



Paekākāriki School

*Home of the barefoot learner*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 1

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**March 17th** - BOT hui

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

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**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

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



# Pānui

## Term 1 Week 5

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Nau mai haere mai,

#### Reunification Drill - March 5th

We will be carrying out a **Full Reunification drill** on Wednesday, March 5th. This will be a whole school exercise to prepare our community for the reality of an emergency situation and make sure we are prepared.

The aim of a Reunification Drill is to make sure that your child(ren) can be cared for by people you have authorised to do so in the case of an emergency where the school has to close. The practise ensures that our systems work well, that adults know what is expected of them and that the children know what is going to happen. It also ensures that we have the correct emergency contact information for every child.

#### What is going to happen:

- At approximately 2.25 pm there will be a 'mock evacuation'. All children will assemble at the assembly point inside the basketball courts, this is our secondary assembly point. **You will be able to collect your children from 2:45pm onwards.** Authorised adults who are collecting children should be aware of the following procedures:
- When you come to school you will have to sign out your child/ren with the staff member at the entrance to the basketball courts.
- A staff member will then collect your child/ren and deliver them to you.
- Please move off the school grounds quickly, unfortunately this is not the time to linger and chat.

**No child will be released on this day until they have been signed out by one of the authorised adults listed on our Student Management System.**



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#### What you need to do:

- Make sure you have at least two contacts listed with us and that at least one of these contacts is around to pick up your child on March 5th. As this is a drill you are able to plan, however in a real emergency you won't be able to, so it is advisable to make sure you have at least one contact listed who is local. Some parents have a family friend or relative down as the third contact for these sorts of emergencies.
- Make sure all contacts' phone and email details are up to date. Please email [administration@paekakariki.school.nz](mailto:administration@paekakariki.school.nz) if you wish to change any of these details.
- Make sure your child knows who can pick them up if their direct caregivers are not around, and make sure they match our records too.

Ngā mihi  
Julia

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....

## 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?

- Each House Group hosts an assembly during the year. Our first assembly for the year is hosted by Haumia and is on Friday February 28th.
- That every Friday our Year 7 and 8 students travel to the Raumati Technology Centre for their 'tech' sessions where they create all sorts of interesting and yummy things!

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) - Barefoot Learner Focus for week 5 - 6

He aha te mea nui o te Ao, māku e kii atu, he tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.

What is the most important thing in the world? Well, let me tell you, it is people, it is people, it is people

## Tapatahi

Integrity

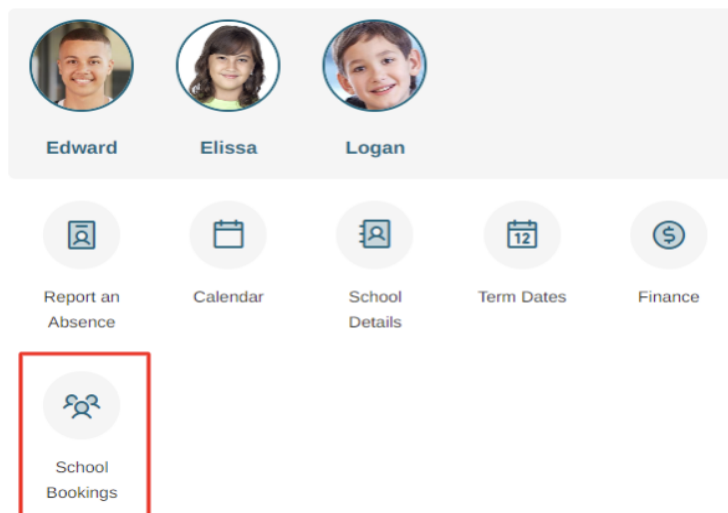
*A Paekākāriki Barefoot learner - can be in the right place at the right time doing the right thing.*

# WHATS HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

## Learning Conferences

These are one-on-one 'interviews' with your child's whānau teacher during the day on Monday March 3rd. Children DO NOT come to school that day. Bookings for these conferences opened yesterday, and you should have received an email notifying you of this.

- 1) Bookings are made through Hero, when you log into Hero you will see School Bookings on the landing page;



- 2) When you click on this button, you will see the event details for your child/ren.

- 3) If you wish the conference to be conducted via video conferencing rather than face-to-face, please email your child's teacher, and they will add a Google link to your booking.

- 4) You can check and manage your bookings via Hero until 3pm Friday, February 28th..

## 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

## English and Structured Literacy

We are pleased to share that we are well underway with the implementation of the new English curriculum for Years 0–6. This aligns seamlessly with our ongoing school-wide focus on structured literacy, ensuring all students build strong foundational skills in reading and writing.

Our end-of-2024 student achievement results highlighted the significant progress made, reinforcing the incredible impact of this approach. The dedication of our staff and whānau in upskilling and embedding structured literacy has been instrumental in this success. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide the best learning opportunities for our tamariki.

## House Points

Congratulations to Miriona for winning the 2024 House challenge

	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

# 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

# COMMUNICATION

## From the Board of Trustees

Did you know? Our [strategic plan](#) is Paekākāriki school's key strategic document.

Our strategic plan reflects the board's key focus areas, what we want to achieve, how we will achieve it and how we will measure success (how we will know if we have achieved our objectives). Each board meeting, the board monitors progress against plan objectives.

Last year, our plan had three key focus areas: literacy, te ao Māori, and hauora (holistic well-being).

