



Paekākāriki School

Home of the Barefoot Learner

Pānui - Term 3 Week 5

IMPORTANT DATES

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

August 2021

- 18th Aug – Jnr Winter Tournament
- 20th Aug – Jnr Winter tournament postponement date
- 27th Aug – Mastermind Tournament
- 27th Aug – Assembly

September 2021

- 7th Sep – Snr Winter Sports tournament
- 8th Sep – Kāpiti College Option Day
- 9th Sep – Snr Winter Tournament Postponement day
- 15th Sep – PTA meeting

17th Sep – TEACHER ONLY DAY – NO SCHOOL

22ND Sep – Transition evening

TERM DATES 2021

2021 School Dates

Term 1 - Wednesday, February 3rd - Friday, April 16th

Easter: April 2nd - Tuesday the 6th

Term 2 Tuesday, 4th May - Friday 9th July

Term 3

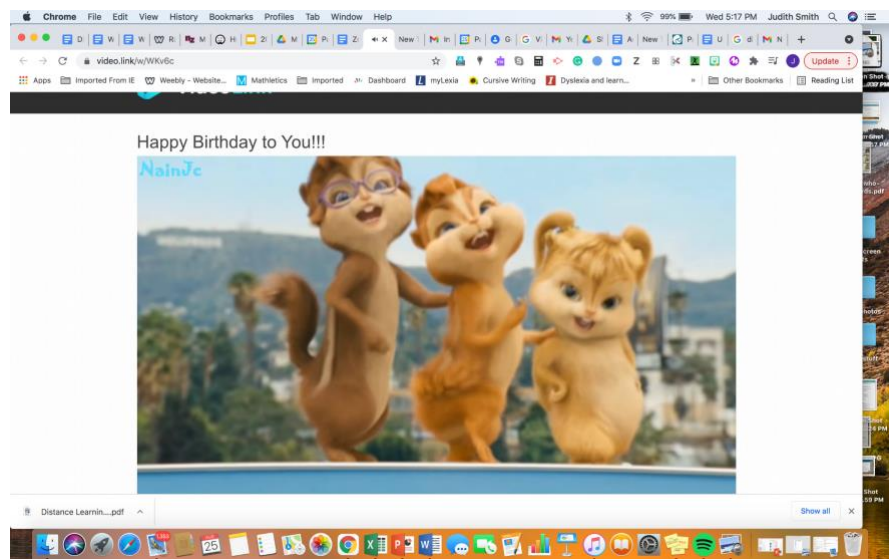
Monday, 26th July - Friday 1st October

Term 4 Monday 18 October - Thursday 16th December

Did you know... Despite being locked down, the kaiako of Paekākāriki kura won't let special days pass by without some sparkles! See below some special 'lockdown birthday' shots for our tamariki.



Tuakana Birthday Video



Ngā Kākano Birthday video

From the Principal...

Kia ora koutou,

We recently heard of the tragic and horrific car accident involving the deaths of 15 and 16 year olds just out of Timaru. As a parent and an educator, stories like this have a big impact on me and cause me to reflect on what we can do to help our tamariki as they grow up.

I remember many parent interviews where the conversation involved comments such as “he’s not working to his full potential”, “he’s lazy”, “he does no homework” and much anxiety about whether he’d pass the year. That was me, the parent. Then a couple of years ago one very wise teacher at Kāpiti College turned to my then 16 year old son and asked if he was happy.

This, I believe, is the most important question we need to be asking - are our children happy? If our children are happy, if they have a sense of purpose, a passion or interest that gets them out of bed then we are well on the way to success. Students who are given the opportunity to explore their interests, to make positive connections with others, who are supported to be themselves are far more likely to make good choices, to look out for their friends and to be successful people who contribute positively to the world around them. What drives me is not easily measured. I won’t ever know what horrific or tragic events I may have helped prevent by creating an environment that allowed a child to be themselves but I will always consider that as the most important part of my job and I will always work with others who share this passion and purpose.

Ngā mihi nui

Julia

From the Principal...

Curriculum

Learner Agency

A key element of the NZ Curriculum is Learner Agency, this is embedded in the key competencies as “the capabilities that young people need for growing, working, and participating in their communities”. The key competencies are about developing the dispositions and sense of agency that empower the individual, and help them better understand and negotiate the perspectives and values of others, contributing towards more productive and inclusive workplaces and societies. These competencies underpin our Barefoot Learner curriculum.

So what do we mean by **Learner Agency**?

This is when learners feel in control of things that happen around them; when they feel that they can influence events. This is important for learners as they need to be active participants in their learning.

Jean Garrity in her blog post, [Ownership and Independence – The Keys to Learner Agency](#), states “Students must develop the capacity to engage strategically in their learning without waiting to be directed. They must take ownership of and responsibility for their learning. And, they must possess the skills to learn independently, without heavy dependence on external structures and direction.” This agency is seen in play, in student-led projects, when students persist, when they ask questions and seek answers without being instructed and when they are being creative.

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We have again been extremely impressed with the agentic learning being displayed by a large number of our tamariki during this time of Distance Learning. The seamless way that students have transitioned between onsite learning and distance learning demonstrates our students are already operating a high level of autonomy in their every day play and structured learning.



*Ngā Kākano moving
Passionfruit*

*Ngā Purapura – kumara
experiments*



*Ngā kākano – This is how we
group weed 😊*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION- Coming up at Paekākāriki School

Senior Winter Tournament

This was set to happen on Tuesday 7th September, we will be in touch once we know what is happening with COVID Alert Levels.

Transition Evening

Every year we hold an evening for the parents of those students who are moving into a new learning environment the following year.

