



Paekākāriki School

Home of the barefoot learner

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2

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

Term 1: 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 2 Week 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Nau mai haere mai,

Welcome to Term 2! This is a short term with several short weeks so we've got a lot to pack into a short timeframe! We've got lots of exciting things happening this term so keep an eye out for communications as the term progresses.

I wanted to share with you all that I will be taking leave during Term 3 to focus on my doctoral studies. As many of you know, completing a doctorate while working full-time is a rewarding but demanding journey, and setting aside larger blocks of time for analysis and writing is crucial at this stage.

This year, I have been fortunate to receive a scholarship that enables me to take this dedicated time away from my role as principal. I will take some time to visit whānau in the UK, visit schools in the UK and make a start on my thesis writing. While I am away, Judith Smith will be stepping into the role of Acting Principal, and I know the school will be in excellent hands.

I am studying at Victoria University of Wellington and have six years in total to complete my doctorate. I am currently 3.5 years into the journey—still a long way to go—but I am feeling very grateful for the support and encouragement from the Board, staff, students, and the wider school community that has brought me this far.

Thank you all for your understanding and support. I look forward to returning in Term 4, refreshed and energised, and sharing the next stages of the journey with you.

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?

- We have a Teacher Only Day on Friday May 9th - we're working with the MOE and the new maths curriculum on this day.
- Our May Plant Sale and Carboot Market is happening on Saturday May 10th.
- We will hold another Matariki Night Market on Thursday June 19th.

Welcome

This term, we welcomed Journey Tua-Walker to the Tuakana syndicate. We look forward to having you and your whanau part of our school community.

Thank You

A huge thanks to Nick White for his work getting our school pool operational this summer and to Steve Corin and Patrick Phillipona for the daily water testing.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Amaia Grace-Coombe, Georgie Fraser, Jarvis Helm and Zedikiah Churchouse who had their names drawn out for the PB4L Stones afternoon tea last term

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

Manaakitanga - Caring for others

A Paekākāriki Barefoot Learner can show kindness towards others in their learning environment.

WHATS HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

Teina

It's been a busy and exciting term so far in Teina!

Our theme of 'Above and Below' continues. In **Te Kōhanga**, we're building on the concept of 'Where do we all come from?' This term, we're exploring different modes of transport — boats, aeroplanes, and more — asking the question: How did we all get here?

In **Ngā Kākano**, the focus is on what's under the ocean, diving into the layers of the sea and discovering what might be found beneath the surface.

Our learners are continuing to make great progress with Structured Literacy, with a focus on spelling, writing, handwriting, and reading. We're also extending our mathematics learning through the new curriculum, with new opportunities taking shape in the classroom.

Cross-country training is underway this term. Weather permitting, practice sessions will take place on Thursday afternoons. (Spare clothes are always a good idea — especially in Terms 2 and 3!)

As winter approaches, please ensure your child brings warm clothing to school, and remember to **name all items clearly** so we can return any lost property.

Thank you for your continued support!

Tuakana

Kia ora whānau,

We're off to a fantastic start in Tuakana!

This term is already shaping up to be another busy and exciting one, filled with valuable learning experiences and engaging opportunities.

While our focus remains on key curriculum areas, we're also thrilled to continue offering a much-loved part of the week—electives! Every Friday afternoon, students can participate in a variety of activities, ranging from supporting our Teina tamariki and kaiako to exploring the arts, circus skills, flower arranging, and more. A heartfelt thank you to all the whānau who have generously volunteered their time and talents—your support is truly appreciated.

This is also our Cross Country term, so we'll be running as often as possible during school hours. We encourage tamariki to get active outside of school too, especially if they're enthusiastic about the event.

As the colder weather sets in, we've noticed bigger appetites! Please ensure your child has enough kai to stay nourished throughout the day. While we're grateful for our weekly bun donations, they don't always stretch far. A thermos with a warm lunch can be a great option during winter.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Plant Sale!

Much love,
Team Tuakana

CURRICULUM

House Points

	Wainui	Pouawha	Haumia	Miriona
Term 1	358	341	352	324
Term 2				
Term 3				
2025 total				

Congratulations to Wainui for winning the Term 1 House challenge

COMMUNICATION

From the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is exploring options for increasing our school roll. The Montessori approach to education is well aligned to our school philosophy and values and therefore is an avenue we are currently pursuing.

However there is no longer a Montessori classroom option on the Kapiti Coast and we are considering picking up the baton!

