



Paekākāriki School

Home of the barefoot learner

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 2

June 27th Pouawha Assembly

June 27th - Last day Term 2

### TERM 3

July 17th - Dental van arrives

July 28th - BOT Meeting

Aug 12th - Junior Winter  
Tournament yrs 5/6

Aug 25th - 28th Art Splash  
week; Choir, dance/WOW

Aug 26th - Snr Winter  
Tournament yr 7/8

Sept 1st - BOT hui

Sept 2nd/3rd - Learning  
Conferences

4th Sept - Yr 7 Immunisations

Sept 16th - KC Option day

19th Sept - Last day of term

### 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 9

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Nau mai haere mai,

As we near the end of Term 2, it's a good time to think about wellbeing for our students, staff, and families. Wellbeing is a team effort, and small actions can make a big difference.

#### Back to Basics: Raising Happy, Healthy Children

In today's busy world, it's easy to overlook the simple things that help our tamariki thrive. The good news? Many families are seeing big improvements by returning to the basics..

Here are a few key ideas:

- **Be the captain of the ship** – Set clear boundaries so your children feel safe and secure.
- **Prioritise what they need** – Healthy food, outdoor play, quality sleep, and tech-free family time all make a difference.
- **Encourage independence** – Let kids take responsibility for age-appropriate tasks and solve problems on their own.
- **Embrace boredom** – It's the gateway to creativity. Avoid offering screens as a quick fix.
- **Connect emotionally** – Be present, playful, and a calm guide as they learn to navigate emotions and relationships.

Small daily choices make a big impact. Let's raise capable, confident kids— together. (Dr. Luis Rojas Marcos)

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.

Teacher Only Day Friday October 24th.

## Did You Know?

- The school closes for the Term on Friday, June 27th. Pouawha is hosting the end-of-term assembly at 2:30 p.m. in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

## Thank You

A huge thank you to our amazing PTA and the Matariki Committee for their hard work in organising another memorable Matariki Night Market. Although our wet weather plan was in place, the evening turned out to be a fantastic celebration of Matariki. From the impressive Kapa Haka performances and musical entertainment by both students and community members, to the delicious kai, the warmth of the fire, and the chance to spend time with friends, whānau and loved ones — it was a truly special night.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to all our students who took part in the interschool cross country event last week - tino pai to mahi. Thanks to the parents who helped with transport and big thanks to whaea Naomi for all the organisation leading up to the event.

### **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) -Our Barefoot Learner Focus**

**Kaitiakitanga** - Guard our taonga. Clean and tidy

A Barefoot Learner helps to keep their classrooms and learning areas tidy, clean and safe. A happy place to be.

# WHATS HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

## Board Elections

School Board of Trustee Elections are happening this **September**.

Every state and state-integrated school in Aotearoa has a board that plays a vital role in school life. Our board is responsible for:

- Supporting **student achievement**
- Setting the **vision and direction** of our kura
- Ensuring we meet all **legal and policy requirements**

This is an exciting opportunity for community members to get involved and help shape the future of our school. Whether you're thinking of standing or simply want to learn more, we encourage you to stay informed and engaged.

More details coming soon!

## Neuroscience

At our recent Teacher Only Day, staff heard from Kathryn Berkett. Kathryn has a Master's in Educational Psychology and certification in the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics. Since 2009, she has been simplifying complex neuroscience for global audiences, earning praise for making tricky concepts accessible. She offers practical, real-world applications. Staff from 7 schools and 2 kindergartens were fortunate to listen to Kathryn for an hour as she covered various topics applicable to education today.

One of the standout messages for me was about screen use for children. We all know how damaging screen time is for children's brains and bodies, and Kathryn continued to make this point. A helpful rule she shared with us was;

“No small screens for under 7 year olds AND no small screens for those in the presence of under 7 year olds”.

I thought this was gold and something so easy to implement. To hear more from Kathryn, go to <https://www.engagetraining.co.nz/resources>

# CURRICULUM

## Curriculum

Here's some helpful information about the new curriculum.

We are taking a **structured and measured approach** to implementing these curriculum changes. We prioritise student wellbeing and learning continuity while ensuring our teaching practices align with the new framework. Our staff are receiving appropriate professional development, and we will keep you informed throughout the transition process.

### What's Changing?

New Zealand's curriculum is being refreshed with a new name: **Te Mātaiaho**. The biggest change for parents to understand is that the traditional "Curriculum Levels 1-8" are being replaced with "Phases of Learning" that better align with your child's school years.

