



Paekākāriki School

Home of the barefoot learner

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3 2026

20th July - Start of term

30th July - Dental Van visit

3rd Aug - BOT Meeting

4th & 5th Aug - Learning Conferences

12th Aug - Jnr Winter Tournament Yr 5/6

26th Aug - Snr Winter Tournament 7/8

7th Sept - BOT Meeting

22nd September KC Option Day Yr 8

25th Sept - Last day of term

TERM DATES 2026

Term 1: Feb 3rd - April 2nd

TOD - Mar 27th

Term 2: Apr 20th - Jul 3rd

Kings Bday: 1st June

TOD - 2 June

Matariki - 10th July

Term 3 - Jul 20th - Sept 25th

TOD—24th August

Term 4 - Oct 12th - Dec 17th

TOD - 23rd Oct

Pānui

Term 3 Week 5

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Nau mai haere mai

At Paekākāriki School, our vision centers around developing the Barefoot Learner. We aim to nurture confident, curious, and resilient tamariki through four foundational Pou that guide how our students grow, interact, and thrive both inside and outside the classroom:

- Tōku Āhuru Mōwai (Belonging): Ensuring every learner feels at home, understands their unique identity, celebrates diversity, and knows they are valued for who they are.
- Whanaungatanga (Connecting): Building deep, respectful relationships with each other, our community, tangata whenua, mana whenua, and the environment.
- Whakatōmene (Exploring): Fostering inquisitive minds through play, creativity, problem-solving, and hands-on discovery using their heads, hearts, and hands.
- Whakapūawai (Thriving): Empowering resilient, reflective lifelong learners who are equipped to adapt, express themselves, and make a positive difference in the world.

To bring this vision to life and ensure our school continues to support our tamariki in the best possible way, we are hosting a Whānau Hui next week.

During this session, we will:

- Unpack our Philosophy and the journey we took to get here.
- Discuss Recent Education Changes
- Shape Our Future: Seek your valued ideas, feedback, and aspirations as we begin drafting our 2027–2028 Strategic Plan.

Your voice is vital in shaping the direction of our school community. We look forward to seeing you there and working together to build an inspiring future for our learners!

Ngā mihi nui
Julia

IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....

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•2026 TERM DATES

Teacher Only Day Monday 24 August

Teacher Only Day Friday 23rd Oct

•2027 TERM DATES

Term 1: Feb 3rd - April 9th

Easter break 26th - 30th March

Term 2: April 27th - July 2nd

Term 3: July 19th - September 24th

Term 4: October 11th - December 15th

* 3 Teacher Only Days to be booked during the year

Did You Know?

- We have a **TEACHER ONLY DAY** on Monday August 24th. We will be working with our Professional Development provider looking at assessment practices and tools.
- We will be holding a **Whānau Information Evening on Tuesday, August 25th**, in the school hall to explain some of the recent changes in education and outline our approach to teaching and learning at Paekākāriki School.
- Thursday is our “soup day” - healthy soup for our tamariki - for all those who want it!
- Year 7 and 8 - Senior Winter Sports is on Wednesday 26th August - please let us know if you can help transport or support

Spotlight on Inclusive Education

One of the Policies to be reviewed this term is Inclusive Education Culture.

At Paekākāriki School, we are committed to creating a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone belongs. We value the diversity, identities, cultures, strengths and individual needs of every student and whānau. Through our school values, PB4L approach and strong relationships, we work together to ensure that every learner feels valued, supported and able to thrive. We have high expectations for all learners and take a collaborative approach to removing barriers to learning, addressing bullying, discrimination and other behaviours that impact on inclusion.

Everyone has a place at our school, and everyone deserves to feel that they belong.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff this term – Teacher Aide Tracy Neal, who will be working with our Teina Syndicate team.

Congratulations

To all the Mathathon spot prize winners and token winners for great mahi in Math week 4.

All students involved in the Mathathon and fundraising will go in the draw.

Final winners will be announced in our assembly week 5.



Many thanks

The Teina syndicate would like to say a huge thank you to Donna Robert, who recently used a Volunteer Day offered through her employer, Transpower, to tackle the huge task of sorting and cataloguing our decodable readers. We really appreciate the time and effort she put into getting these books organised!

