



Paekākāriki School

Home of the barefoot learner

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

April 8th - PTA Meeting

April 10th - Wainui Assembly

April 10th - Last Day of term 1

April 11th - Teacher only day

TERM 2

May 3rd/4th - Wood Working Bee

May 9th - Teacher Only Day

May 10th - Plant sale

May 19th - BOT Meeting

May 30th - Teacher Only Day

June 2nd - Kings Bday

June 6th - Miriona Assembly

June 9th - BOT Meeting

June 12th - School Cross Country

June 19th - Matariki Night Market

June 20th - Matariki holiday

June 27th Pouawha Assembly

June 27th - Last day Term 2

TERM DATES 2025

Term1: Jan 29th - April 10th

Closed Thurs 6th & 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 10

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Nau mai haere mai,

It's the end of an era – sadly the giant pine tree at the bottom of the school field has been deemed unsafe and needs to come down. Many of you will be aware that the fabulous large pine tree at the end of the school field has been dropping branches and as a result, we are having the tree removed over the coming school holiday break.

As you can imagine this will be a huge and costly exercise, however very necessary to keep everyone safe.

But what do you get when you chop down a massive tree? Piles of firewood!

The PTA will be selling trailer loads of pine, all chopped and ready for your fireplace!

More details and an order form coming soon!

We're also looking for helpers to chop, load and deliver the firewood orders on the weekend of 3rd & 4th May. Lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided, and anyone that helps will get a free trailer load of firewood!

If you are available to help at some point over the weekend, please let the PTA know on paekakarikischoolpta@gmail.com

Ngā mihi

Julia



IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....

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•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?

- School closes for the Term on Thursday April 10th. Staff will be participating in Trauma Informed training on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th April.
- The Wainui house group are hosting assembly on Thursday April 10th at 2:30. Everyone is welcome.
- Our May Plant Sale and Carboot Market is happening on Saturday May 10th.

Welcome

This term, we welcomed Zephyr Genter and his whānau to Te Kohanga. We are looking forward to having you as part of our school community.

Thank You

A massive thank you to Bunnings in Porirua for the generous donation of shovels and gloves.

As we reach the end of our summer swimming season, I'd like to thank Nick White for all his efforts getting the pool back to operational and facilitating the KCDC swimming lessons. A school pool is a wonderful asset but one that requires a significant investment of time and money. Nick has volunteered hundreds of hours over a couple of years to get us to the point of being able to use our school pool. Thank you Nick, it has been a great summer of swimming and we look forward to many more.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bella Taylor, Isla-Rose Lodge, Eleanor Kennedy and Henry Haskill who had their names drawn out for the PB4L Stones afternoon tea earlier this term.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) -Our Barefoot Learner Focus for weeks 9, 10 and 11....

Mohiotanga - Sharing of information,

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

WHATS HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

Staffing

We are excited to welcome Judith Smith back to Paekākāriki School next term. Judith has been on sabbatical leave this term. When she returns, she will provide classroom release in Ngā Kakano and Ngā Purapura and continue her role as SENCo and Deputy Principal.

Vita Bassett will provide classroom release in Te Kohanga once a week. Thank you Vita for the wonderful job you've done filling in for the SENCo position this term.

We farewell Justine Ward, but we still expect to see her in our classrooms picking up relieving work. Thanks for all your mahi, Justine, it's great to have you as part of our learning community.

While Judith has been away Glynis Paterson stepped in as Team Leader for the Teina syndicate. Thank you Glynis for all your mahi and support this term.

CURRICULUM

New Math Curriculum

Our teachers will be joining teachers from other local schools on **Friday, May 9th**, to undertake the first day of Maths PLD provided by the Ministry of Education. We have been working with the new curriculum this term, but this training will help us fully understand and implement the new requirements.

The school will be closed this day as a **Teacher Only Day**.

Attendance

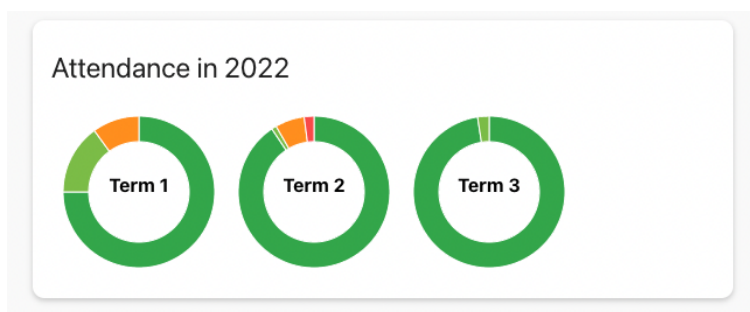
We can't teach children who are not present!

Student achievement and progress is dependent on being present at school for the teaching and learning programmes.

