



**Paekākāriki School**

*Home of the barefoot learner*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 1

**Feb 6th** - Waitangi Day

**Feb 7th** - School Closed

**Feb 10th** - Beach Ed

**Feb 10th** - BOT hui

**Feb 12th** - School swimming sports

**Feb 19th** - Pool Party Grand Opening

**March 3rd** - Learning Conferences

**March 17th** - BOT hui

**March 18th & 19th** - Photo Days

**March 26th** - School Athletics

**April 10th** - Last Day of term 1

**April 11th** - Teacher only day

### TERM DATES 2025

**Term 1:** Jan 29th - April 10th

**Closed** Thurs 6th and Fri 7th Feb

**Term 2:** April 28th - June 27th

**TOD** - Fri 9th May

**TOD** - Fri 30th May

**Kings Bday** - Mon 2nd June

**Matariki** - Fri 20th June

**Term 3:** July 14th - Sept 19th

**Term 4:** Oct 6th - December 17th

# Pānui

## Term 1 Week 2

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Nau mai haere mai,

Welcome back to school for 2025. We are excited about the year ahead and are looking forward to many rich and engaging learning experiences throughout the year.

Late in 2024 we reviewed our local concept curriculum. This is the document that guides our cross-curriculum learning and provides context for our core learning areas. This year we have decided to go with an over-arching concept for the whole year, with the idea that this concept is flexible and teachers can be responsive to student questions and interests. The overarching concept for our learning this year is;

Above and Below

We look forward to seeing where this learning goes and what interesting discoveries ākonga (learners) make along the way.

We have a number of events happening this term that we'd love to see whānau join us for. Please read on further in the newsletter to find out about:

- Beach Education
- School Swimming Sports
- The Pool Party
- Learning Conferences
- School Athletics

I wish everyone a happy, healthy and successful 2025!

Ngā mihi nui

*Julia*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....



*Staff trip to Kapiti Island to start the year*

### Important Information

- **2025 TERM DATES**

**Term 1:** School will start on Wednesday, January 29th.

School will be closed on Thursday, February 6th, and Friday, February 7th.

School will be closed on March 3rd for Learning Conferences

The term finishes on Thursday, April 10th (Friday 11th is a Teacher Only day).

**Term 2:** Monday April 28th - June 27th

Teacher Only Day Friday 9th May

Teacher Only Day Friday 30th May.

**Term 3:** Monday July 14th - Friday September 19th

**Term 4:** Monday October 6th - Wednesday December 17th.

There will be 1 more Teacher Only Day, date TBC.

### Did You Know?

- Our SunSmart Policy comes into play in Term 1. Sunhats and sunsmart clothing (shoulders, backs, tummy covered) must be worn when outside. Sunblock should be applied before coming to school, there are supplies available at school for re-application during the day.
- School Photos will be on March 18th and 19th.
- School is closed on Friday February 7th and Friday April 11th.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....

## Welcome

This term we welcome Noah Beach and Isla-Rose Lodge and their whānau to our kura. We know they will have a great time as barefoot learners!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to all our prize winners for 2024.

Maoritanga Girls	Maoritanga Boys	Sports	Arts	Citizenship	Barefoot Learner	Kahikatea Teina	Kahikatea Tuakana
Isla Michalak	Billy Allan	Lucas Beesley & Esme Batsford	Ruby Moffatt	Isla Michalak	Allegra Gibson	Angus McKay	Elvira Martin-Mathers

Maths	Literacy	Most Consistent	Special Principal Award	Lesley Duncan
Scarlett Gregory	Josie Nelson	Stella Eden & Max Paice	Arabella Calder	Ruby Moffatt

## Karl Farrell

Many of you will know the Farrell whānau who have strong connections to our kura as mana whenua of our village. Generations of Farrell children have attended Paekākāriki School and kaumātua Karl and his wife, Beryl, have always been involved in the life of our school. Just last year Karl spent time with staff and students, sharing the history of Ngati Haumia in Paekākāriki.