If you are eligible for a Volunteer Day through your employer, please consider Paekākāriki School. We have a number of projects we could use a helping hand with.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) - Barefoot Learner Focus

“Tūngia te ururoa kia tupu whakaritorito o te harakeke”

Set the overgrown bush alight, and the new flax shoots will spring up

This whakatauki is about change. To change, we may need to leave some ways behind to do things differently and progress.

A Paekākāriki Barefoot learner can be flexible when faced with change and support others to cope with change.

WHATS HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

Junior Winter sports

Many thanks to Whaea Naomi for organising our teams to play, and to all the wonderful helpers who helped with transport and managing teams. Year 7 and 8 - Senior Winter Sports is on Wednesday 26th August - please let us know if you can help transport or support one of our teams.



What's been happening in the Teina syndicate?

"What did you do at school today?"

"Nothing."

Sound familiar?

Well, we thought you might like to know what that "nothing" actually looks like!

There is, of course, a lot happening in our Teina classrooms and across our school each and every week. Alongside all of our important learning in literacy and numeracy, our students are busy learning and developing so many other skills, experiences and understandings.

Did you know that in Teina, we practise mindfulness and learn about emotional regulation? We learn to take turns and share, we practise listening to others, how to manage disappointment and how to be part of a group. We learn how to look after each other and how to celebrate someone else's success.

We develop fine motor skills through drawing, cutting, gluing, threading and construction, and build our gross motor skills through running, jumping, balancing, throwing and catching. We learn songs - silly ones and serious ones, waiata and actions, we listen to and enjoy stories - silly ones and serious ones, and explore patterns, shapes, measurement and counting through play. We investigate how things work, we experiment, create and make discoveries.

We practise te reo Māori, learn about and observe tikanga, and care for our environment through rongoā. We visit the library, take part in assemblies, explore our school grounds and the students in TK are even lucky enough to experience nature school on Monday afternoons.

We also do the things that don't always fit neatly into a learning area. We try something that feels a little bit scary. We become confident enough to have a go. We learn that mistakes are part of learning. We love soup day, celebrating birthdays, sharing stories from home, looking for fairies, and, sometimes, find ourselves learning about capybaras! Contd.....

WHATS HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

Because our students are curious. They have questions. They notice things. They become fascinated by something and want to know more.

So while the answer at home might still be “Nothing!”, rest assured that there is *so much happening for your child in the Teina syndicate*.

The Teina kaiako are always busy creating opportunities for children to learn, explore, connect, create, wonder, move, communicate, problem-solve and grow — every single week.

Tuakana

As usual, we have a lot happening in the Senior Syndicate!

Sports trips, Te Papa trips, College trips, Gearing up for Year 5 and 6 (and 4's) camp next term and of course - LOTS OF LEARNING!!

SLIPS theme is Earth, Air, Fire and/or Water. Personal choice re sharing back however, limited Chromebook usage is allowed. Get off those screens, kids! Sharing back is scheduled for Wednesday, Week 9.

Phew- the year is zooming past!



CURRICULUM

There's another week of Math-a-thon fun!

Another week to get those bingo sheets and basic facts completed and into the draw! There are still plenty of opportunities to earn points and be in the running for some great sport prizes.

We'll wrap up our Math-a-thon with **Pouawha Assembly and Maths Dress-Up Day on Friday 21 August**. Get your thinking caps on and get ready to celebrate!

WHAT CAN WE BE DOING AT HOME?

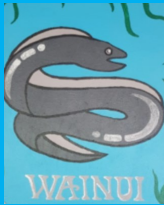
Bingo sheets and Basic facts online and in school

- Targeted Skills Practice: for Year 3 to Year 8 NZC Maths Practice
<https://nzc-maths-practice.nz/>
- Fun Everyday Activities: Maths at Our House - Tāhūrangi
<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal/maths-practice>



COMMUNICATIONS

House Points

	Wainui 	Pouawha 	Haumia 	Miriona 
Term 1	319	238	260	222
Term 2	410	325	376	368

Congratulations to Wainui for being our Term 2 winners.

From the Board of Trustees

The next BOT meeting will be held on 7 September.

From the PTA

Math-athon news

It's not too late to sign up!

Here's the link: <https://paekakarikimathathon.raiseit.co.nz/>

All monies raised will go towards the upkeep of our swimming pool.

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 whanau 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.