This year, the board has updated our first focus area of literacy to literacy and numeracy to reflect the government's rollout of a new maths curriculum. Our other focus areas of te ao Māori and hauora remain unchanged.

## From the Potty Potters Garden Nursery

For those of you new to the school, Potty Potters is a group of volunteers who grow plants in the nursery at the back of the school to sell in our May and Labour weekend plant sales. Money raised is used to fund the school's gardening programme for Tamariki on Wednesdays, as well as the winter soup programme.

We are busy filling our nursery in readiness for the sale on Saturday 10 May, the day before Mother's day. We join in with the PTA who have a fundraising event at the same time.

The Potty Potters meet on Fridays between 9.30 am and 1pm, and we welcome new volunteers, on-going or casual, as well as donations of plants. It's a very friendly group, ranging in age from 17 to 75+. Only a few have family connections with the school, and some come from outside Paekākāriki. We're big believers in "it takes a village ...".

This year a new group is starting on Monday afternoons 3-4 pm, led by Maree White and others. No gardening experience required, kids welcome. Meet by the school pool. Thanks, Maree, for initiating this.

Ngā mihi  
Sally

# 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)



# School Photo Day

@ Paekākāriki School

Tuesday 18th March  
Class & Individuals  
Photos

Wednesday 19th March  
Sibling photos





## Community Notices

### Year 7 Vision Screening - Information for parents

Te Whatu Ora, Health New Zealand provides a vision screening programme for all Year 7 students.

- **Vision** – pupils will be advised of results at the time of screening. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.
- **Children who wear glasses** and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require 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.*



## Chimney Sweep Opening 10th Feb 2025

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Or email—[info@alphacsi.co.nz](mailto:info@alphacsi.co.nz)



## Community Notices



### CHATTING SAFELY ONLINE

**Date and time:** 26 March @ 7.30pm

**Register here:** [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Are you looking for ways to support your 11-18 year olds to navigate the challenges and opportunities of chatting online?

Join our free, parent webinar to gain practical tips and advice for supporting your children's online safety while they chat and connect in the digital world.

We'll cover:

- Popular chat based social media apps and online games, and the practical safety steps that can be used on them
- Tips for discussing safer online chatting with your rangatahi
- What to do when things go wrong online

Whether you're seeking reassurance or taking your first steps in learning about online safety, this welcoming and judgment-free webinar is here to support you. There will be plenty of time for Q&A.

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2025 TERM 1 WEBINARS:

## ONLINE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN UNDER 10

**Date and time:** 5 March @ 7.00pm

**Register here:** [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Netsafe is hosting a free webinar for parents and whānau on how to support children under 10 to have safe and positive experiences online.

Discover practical advice and helpful tools to support your tamariki as they navigate the digital world.

We'll explore:

- The opportunities and risks under 10s face online
- How to use the free, online safety education series and guides, Hector's World to support your children's online safety education at home
- What to do when things go wrong online

Whether you're seeking reassurance or taking your first steps in learning about online safety, this welcoming and judgment-free webinar is here to support you. There will be plenty of time for Q&A.





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## Community Notices

*Kia Ora parents and caregivers,*

To support your child's travel on Metlink services, please note the following important point.

- High school students are required to present their secondary school photo ID when requested by onboard staff if not in uniform. For eligibility information please check the concessions section [here](#).

Below is a summary of the conditions of carriage. The full version can be found [here](#) :

- Children from age 5 and intermediate school students are entitled to the Child Concession while in or out of school uniform.
- Secondary school students must either be wearing their school uniform, or present a valid physical or digital secondary school photo ID.
- A Snapper enabled Student Photo ID can be used as a Snapper card to access the Child Concession.
- Children 16 or older who have left school do not qualify for a Child Concession.
- Tag on and off for each part of the journey. If you do not tag off, a default fare applies, see more information [here](#).

Contact us on [info@metlink.org.nz](mailto:info@metlink.org.nz) or call us on 0800 801 700 for more information.

Ngā mihi,

Metlink



## Community Notices



### **Hoop Club Kapiti Junior Basketball Coaching Programme**

**Term 1 2025**

**Sunday 16 February to Sunday 6 April**

**5 - 7 year olds 9.30 - 10.30am  
8-10 year olds 10.30 - 11.30am  
11 - 17 year olds 11.30 - 12.30am**

**Paraparaumu College Community Gym**

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or [contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz](mailto:contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz)**



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Community  
Awards  
Kapiti  
Category Winner**

## Community Notices



# ***VOLLEYBALL PROGRAMME***



15 Feb - 12 Apr 2025



**12.50 - 1.50** - beginners  
**1.50 - 3.20** - advanced  
development



Kapiti College Gym

Coach led sessions for kids and youth. Join one of the most exciting and fast growing games!



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## Community Notices

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## FREE ENTRY

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## SCHOOL BONUS:

School with the  
most participants  
wins:

10 Netballs  
10 Soccer Balls  
10 Rugby Balls

Measure Only

# TANGLER

Junior Autumn Classic  
NZ Nationwide

[tangler.co.nz/join](http://tangler.co.nz/join)

April 11 - 27, 2025



## **Adult Open Run Scrimmages**

**Thursdays 7pm - 9pm at  
Kapiti College (old gym)**

**Sundays at Paraparaumu College will resume on 6  
April (once our Summer Social League has finished)**

**Men and Women of all skill levels welcome  
\$5 Entry**

**Contact Maartje on 027 299 1590 for more  
info**



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