student or youth volunteers and connect young people with opportunities to get involved in volunteering.

How You Can Get Involved:

- Get in touch with us by replying to this email!
- Organise opportunities for students in your community to learn about volunteering and connect with your organisation.
- Host an event to celebrate your student or youth volunteers.
- Share Student Volunteer Week content using the tag **#SVW2021**.
- Write a blog post or create a video about your student or youth volunteers.

For more information and resources: studentvolunteerweek.nz

Mary Poppins is coming...to Kapiti!

Coasters Musical Theatre is excited to bring your favourite and practically perfect nanny to the stage, in the supercalifragilisticexpialidocious musical adventure that is Mary Poppins!

Don't miss your opportunity to be part of a fantastic adventure with amazing choreography, an incredible stage set and effects, and unforgettable songs.

We're currently seeking children and adult performers to fill a range of Principal and Ensemble roles for Coasters Musical Theatre's production of Mary Poppins, to be held at Kapiti's newest performing arts centre, Te Raukura ki Kapiti on October 7 – 16.

If you can sing, act and dance well, and show an ongoing commitment as part of our cast, then contact us now to book your audition time*.

Want to know more? Join us for our pre-audition meeting THIS SUNDAY 14 March, 3pm at Coasters Musical Theatre, 15 Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu.

AUDITION DATES^{{L}{SEP}}

Children's Auditions: Friday 2 April, 2021^{{L}{SEP}}

Adult's Auditions: Saturday 3 April & Sunday 4 April, 2021^{{L}{SEP}}

Email marypoppinskapiti@gmail.com for an audition pack^{{L}{SEP}}

*Audition times must be booked in advance^{{L}{SEP}}

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sibling Pop-in portrait - Paraparaumu 20
April 10am-1pm.
Just \$20 a pop for individuals and \$60 for
siblings (up to 3 children) and your photo is
included.

Bookings are essential. For more info & to book go to <https://popinphotos.com/book/paraparaumu>

Healthy Active Learning

To better understand from parents, care givers and whānau how their children are participating in physical activity and healthy eating and drinking at your school,

we invite all parents and care givers to complete our [whānau survey](#).

It takes 5-10 minutes and once completed whānau will go in the draw to win a \$100 supermarket voucher.

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Exciting News!! BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND THE APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME ARE NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS AT BIGAIR KAPITI!!

Children LOVE learning how to Cartwheel, Round-off, Handspring and Flip at BIGAIR GYM Classes! Children develop strength, flexibility, balance, proprioception, plus determination and self-confidence as they achieve new skills! BIGAIR's GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING & FREE RUNNING classes are excellent for fun and fitness! We focus on safety, technique, fundamental skills, right through to more advanced skills, such as summersaults and twisting. Bigair Gym is a pristine, exciting, kid friendly, state of the art gym facility! Our experienced coaches run structured & fun gym classes. **Book now for Bigair's popular APRIL School Holiday Programme!** Full day or half day sessions. Keep your kids active these holidays, while they also practice and learn new skills! Classes fill up fast, so don't miss out! **From Mon 29th Mar book online for Term 2 Gym Classes** at www.bigairgym.co.nz or contact Bigair Kapiti by phone: 297 0400 or email: kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz. We cannot wait to see you in the gym

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Nga Manu Easter Celebration 2021

Ngā Manu Nature Reserve, 74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road, Waikanae, Kapiti Coast

Friday 2 April – Monday 5 April 10:00am – 5:00pm

Gather your family, pack a picnic, and come and celebrate Easter at Ngā Manu Nature Reserve! We have Easter eggs, children's activities and daily prizes throughout the long weekend with discounted entry for families – just \$20 for a 1 adult family and \$30 for a 2 adult family (up to 3 children – additional children just \$5)

Nerf Wars Weekend 2021

Paekakariki School Are you ready? Because Kapiti Castles are bringing Nerf Wars Weekend BACK to Kapiti with two adrenaline-filled days of action! Our Nerf Wars Day is a unique opportunity for children to have fantastic fun and burn off some energy and gives adults a chance to act like children. What's not to love?

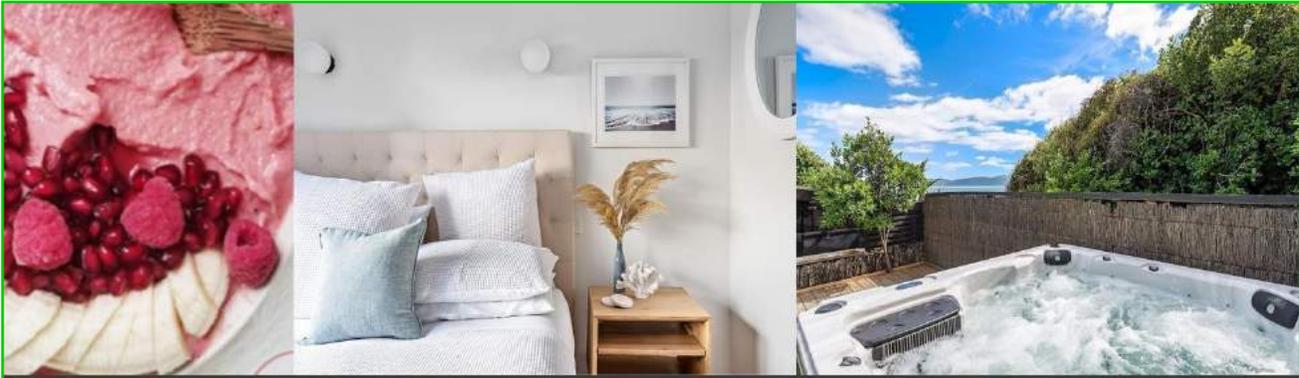
Get Ready, because its time to battle your way around our indoor arena dodging over and under obstacles and experiencing the adrenaline rush that is the Kapiti Castles Nerf Wars Day. Also, if Nerf Wars isn't your thing, or you need a quick break, we will have Mini Golf, a vast range of Giant Games and a toddler zone and of course an excellent cafeé zone.

Open on the 1st & 2nd May 2021 from 10am to 4pm and 6pm to 9pm

Do you want o save on your tickets? Who doesn't! As a loyal customer of Kapiti Castles you can save 10% on your tickets if you buy before 31st March - Just use the Promo Code **KCNERF21** when you buy online

You can buy your tickets online to secure your spot by visiting EventFinda NZ or you can buy your tickets on the door!

COMMUNITY NOTICES



NATURE/NURTURE AUTUMN RETREAT

FRIDAY 14th — SUNDAY 16th May 2021

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**PAREMATA
PLIMMERTON
NETBALL CLUB**

2021 preseason year 7/8 netball tournament

**Saturday 10th April
9am - 12pm
Ngati toa domain netball courts
Umpires provided
\$60 per team
Email Secretary@ppnc.co.nz or fb us
to enter 😊**

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Ōtaki Pool		
10.00am - 10.30am	4-6 years	Learn to Swim
10.30am - 12pm	6-12 years	Learn to Swim, Water Safety, Snorkelling

*Learn to Swim classes \$42 per week

ENROL NOW, SPACES ARE LIMITED!

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