Managing concerns and incidents

Our school is committed to fostering a respectful, inclusive, and supportive environment for all members of our school community. Anyone who wants to bring a matter to the attention of the school is encouraged to follow our concerns and complaints procedures, including contacting an appropriate person at the school. We expect concerns and complaints to be raised respectfully, constructively, and with a willingness to work collaboratively to resolve the matter.

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



Share your feedback on our draft Speed Management Plan 2026–36 (Paekākāriki to Otaihanga)

Submit your feedback for proposed speed limit and safety improvement changes in the following suburbs:

- Paekākāriki
- Raumati
- Paraparaumu
- Otaihanga

We encourage you to read our [draft Speed Management Plan 2026–36](#) before completing your submission form.

Feedback closes at 11.59pm, Tuesday 15 September.

Winter Wellness Staying well in cooler weather

Cooler weather means more people are likely to get sick with colds, flu, and other respiratory illnesses, such as whooping cough. This increases the risk of these illnesses being brought into your home, workplace, Early Childhood Centre, kōhanga or kura/school.

Use the following messages and actions now to prepare. We recommend sharing this information with staff, whānau and communities by email, social media or notice boards.

Messages for staff and whānau



Anyone working or living with tamariki should get a flu vaccine to protect them and tamariki against infection as tamariki are at a higher risk of catching the flu and of passing it on to others.



Whooping cough vaccines are free for pregnant women, all children under 18 years old and adults from 45 and 65 years. If you are not eligible for a free whooping cough vaccine, they can be purchased.



In general, a doctor's certificate or clearance should not have to be provided for a child to go back to their early learning service/education facility/school after being unwell.



Disease outbreaks

While it is common to see an increase in illness during winter, to report an outbreak, or if you have any questions or concerns, contact your local Public Health service:

[Notify NPHS – Central | Te Ikaroa region | Health Professionals](#). You can also contact the Greater Wellington Public Health team via your local public health nurse or email: rph@huttvalley.org.nz

We also have advice on our website about keeping your centre healthy: [Disease prevention for early learning services | Health Professionals](#)

This includes:

- how to limit spread of viruses and bacteria
- how to recognise an outbreak – and actions to take
- resources for staff, whānau and guidelines



Prevent the spread of illness



Remind everyone that sick tamariki or staff should stay at home.



Ask whānau to let you know the reason for their tamariki being absent.



Encourage people to wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes.



Good ventilation is an important way to reduce the transmission of respiratory viruses in indoor spaces where people gather and spend time.



Regular cleaning of high touch surfaces e.g. door handles, counter tops.

Community Notices



Vaccines to protect against illness

Increasing our immunisation coverage is the best way to protect our communities from illnesses this winter.

Check you are up-to-date with your immunisations at healthnz.govt.nz/immunisations. If you have missed a vaccination, it's okay. It's free for tamariki to catch up on most vaccinations, and adults can catch up on lots too. Talk to your healthcare provider to make a plan.

You can also create a free, personalised routine immunisation schedule for your child at: healthnz.govt.nz/health-topics/immunisations/national-immunisation-schedule

Influenza: The flu vaccine is available from 1 April every year. It is free for people who are pregnant, 65 and over, and people at higher risk of getting very sick. Check if you are eligible at: healthnz.govt.nz/flu-vaccine

Whooping cough: Whooping cough (pertussis) is a highly contagious respiratory disease that is particularly dangerous for babies who have not been fully immunised. Immunisation during pregnancy is the best way to protect the baby until they can start their own immunisations at 6 weeks of age. Aotearoa is experiencing a whooping cough epidemic, so now is a good time to get vaccinated.

Measles: New Zealand is at very high risk of a measles outbreak, due to our low immunisation rates and ongoing measles outbreaks overseas. If you are unsure if you are fully immunised it's free for most people to catch up, just contact your usual healthcare provider. Lots of pharmacies also now offer immunisations too.

For more information visit: healthnz.govt.nz/health-topics/immunisations



Influenza (flu)

It is recommended that everyone over 6 months of age gets an annual flu vaccine.



Bexsero (Meningococcal)

The meningococcal B (MenB) vaccine is offered at 3 months, 5 months, and 12 months old. Under 5s can also get the MenB vaccine for free.



Measles

All tamariki need two doses of MMR at 12 and 15 months. If you're not sure if your tamariki has had theirs just ask your usual healthcare provider.