#### Old System: Curriculum Levels

**Level 1:** Years 1-3 (mostly)

**Level 2:** Years 3-5 (mostly)

**Level 3:** Years 5-7 (mostly)

**Level 4:** Years 7-9 (mostly)

**Levels 5-8:** Years 9-13

*Levels were confusing because they didn't match school years clearly*

#### New System: Learning Phases

**Phase 1:**  
Years 0-3 (New Entrants to Year 3)

**Phase 2:**  
Years 4-6 (Intermediate)

**Phase 3:**  
Years 7-10 (Junior Secondary)

**Phase 4:**  
Years 11-13 (Senior Secondary/NCEA)

*Phases clearly match your child's school years!*

### When Are These Changes Happening?

**2025** **Term 1:** English (Years 0-6) and Maths (Years 0-8) start using the new curriculum

**2026** **Term 1:** English (Years 7-13) and remaining Maths years begin

**2027+** Other subjects (Science, Technology, etc.) will be updated progressively

### Why This Change Benefits Your Child

#### **Clearer Expectations**

You'll know exactly what your child should be learning in their specific school year

#### **Better Conversations**

Easier discussions with teachers about your child's progress using familiar year levels

#### **Holistic Learning**

New "Understand-Know-Do" model ensures deeper, more connected learning

#### **Cultural Connection**

Stronger focus on Aotearoa New Zealand's histories and diverse perspectives

# CURRICULUM

## What Can Parents Do?

 **Talk to your child's teacher** about how these changes will look in their classroom

 **Ask about learning goals** for your child's specific phase of learning

 **Support at home** by understanding the new focus on connected, deeper learning

 **Stay engaged** with school communications about curriculum updates

 **Be patient** as schools adjust to the new system over the coming years

## 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

# 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)

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](http://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



WELLINGTON

**ZOO**

# DISCOVER WELLINGTON ZOO LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Book your holiday programme spot now

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Book your tamariki into a school holiday programme these holidays at Te Nukuaao Wellington Zoo.

**Book now and let the adventure begin!**

Scan the QR code or visit [wellingtonzoo.com/holiday-programmes/](http://wellingtonzoo.com/holiday-programmes/)

# Community Notices



# VOLLEYBALL PROGRAMME



Saturdays  
19th July - 20th September



**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!



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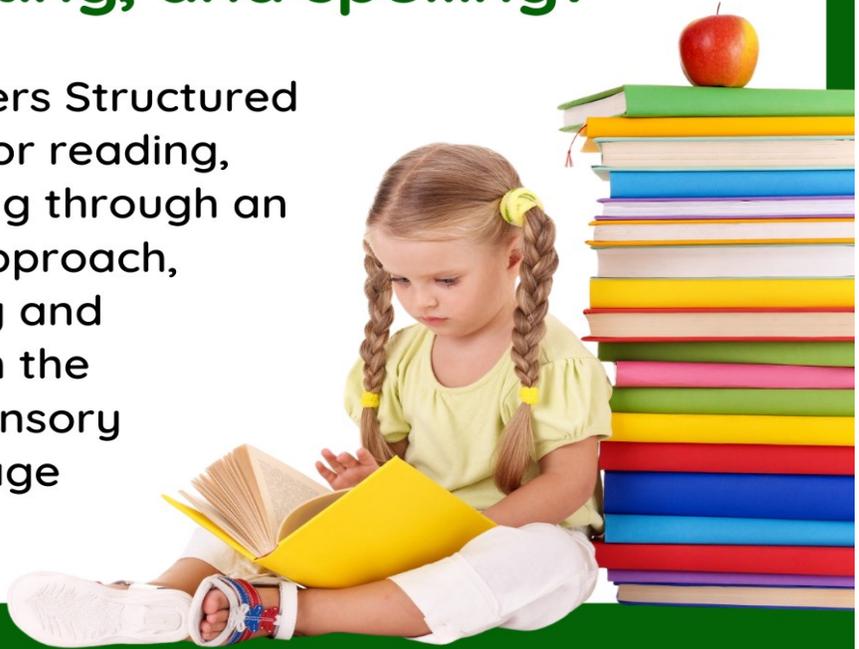
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[facebook.com/kapitithunder.volleyballclub](https://facebook.com/kapitithunder.volleyballclub)

## Is your child struggling with reading, writing, and spelling?

Millar Literacy offers Structured Literacy support for reading, writing, and spelling through an evidence-based approach, backed by training and accreditation from the Institute of Multisensory Structured Language Education (IMSLE).



### STRUCTURED LITERACY TUITION FOR YEAR 1 - 8 STUDENTS

Contact Lorna for one-to-one tuition to support your child with their literacy learning and see their confidence grow.

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