



Paekākāriki School

Home of the barefoot learner

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3

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 3 Week 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Nau mai haere mai,

I'm really excited to be stepping into the role of Acting Principal this term. It's a privilege to support our kura and continue the amazing work already happening. While the role comes with new responsibilities, I see it as a great opportunity to grow, strengthen connections with our incredible staff and whānau, and keep creating the best possible environment for our tamariki.

I'm especially looking forward to welcoming new whānau into our school community — it's always a joy to see new faces joining our learning journey. We also have Learning Conferences coming up soon — a valuable time for whānau, tamariki, and teachers to come together, celebrate progress, set goals, and strengthen those all-important learning partnerships.

You may have recently noticed new signage around our kura. As we welcome a new student who needs extra support with safety and awareness, we kindly ask everyone to ensure that **all school gates are closed at all times**. This small action plays a big part in keeping our tamariki safe.

Thank you for your continued support — we can't wait to see you in and around the school this term!

Ngā mihi nui
Judith Smith



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.

Welcome

This term, we welcome Anna Simpson, Liam Santos and their whānau to kura. We also welcome Fe Fraser as a member of staff working in Te Kōhanga.

Did You Know?

We are famous and on [Sports NZ](#)



Paekākāriki School is proud to share a new video highlighting the creativity, collaboration, and wellbeing of our tamariki through project-based learning and inclusive play.

This kaupapa has been supported through a strong partnership with Nuku Ora, with special thanks to Menzshed and to Sport NZ for capturing and producing this video. Their support has helped us bring our students' voices and vision to life.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....

Thank you

To all the people who have ever laid hands on this piece of whenua, past and present, who grew things for Paekākāriki hill or for the plant sales, who came to working bees or just to donate time, who came to educate our tamariki around biodiversity, kai sustainability, pest and predator control and all the good things you get from being in the green and having your hands in the dirt, we all say thank you!

To the Potty Potters, for their continued support of our tamariki, staff and whānau, thank you!

To our Board of Trustees and anonymous donors of funds, thank you!

To Simon James, Sally Heppenstall, Tim Jaray, Andy Driver and Paul from Tungsten Landscapes Ltd for prepping and clearing the site, thank you all!

Mā pango, mā whero, ka oti ai te mahi! - With black and with red, the work will be completed.

This whakatauaki emphasizes the importance of collaboration and unity between different groups of people to achieve a common goal. Traditionally, black represented the common people or workers, while red represented the chiefs or leaders



Congratulations

PB4L Stones draw

Congratulations to Georgia Roscouet, Finn McColl, Angus McKay and Aurora Wardle, who had their names drawn out at our final Term 2 assembly for the PB4L Afternoon tea.

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

"E koekoe te tūi, e ketekete te kākā, e kūkū te kererū" - "The tūi chatters, the kākā cackles and the kererū coos"

A beautiful metaphor for diverse thinking and perspectives — perfect for discovery and encouraging tamariki to ask questions in their own way.

A Paekākāriki Barefoot learner can ask questions to discover new things. They can try to figure things out and explain their thinking to others.

WHATS HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

During Discovery Day, staff are in the environment, closely and carefully observing tamariki. This valuable information is used to help guide curriculum planning for the coming term - what students are interested in, what questions they have, and areas of struggle all help us shape a curriculum targeted to our students' needs and interests.



Teina Update

Kia ora whānau, and welcome back to Term 3!

Following on from our rich learning last term, this term we're diving into the concept of "What is above us?" — a theme that will spark curiosity, wonder, and exploration across the school.

In Te Kohanga (TK), we'll be exploring *Flight* — asking big questions like "How do planes stay in the sky?" and investigating the science and mechanics behind flying machines.

In Ngā Kākano (NK), our learners will be looking up and wondering "What's above us in the sky?" as they explore rockets, space travel, and where those rockets actually go!

We're looking forward to another exciting term of hands-on learning, discovery, and creative thinking.

Requests

If you have any games you have finished with please bring them into TK :)

We are also collecting clean, bread bags please bring them in if you have them :) (Teina)

WHATS HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

Tuakana Update

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to Term 3!! We have got off to an excellent start. So lovely to see everyone back - all a little taller! In brief- main things coming up for us 'up the block'.

- **Term 3 'SLIPS' (Student-Led Independent Projects)** - This term our SLIPS theme is 'In Between'. Whatever is produced needs to begin in a milk bottle lid! Sharing back will be in **week 8** via exhibition format.
- **Year 7/8 camp** - Just a reminder this is coming up next term (4). Please see Marnie at the office re payment. An update and relevant forms will be coming home later in the term.
- **Art Splash 2025** - We have once again offered students the opportunity to take part in Art Splash in the form of Choir, Dance and Wearable Arts. The performance dates this year are:

Choir: Tuesday 26th August

Dance and WOW: Thursday 28th August

If your child has chosen to be involved, a newsletter and permission survey will be coming home shortly via HERO.

- **Puberty and Sex-Education** - This will begin week 3. A separate newsletter will come home via HERO regarding this learning.

- **Electives** - Our favourite time of the week! Thursday afternoons this term. If you have something to share with a small group, please get in touch. The more adults, the smaller the groups, the more fun to be had!

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Much love,
Tuakana Team

CURRICULUM

Learning Conferences

These will be happening on 2nd and 3rd of September from 3:15 pm through until 6.00pm (Tuesday) and 7pm (Wednesday).

Bookings will be open in Hero closer to the time. **Please remember that we have enough slots for ONE conference per child.**

House Points

| | Pouawha | Wainui | Miriona | Haumia |
|--------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| Term 1 TOTAL | 341 | 358 | 324 | 352 |
| Term 2 TOTAL | 155 | 188 | 148 | 179 |

Congratulations to Wainui for winning the Term 2 challenge

COMMUNICATION

From the PTA - Read-a-thon Fundraiser

This term, first two weeks of September - Paekākāriki School will be running an online sponsored Read-a-thon fundraiser. Our students will be working hard for 2 weeks, reading their hearts out outside of school time to help make our school a better place!

More details coming soon — watch this space!

From the Potty Potters

Potty Potters are pleased to contribute funding raised through our plant sales to the landscaping work that has been done in the seniors' garden area. We look forward to supporting the next stages of redevelopment of this area.

We are also pleased to continue our support to the winter soup programme with a koha to Rochelle who coordinates the programme.

We've got a very active group of volunteers this year and we're in full swing growing plants for our October 25th plant sale.

COMMUNICATION

Policy Review

This term we have 6 policies to be reviewed;

Child Protection
Abuse Recognition and Reporting (board)
Food and Nutrition
Safety Checking (board)
Police vetting
Missing Student Procedure

These reviews need to be completed by August 15th.

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

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





Free/koha performances and readings for children



Myths & Legends: Where do they come from?

Time-travel in Aotearoa

Being a Writer: Bring your questions

Storyland Adventures

Te Whānau Moana, Pāmu me Weriweri

9-10 August, across the Kāpiti Coast

Check out the full programme: www.bookmarkapiti.nz

Community Notices



Hoop Club Kapiti Junior Basketball Coaching Programme

Term 3 2025

Sunday 20 July to Sunday 14 September

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

To register go to

www.hoopclubkapiti.nz/junior-coaching-programme

Contact us at contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz



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