Whooping cough

Pēpē and tamariki should get their vaccine doses at 6 weeks, 3 months, and 5 months. Booster doses are offered at 4 and 11 years old.

Community Notices



Preventing house fires



Winter is a higher-risk time for house fires. Over the last 10 years, there have been approximately 54 percent more house fires

between May and July than during the rest of the year.

Many of these fires are linked to heating being used more often in winter – for example, heaters placed too close to things that can burn (like clothes being dried), or simply faulty electric blankets.

In addition, more than 50 percent of avoidable house fire deaths are people over 65. So, this winter, here are a few very simple steps you can take to keep yourself and your loved ones safe.

Just remember to:

- **Follow the “metre from the heater” rule** – keep at least one metre of clear space around heaters and other heat sources.
- **Check the heat before you sleep** – check your electric blanket for hot spots before first use.
- **Chimney alright before first light?** – get your chimney cleaned before the first fire of the season.
- **Cool ash before you stash** – soak with water in a metal bucket.
- **A clean dryer avoids fire** – remove lint before every use.

It is also important that people have working smoke alarms in every bedroom, living room and hallway. This will give you the earliest possible warning to escape.



Visiting an after hours or urgent care clinic

When you need urgent medical help, and your usual doctor isn't available or you don't have one, After Hours Medical Centres and Urgent Care Clinics can help you. You don't need an appointment, but you might have to wait. For tamariki under 14 years old, services are usually free. Many have lower fees for community service card holders. You can find where centres are located, and their charges, on the [Healthpoint](#) website.

In an emergency, always call 111.

Need more help?

You can call Healthline for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 0800 611 116. Talk to your General Practitioner (GP), pharmacist, hauora Māori provider, or Pacific health clinic.

National Public Health Service, Greater Wellington Regional | Winter Wellness – ECC, Kōhanga, School. Aug 2026

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Supporting Youth Mental Health

**A free open community event
for parents & grandparents of teens**

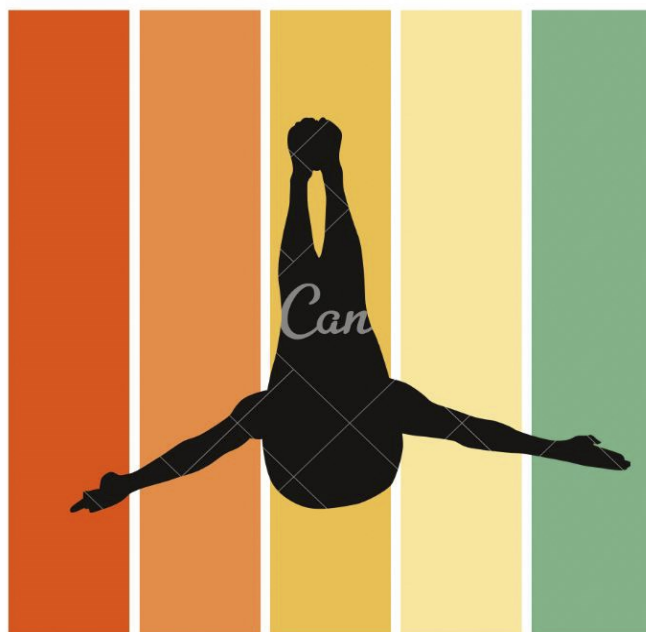
Thursday 3 September, 7pm

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PLIMMERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WELLINGTON SCHOOL DIVING CHAMPS

19TH SEPTEMBER 2026
WELLINGTON REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE



WHO IS IT FOR?

Anyone who attends a Primary, Intermediate or Secondary School in the Wellington Region.
No diving experience needed!

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

contact your sports administrator or
development@wellingtondiving.org.nz

WWW.WELLINGTONDIVING.ORG.NZ



SIGN UP HERE!

