



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

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
Teacher Only Day—Oct 24th

Pānui

Term 2 Week 5

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Nau mai haere mai,

At a recent Otago University graduation, Chancellor Trish Oakley described education as one of humanity's greatest tools. Beyond academic degrees, education encompasses lifelong learning and fostering kind, productive citizens. As educators and parents, our role is to ignite curiosity, nurture fundamental skills, and encourage personal growth.

Education extends far beyond the classroom. It teaches independence, resilience, and the value of hard work and meaningful relationships. It shapes individuals who contribute positively to society. As a proud parent, I've seen my three children embrace learning and university not just for their degrees but for the life lessons they've gained—budgeting, building friendships, and becoming active, positive community members. Let's inspire our tamariki to see education as a lifelong adventure that equips them for a bright future.

A wee bit of a personal brag here!

Ngā mihi

Julia



Alice BBC - Canterbury

Meg BA - Wellington

Thomas BSC - Otago

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.

Teacher Only Day Friday October 24th.

Did You Know?

- We have a Teacher Only Day this Friday, May 30th. We are joining with staff from Kāpiti College, Kāpiti Primary, Paraparaumu School, Our Lady of Kāpiti School, Raumati Beach School and Raumati South School. This will be a great day of learning and sharing for educators focusing on developing clear, quality learner pathways for our community.
- Friday June 6th, 9:15 am is the next school assembly hosted by the Miriona house group.
- The Matariki Night Market on Thursday June 19th.

Welcome

Welcome to Hugh and Nora Tierney to Te Kohanga and to Kahe Farrell to Ngā Purapura. We hope that you have a great time at Paekākāriki School.

Thank You

To all the wonderful people who have helped out on site over the past month, the firewood splitters, pinecone collectors and sellers, the baking for the plant sale, volunteers running stalls and the fabulous PTA crew and the Potty Potters.

The Mother's Day Plant Sale and Carboot Market was a big success and helped us get closer to completing the playground.



Getting set up for a great day

IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....

Thank you to Tim Jarray and Andy Driver for their awesome job flattening out the back garden area ready for our senior outdoor learning space.



WHATS HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

School Cross Country

Kia ora school whānau, this year we will be having our school cross country on Thursday 12th June at Campbell Park. We will be starting with the Year 8s first up at 12:30pm, and then year groups will proceed every 20 minutes after. Our Te Kohanga children will be last for the day so that the tuakana can help them around the park. So, come along, enjoy the afternoon and support the students running their little hearts out. Don't forget if you want to take your child/ren home earlier to let the teachers know. And we will have a fabulous day.

Māori Learners' Rights Research Project

Our school is participating in a research project led by Vita Kāretu Bassett (Ngāti Kahungunu, Rongomaiwāhine, Ngāti Porou), a Massey University Master's student and teacher here at Paekākāriki School. The study examines how ākonga Māori in Years 5–8 experience their rights under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, focusing on cultural identity, personal development, and having their voices heard in education.

CURRICULUM

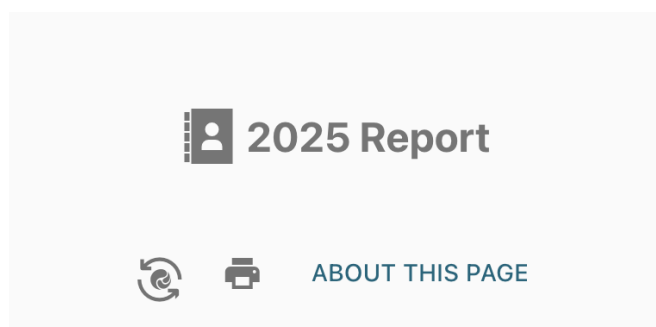
Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement and the new curriculum

We have a new curriculum for reading, writing and maths, and we know that the expectations inside these documents are higher than the previous 2007 curriculum. This is not a bad thing, but it is a difference we have to grapple with.

This means that, despite our excellent student achievement results last year, we can expect our achievement data to look different this year when compared to the higher expectations in the new curriculum.

- Children are still learning as they were last year, but the difference is that we are drawing from the new curriculum in our planning.
- Our teaching practice remains great, evidence-based, relationship-focused, and innovative. What we do works for our tamariki.
- We are still sharing learning stories with you via HERO, still sharing what learning is looking like for your child
- Teachers are engaging with the new curriculum, doing their own learning about the new expectations and what these look like for learners.

When you log into your child's Hero account and go to the Reporting section, you will see this:



If you click the 'About this Page' button, there is a more detailed explanation of the report sections and alignment to the curriculum. This will be updated as we receive more clarity from the MOE regarding what is expected in terms of reporting and assessment.

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 Paekākāriki School Nursery (Potty Potters)

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Mother's Day weekend sale. We raised \$7000 which will go to the redevelopment of the Senior's Garden area and koha for the coordinator of the winter soup programme.

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

Southern Kapiti Kāhui Ako
Presents a Combined

MATARIKI

— Festival —

18 June 2025

Kapiti College Gym
(Manawa-nui, Manawa-roa)

4:30pm - 6pm

Food trucks & free
activity stalls for
children and whānau

6pm - 8pm

Cultural
performances by
local kura & more

Community Notices



Hungry?
Community soup
with local food and
charcoal. Bring a
mug and spoon!



**Need help or want
to give it?** Our
school will be the
place to find shelter
and information.



Broken pipes?
Come and learn
about making
composting and
charcoal loos.



No electricity?
Use up the freezer.
Bring meat for the
Char-b-que or a can
for Pātaka Kai.

**A free emergency preparedness
event brought to you by:**

Paekākāriki Resilient	Paekākāriki School & PTA	Community Board
Paekākāriki Orchard & Garden	Paekākāriki Volunteer Fire Brigade	CharPae Pae Kai
PICJ	Pae FM	

See paekakariki.nz for more information.
This event is made with support from WREMO.

Community Notices

Paraparaumu College presents:

The Ultimate Parents Guide to...

Understanding our kids **Online World**
and how to keep them safe.

Cyberbullying
Social Media
Gaming
Online Predators
Online Porn
Smartphones
Filters
Boundaries

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in
what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking
Parent to Parent talk

Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening.](#)

TUESDAY 3RD JUNE 2025 | 6.30PM - 8.30PM

PARAPARAUMU COLLEGE

MAZENGARB ROAD, PARAPARAUMU

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





In conjunction with:



LIVE VIRTUAL FAN Q&A

**FRANCIS
DE VRIES**



ALL WHITES, AUCKLAND FC



DATE: SUNDAY, 13 July



TIME: 7 p.m. NZST



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TO SECURE YOUR SPOT:

Email: info@thegamechangerhub.com



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](#)