To that end, a **Parent Information Evening** will be held at school on **Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 PM.**

Come and hear more about the Montessori philosophy so that you can decide whether it might be right for your child. We encourage in-person attendance (It's easier to ask questions and follow the discussion). However, this is the link for those wishing to join online: meet.google.com/tfn-dkvs-axc

Sign up sheets for expressions of interest (not committing to anything) will be available on the night.

However, for those wishing to get ahead of the game, the [form is also available here.](#)

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, neighbour or curious soul...all are welcome! We look forward to seeing you soon.

From the Potty Potters

The Potty Potters Nursery has a wide range of plants available at very reasonable prices e.g. variety of winter vegetable seedlings, native trees, flaxes and grasses, perennials, shade loving plants, herbs, succulents, and special plants for Mother's Day.



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

PTA
SCHOOL FUND
RAISER

Paekākāriki School

Sat 10 May
10am-1pm

plant and Car Boot Sale

Treasures 🌻 Plants 🌻 Rosie's Tea Room



To book a spot for your
Car Boot full of booty.. click [here](#).



carpetcourt

JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE

TAURANGA | WELLINGTON | HAMILTON | PALMERSTON NTH
HAWKE'S BAY | SOUTH AUCKLAND | WEST AUCKLAND | ROTORUA

ENTER NOW

Get Kids
Active

Charitable Trust



Community Notices



Hoop Club Kapiti Junior Basketball Coaching Programme

Term 2 2025

Sunday 4 May to Sunday 15 June

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

ALL NEW PLAYERS MOST WELCOME

**Contact Coach Angelo Robinson at
contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz**



**WELLINGTON
AIRPORT**



**2019 Regional
Community
Awards
Kapiti
Category Winner**

Community Notices

We love teaching kids at

Crawshaw Music School

We provide high quality one-on-one private lessons from our premises at
6a Sheffield Street, just off Te Roto Drive.

We follow our student's interests while teaching important skills. All our teachers are experienced musicians and are skilled at communicating their knowledge.

The first lesson is free but book now before all our spaces are filled up!

The instruments we currently offer are: guitar, keyboards/piano, singing, drums, ukulele, bass, flute and band classes.

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 or Phone (04) 905 9317 to book a free trial lesson.



Adult Open Run Scrimmages

Thursdays 7pm - 9pm at

Kapiti College (old gym)

Sundays 3.15pm - 5.15pm at

Paraparaumu College Community Gym

Men and Women of all skill levels welcome

\$5 Entry

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



ANNIVERSARY

**HOOP CLUB KAPITI
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS**



www.hoopclubkapiti.nz

Skylight Trust

Counselling for young people

Counselling offers a space for young people to explore any concerns and get support from a trained mental health professional during uncertain times.

Skylight Trust is an organisation based in the Wellington region offering short-term counselling services for tamariki and rangatahi (**aged 5-18 years**), and their whānau. Our kaupapa aims to support those who have experienced or are experiencing grief, loss, bereavement, or trauma.

Counselling can improve young people's mental health and wellbeing. We offer young people a non-judgemental and supportive environment to express themselves.

Contact Us

☎ 0800 299 100
🌐 www.skylight.org.nz

Our Services

We deliver a range of therapy modalities:

- Talk therapy
- Music therapy
- Creative Arts therapy

Our Locations

- Wellington
- Porirua
- Petone
- Lower Hutt
- Kāpiti



Community Notices



VOLLEYBALL PROGRAMME



3 May - 21 June 2025



2.15-3.15pm - beginners

3.15-4.45pm - development/advanced
development



Paraparaumu College Gym

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



Register today!



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facebook.com/kapitithunder.volleyballclub

KIDS BOXING

THE STABLE BOXING & FITNESS

TUES & THURS 4.30PM- 5PM

WEDNESDAYS- PRE REGISTER NOW

✓ FIRST CLASS IS FREE

✓ \$10 PER CLASS ON DEBIT SUCCESS

✓ AGES 5-11 YEAR OLDS

✓ JOIN TODAY VIA OUR WEBSITE

🌐 WWW.THESTABLEBOXINGANDFITNESS.COM

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Community Notices



Parenting with Hart Space Podcast Coming Soon!



We're so excited to introduce Parenting with Hart Space - a six episode podcast created to support parents with young children and simple, compassionate tools for everyday challenges. My colleague and I have poured our hearts into these conversations, and we can't wait for your to listen!

Parenting With Hart Space Podcast

Will be available on YouTube (link will be on our website). Release date is early May, stay tuned!

[Go to our website](#)