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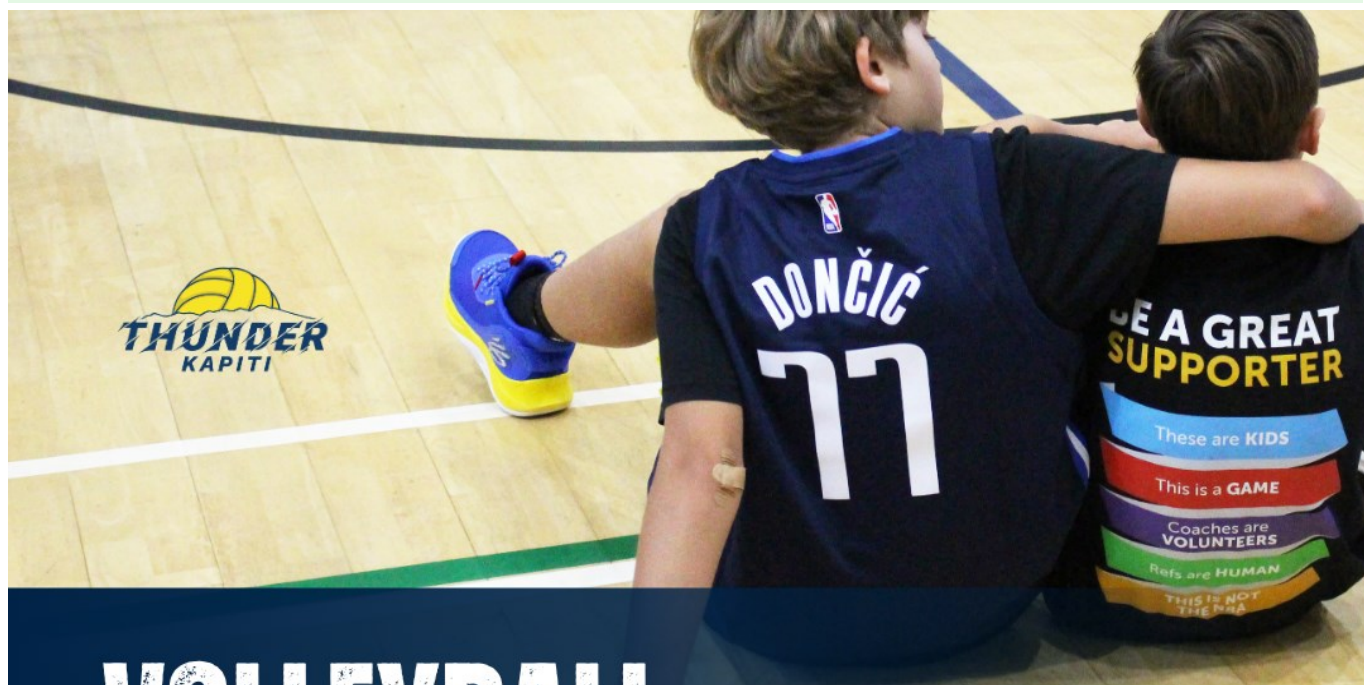
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Per Car

31 May | 28 June | 26 July | 23 August | 27 September | 25 October | 29 November | 13 December

10am - 2pm, In the Carpark, at the Otaki Market, Main Highway, Otaki

Community Notices



VOLLEYBALL PROGRAMME

**SATURDAYS,
25TH JULY –
26TH SEPTEMBER**

Coach led volleyball sessions for kids and youth. Join one of the most exciting and fast growing team sports. Join the Thunder, Ride the Storm!