The Ministry of Education has asked schools to focus on student attendance and we continue to take this seriously. '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. Only a small number of absences (about 1.5 days per term) is related to no change in expected attainment, and every additional absence is associated with lower attainment. In addition to regular attendance, being on time for school is also very important.

There are a small number of reasons which qualify as justified absences,

You can see your child's attendance data by scrolling to the bottom of their report page in Hero.



Justified absence

J Explained and approved

Student is absent due to explained and approved reasons (e.g. family emergencies, bereavement, representing in national / cultural events, approved exemptions, or accompanying parents on overseas diplomatic / military postings).

M Illness / Medical absence

Student is absent due to illness or medical reasons, including mental health-related absences (e.g. anxiety).

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:

- Planning and Preparing for Emergencies,
- Disasters, and Crises (board)
- Communication During an Emergency,
- Disasters, and Crises
- School Closure (Board)
- Emergency Management
- Disaster Management
- Crisis Management

Review to be completed by May 23rd.

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

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

Community Notices



Junior Football season starts in May. If you have a child keen on trying out the beautiful game, then please get in touch with the Paekākāriki Sports Club and we can help introduce them to a sport that is both fun and engaging.

The games are Saturday mornings, with one practice during the week. All tamariki welcome no matter their experience.

Please get in touch with Michael Lloyd via mobile: 022 0331 225, or email: msaslloyd@gmail.com

A Polyclinic for Kāpiti Coast

PUBLIC MEETINGS 2025

Access to health services in Kāpiti is difficult – and getting worse.

Kāpiti Health Advisory Group, the health advisory committee to the Kāpiti Coast District Council, is proposing a practical solution.

Come to one of our free public meetings, find out more and provide feedback.

18 MARCH ~ 7PM

- Paekakariki Memorial Hall

20 MARCH ~ 2PM

- Waikanae Community Centre

7 APRIL ~ 7PM

- Otaki Memorial Hall

9 APRIL ~ 2PM

- Raumati, Uniting Church

9 APRIL ~ 7PM

- Paraparaumu, Ocean Road Community Centre



Visit khag.org.nz
for full details

Kāpiti Health Advisory Group



Ōtaki

EASTER

MARKET

Rātapu | Sunday

13
APRIL

10am - 2pm

Main Highway, Ōtaki



above: Harriet Bright, [Untitled] portrait

Workshops for children Portraiture with Harriet Bright

17 April, 2025

10:00–11:00 AM or 11:30 AM–12:30 PM

Visit www.toimahara.nz



Kāpiti Coast District Gallery

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!



Register today!



022 187 1133



facebook.com/kapitithunder.volleyballclub

Community Notices



Wairarapa
BALLOON
Festival
EASTER 2025

FAMILY CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 19 APRIL

TICKETS AND DETAILS
www.nzballoons.co.nz

5 hours of action-packed entertainment for the whole family. Plus live music, food trucks and much more.



Air balloon walk-throughs
Live music
Bouncy Castles
Face Painting Zone
Easter Egg Hunt
Selection of market stalls
The magical night balloon performance -
lit up to music
Delicious food and beverage options
from Street Food vendors
An unforgettable experience

Gates Open 3pm. Entertainment
starts at 3pm

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www.nzballoons.co.nz

Discount Family Tickets available



above: Deb Donnelly detail of *boro* and *sashiko* swatches on a cushion cover

Workshops for children Create Japanese-inspired textile art

14–15 April, 2025

10AM–12:30PM

Visit www.toimahara.nz



Kāpiti Coast District Gallery

Community Notices

Sports Jam is back! (April 14th – 24th) Yahoo!!!

Hope to see you all there again soon!

Program:	Kids can register for full week or individual day/s
Ages:	Primary school kids (ages 7 y/o plus)
Venues:	Kapiti: (Kapiti College, Margaret Road) Raumati Beach, Paraparaumu.
Times:	9am – 3pm (Full day) (am or pm option also available)
Dates:	April 14th – 24th October (2 weeks, Mon - Fri) N/A 18th 21st & 25TH
Medical:	First Aid personnel on site
Refreshments:	Free - Juice, water, fruit, snacks
Program Costs:	\$28 per child/day, \$16 AM or PM Option
Bookings:	www.sportsjam.co.nz (bookings page), email: info@sportsjam.co.nz (021 116 0086)

Payment Options:

Cash: payable on the day at venue. (If numbers allow / numbers are limited)

Bank Funds Transfer: Account Number 01 0731 0232606 00

Account Name: SPORTS JAM (Ref: Childs full Name & Program Date/s)

Thank You Sports Jam Team

Otaki KIDS

MARKET

Young people run and manage their own market stalls!

SUNDAY

27

APRIL

10am - 2pm

Main Highway, Otaki

ŌTAKI Kids
MARKET