Parents of those students who are moving from Te Kohanga to Ngā Kākano are invited to meet Judith Smith and Miriama Te One, and parents of those students who are moving from Ngā Kākano to Ngā Purapura are invited to meet Rachel McMullen, Jess Hortop and Andy Laurenson on Wednesday September 22nd. More details with specific times will be sent home closer to the date.

Dates for 2022

Term 1: Thursday Feb 3rd - Thursday April 14th

Term 2: Monday May 2nd - Friday July 8th

Term 3: Monday July 25th - Friday September 30th

Term 4: Monday October 17th - Wednesday December 14th

**There will be 3 teacher Only Days during the year with dates to be confirmed **

PB4L (Positive Behaviour for learning) - Barefoot Learner Focus

PB4L focus - week 5 and 6

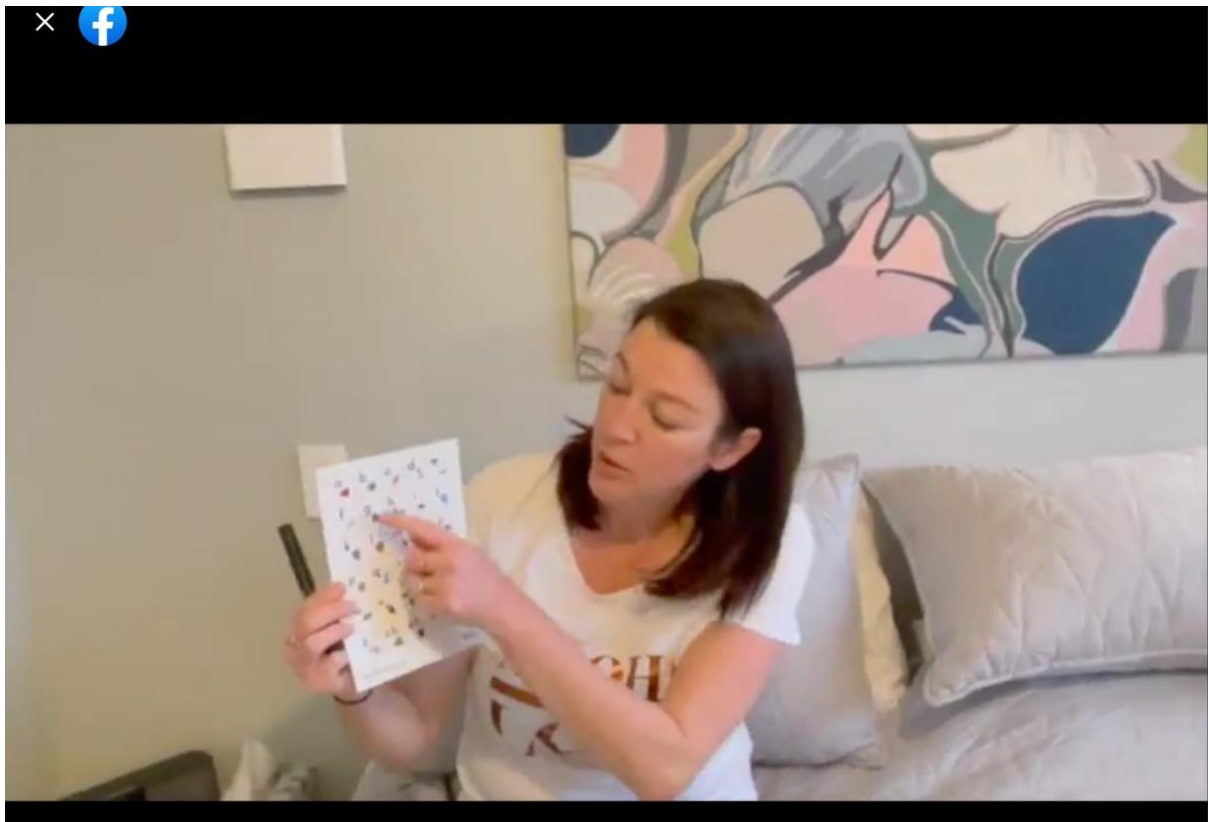
As a Paekākāriki Barefoot Learner, I am flexible when faced with change and support others to cope with change

“Tūngia te ururoa kia tupu whakaritorito o te harakeke - Set the overgrown bush alight, and the new flax shoots will spring up”

This whakatauki is about change. In order to change we may need to leave some ways behind to do things differently and progress.

What's Been Happening at Paekākāriki School?

Lockdown learning



Te Kōhanga learning video- 'heart words!'



Ngā Kākano hangouts



Tuakana Hangouts

Some highlights from the week:

The school disco was a huge success and it's lovely when we receive messages of support for events like this from parents:

Thank you so much for the hard mahi that went into the disco last week. Well done to the students too who made it such a great time. Providing after hours experiences like these is so generous and awesome for the kids

Thank You

We recently received a donation of blankets from The Young Vinnies from Our Lady of Kapiti School, we know that our families are really grateful for these on the wintery nights we've been having. St Vincent de Paul also donate bread every week for our Thursday soup.

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

Congratulations to Miriona for winning the Term 2 House Challenge.

	Wainui	Pouawha	Haumia	Miriona
Term 1	270	346	283	317
Term 2	128	134	119	138

Policy Review

This term we have 2 policies to be reviewed;

- Behaviour Management
- Concerns and Complaints

To participate in this review please

1. Visit the website <https://paekakariki.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (Paekākāriki) and password (wellington).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form

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 at lunch time need to be wearing shoes and a cycle 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_3i1d30lhk9begr3ferb8f4gak@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

Paekākāriki School appreciate the support of the following organisations who help us provide programmes and resources for our tamariki in 2018 and 2019.