We were very sad to learn of Karl's passing last week, our thoughts are with his whānau. He was a man of great mana who did so much for our community. Karl will be missed by many but none so more than Beryl and his girls.

Moe mai, moe mai, moe mai rā e te Rangatira.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) - Barefoot Learner Focus for week 1 - 4

### 1 and 2

#### *Whanaungatanga*

A sense of belonging

Getting to know one another. Comfortable in introducing ourselves and sharing who we are.

### 3 and 4

#### *Kia Kaha Kia Maia*

Be strong, be brave

Self Confidence

Trying new things, show kindness when playing with new people. I try new things and I learn from my mistakes.

### Attendance

The Ministry of Education has asked schools to focus on student attendance as this has slipped over the last few years. 'Regular' attendance is defined as 90% or higher. However, Ministry of Education analysis shows every day has a cumulative impact on a child's learning, and there is no 'safe' level of non-attendance. In addition to regular attendance, being on time for school is also very important.

# WHATS HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

## Beach Education

On Monday February 10th we are participating in the Surf Lifesaving NZ Beach Education programme. In order to run the onsite beach element of this programme we will need parent helpers. Please keep an eye out for the Hero post with the details.

## School Swimming Sports

These are being held at Waikanae Pool on Wednesday February 12th. Buses are organised and we are aiming to arrive at the pools at 10:30, leaving again at 1:30pm. More details will be sent out shortly.

## The Pool Party

We are excited to announce that our school pool is open for the summer. KCDC will be running private lessons in the pool on Mondays and Wednesdays during school hours. In addition to this, each class will have scheduled swimming times with their teacher. Please keep an eye out for details about these lessons.

To celebrate the re-opening of the pool we are holding a Pool Party on Wednesday February 19th from 4pm. This day will also be an opportunity to meet the teachers and see your child's learning environment for the year, and to learn more about how you can get involved in our wonderful little school.

## Learning Conferences

These are one-on-one 'interviews' with your child's whanau teacher during the day on Monday March 3rd. Children DO NOT come to school that day. Information and booking details will be shared closer to the time.

## School Athletics

Due to constantly cancelling our school athletics in Term 4, we have decided to reschedule this event for Term 1. School Athletics will be held on Wednesday March 26th.

# CURRICULUM

## Health Curriculum Consultation

School boards are required to consult with their communities on the implementation of the Health Curriculum every two years. Please complete the [consultation survey](#) to help us with our health and physical education programmes and planning.

## New English Curriculum.

We are excited about implementing the new English curriculum this year. Last term teachers spent a lot of time unpacking the document and developing an implementation plan for Paekākāriki School. Fortunately the work we have been doing with Structured Literacy fits nicely into this plan and we are well placed to move forward with the new expectations.

The new maths curriculum is not yet available so we will undertake professional development and school wide planning for this later in the year. In the meantime we continue to deliver rich mathematical learning experiences based on the current curriculum statement.

## House Points

	Wainui	Pouawha	Haumia	Miriona
Term 1	69	90	94	75
Term 2	141	165	119	139
Term 3	2912	2246	1501	2633
2024 total	2927	2257	1529	2952

Congratulations to Miriona for winning the 2024 House challenge

# COMMUNICATION

## Policy Review

The policies for review this term are:

- Health and Safety Management
- Risk Management
- Visitors
- Worker Engagement, Participation and Representation
- Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crises
- School Closure
- Emergency Management
- Disaster Management
- Crisis Management

**Review to be completed by March 7th.**

**To participate in this review please**

1. Visit the website <https://paekakariki.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (paekakariki) 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.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## 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.

## Bikes and Scooters

We are very lucky in Paekākāriki to have a safe community in which to cycle. Students and whānau who cycle, scooter, skateboard, or roller blade to school please remember **you must WALK** in and out of the school grounds. This helps keep other cyclists and pedestrians safe. No wheels to be used after 8:30 or before 3:15. Students who wish to ride bikes, scooters etc at lunch time need to be wearing shoes and a cycle helmet.