FOUNDATION
(beginners&learners)
2.15–3.15pm

DEVELOPMENT
3.15–4.45pm

**PARAPARAUMU
COLLEGE GYM**

REGISTER NOW



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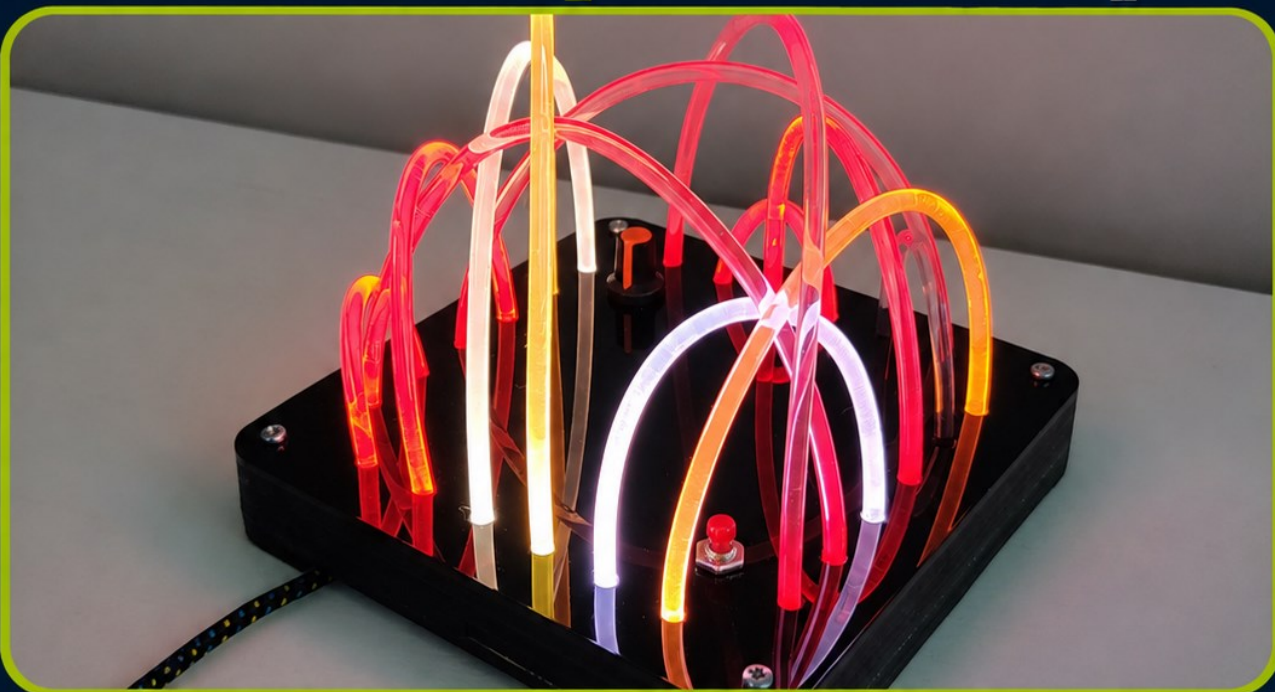
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RAUMATI

Pop Up STEM Workshop

Build Your Own Fibre Optic Lamp!



Raumati Technology
Centre -
135 Hillcrest Rd,
Raumati Beach



Open To All
Young Makers
Aged 10-15



\$140
For The Day



Sunday
6th September



9am-3.30pm



Teaching STEM
In The Wellington
Region Since 2016

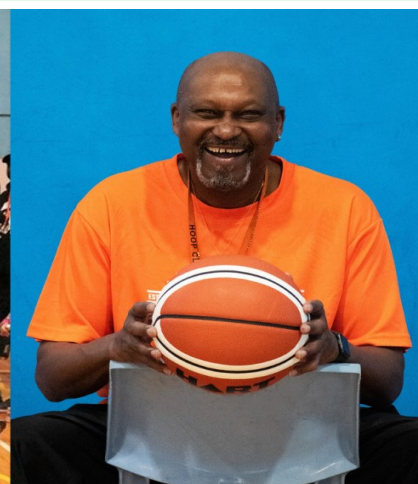


Learn More and Book Your Place:

www.makeroom.nz



Community Notices



Hoop Club Kapiti Junior Basketball Coaching Programme

Term 3 2026

Sunday 26 July to Sunday 20 September

5 - 7 year olds 9.30 - 10.30am

8 - 10 year olds 10.30 - 11.30am

11 - 17 year olds 11.30 - 12.30pm

Paraparaumu College Community Gym

**To register go to
www.hoopclubkapiti.nz/junior-coaching-programme**

Contact us at contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz



**HOOP CLUB KAPITI
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS**



Arts on Track

OPEN STUDIOS AND GALLERY



Father's Day Workshops for Children



Saturday 22nd August - Clay Tile Making with Rosemary

Session one: 11am to 12noon

Session two: 1pm to 2pm

Children cut their own tiles from a clay slab, decorate it with stamps, write a permanent message for Dad, and paint with stains. Fired and returned to Arts on Track a few days before Fathers day weekend (kiln gods willing) . Class limit 8 children 6 years plus, caregivers welcome. Book with Rosemary O'Hara, 021 021 6764.

Free!



Saturday 29th August - Make a leather keyring with Kate

Come and make your Dad a leather keyring for his boat, truck or bike keys. You can sew a leather fob and personalize it with a print.

Minimum age 8years (must be able to competently use scissors and sew a simple running stitch). Just drop in any time between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Free!