## 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\\_3i1d30lhk9begr3ferb8f4qack@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Pacific/Auckland](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=paekakariki.school.nz_3i1d30lhk9begr3ferb8f4qack@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Pacific/Auckland)

## School Newsletter

Our school newsletter is published 3 times a term, with all other urgent messages sent out via Hero, email and/or the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PaekākārikiSchool/>).

## Website

[www.paekakariki.school.nz](http://www.paekakariki.school.nz)





## Exploring Autism (0-9 Years)

Exploring Autism is a programme for parents, caregivers and whānau of children with a recent diagnosis of autism.

The programme aims to help participants grow their understanding of autism, to consider their child's individual needs and to identify practical strategies that can be used in everyday life.

### Programme details

The programme has 6 sessions which cover core topics, with adaptations and additional information appropriate to each age group (0-5 and 6-9 years).

**6 sessions** which cover the following topics:

• Introduction to autism	• Thinking and learning
• Social communication	• Supporting stress, anxiety and behaviour
• Sensory processing	• Next steps - into the future

The content is primarily delivered through group sessions, which can occur in person or through remote delivery/video conferencing.

This programme can be offered individually for those with communication and/or accessibility needs.

### Who can attend?

Up to two parents, caregivers and/or whānau of a child aged 0-9 years, who has recently been diagnosed with autism.

The child does not attend the sessions with their parents.

### Where is the programme available?

This programme is available throughout New Zealand. There is **no cost** to attend the sessions or for the resources that are provided.

### How can you apply?

- **Self refer** by downloading and completing the referral form, and email this to [explore@explore.org.nz](mailto:explore@explore.org.nz). Alternatively, you can complete the online referral at <https://explorewellbeing.org.nz/our-services/autism-support-services/exploring-autism-0-9-years/>
- Call **0800 397 288 (0800 EXP AUT)** to ask one of our team to complete the referral on your behalf.
- Ask another professional in the child's support team to complete the referral e.g., A service coordinator at the local NASC, your developmental coordinator or autism coordinator.

Please note there may be a waitlist for this programme. Families will be invited to join a programme based on the date their referral is received.

## Community Notices



# Crafty Arts

## AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

**PARAPARAUMU:** Tuesday 11th February to 8th April

**OTAKI:** Wednesday 12th February to 9th April

**TIME:** 3:30-5pm, **COST:** \$225 (9 Sessions, ages 8 +)



**Make and create fun handcrafted projects.  
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### ONLINE BOOKING:

**[linktr.ee/shedcreativespace](https://linktr.ee/shedcreativespace)**





## Community Notices



# VOLLEYBALL PROGRAMME



15 Feb - 12 Apr 2025



**11am - 12pm** - beginners

**12pm - 1pm** - development

**1pm - 2.30pm** - advanced  
development



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## Community Notices



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### **Our Prices:**

Private lesson 20 min: \$25

Private Lesson 30 min: \$38

2 in a Lesson 30 min: \$40 (or \$20 each)

Band Classes: \$19 per student

Email: [aj@crawshawmusicschool.co.nz](mailto:aj@crawshawmusicschool.co.nz) or Phone (04) 905 9317 to book a free trial lesson.



# SAVE MONEY DO BETTER MEAL PLANNING



## 1. CHECK YOUR WEEK

WHO'S HOME?  
WHEN WILL YOU BE  
BUSY OR TIRED?

## 2. CHECK WHAT YOU'VE GOT

SEE WHAT NEEDS USING  
UP IN YOUR FRIDGE,  
FREEZER & PANTRY.

## 3. CHOOSE YOUR MEALS

PLAN EASY, FLEXIBLE  
MEALS. DON'T FORGET  
TO USE YOUR LEFTOVERS.

## 4. CREATE YOUR LIST

AND TAKE IT WITH YOU.

**REPEAT AND  
SAVE MONEY!**

**LOVE  
FOOD**  
hate waste  
NEW ZEALAND

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FREE  
MONEY  
SAVER  
MEAL  
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