



Paekākāriki School

Home of the barefoot learner

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4 2026

12th October - Mihi Whakatau

14th October - Forest Lakes Yr 5/6 camp (4s for the day)

19th Oct - BOT meet

20th Oct - Mastermind Quiz

23rd Oct - TOD

24th Oct - Rainbow Gala & Plant Sale

26th Oct - Labour Day

5th Nov - Parihaka commemoration

13th Nov - Wainui Assembly

13th Nov - School Disco

19th Nov - Takiri o te Ata Kapa Haka

30th Nov - BOT meet

3rd Dec - Paekak's Got Talent/ Kaumātua afternoon tea

17th Dec - Last day of term

TERM DATES 2026

Term 4 - Oct 12th - Dec 17th

TOD - 23rd Oct

TERM DATES 2027

Term 1 - 3rd Feb - Apr 9th

Term 2 - 27th Apr - 2nd Jul

Term 3 - 19th Jul - 24th Sept

Term 4 - 11th Oct - 15th Dec

Pānui

Term 4 Week 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Nau mai haere mai

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope you all had a wonderful, restful break with whānau and friends and are feeling refreshed for the final stretch of the school year.

Term 4 is always busy and fast-paced, and the next few weeks are shaping up to be especially busy. We have a lot to look forward to, including the upcoming school camp for Year 5 and 6 students, the much-anticipated Rainbow Gala, and our scheduled Education Review Office (ERO) visit. These events offer fantastic opportunities for us all to learn, celebrate, and showcase our school's strong, supportive culture.

I also want to share some exciting personal news with our community. In November, I will be attending the International Play Association (IPA) Conference in Christchurch. I am delighted to have been invited to give a short presentation highlighting key aspects of my doctoral research, which I conducted with some amazing Paekākāriki School students in 2024. I am particularly excited to speak about children's fundamental right to participation and how this principle directly informed my research methods and practice.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership. Let's make this final term a memorable and positive experience for all of our children!

Ngā mihi nui
Julia

IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....

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•2026 TERM DATES

Term 4: Oct 12th - Dec 17th

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?

- Our annual Rainbow Gala and Plant Sale is on Saturday, October 24th.
- Friday, October 23rd is a Teacher Only day.
- Term 4 and Term 1 the hot summer months. Sunhats and sunsmart clothing are compulsory when outside.
- Paekak's Got Talent is back in Term 4.

Spotlight on

Our Wonderful Teacher Aides

Our teacher aides are an important part of our school team and make a huge difference to the learning and wellbeing of our ākonga. Working alongside teachers, they support students both in and beyond the classroom – helping with learning, encouraging participation, building confidence and independence, supporting friendships and relationships, and providing practical and emotional support when needed. They may work with individual students, small groups or the wider class, as well as helping with playgrounds, transitions, routines and other parts of school life. Our TAs bring a wealth of experience, patience, creativity and care to their roles, and we are very grateful for all that they do for our tamariki.

You may also spot some members of our wider team stepping in to support our classrooms from time to time. Rowan, who you may also know from Room 5 After School Care, occasionally relieves in our classrooms. When Whaea Donna isn't busy looking after our library, you'll often find her supporting in our senior block, while Whaea Fe sometimes provides support in our junior block.

Whaea Raima 	Whaea Naomi 	Whaea Lisa 	Matua Simon 	Whaea Tracy 
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....

Welcome

This term we welcome Mia Skinner, Juno Calder-Aitken and Te Ahurei Waiariki to Te Kohanga. We hope you and your whānau enjoy being part of our school community.

Many thanks

A Spectacular Start to Term 4 !

What a spectacular way to kick off the term! We came together on our first day back to celebrate our new concept, *Earth, Wind, Water, Fire*. Patterns in nature were certainly all around us, and it was wonderful to have our whole kura together, connecting, exploring and enjoying the simple pleasure of roasting marshmallows over a fire. A big thank you to our volunteer firefighter for overseeing the proceedings and making sure everything was safe. What a great way to reconnect after the break and get our learning journey underway!



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) - Barefoot Learner Focus

“Kia kaha, kia maia, kia

manawanui” - Be strong, be brave, be steadfast

A Paekākāriki Barefoot Learner makes new friends and is brave enough to try new things.



WHATS HAPPENING AT PAEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL

Paekāk's Got Talent - PGT

Date for the diary: December 3rd - **PLEASE NOTE** this is a change to the previously advertised date.

Once the Year 4, 5 and 6s return from camp, we will start signing up students for this exciting event, which will showcase the most delightful entertainment and visual art.

We will be holding it again **from 1 to 3 pm in the Memorial Hall** with refreshments and a warm seasonal welcome for all friends, whānau and kaumatua.

Look out for further information!

Tennis Coaching

Hot Shot tennis

Paekākāriki Tennis Club has received funding to provide Tennis Hot Shots sessions at our school. Coach Leonie will be joining us on Tuesdays for the first four weeks of term.

Sun hats and sensible shoes are a must!

Parihaka Afternoon - Thursday 5th November

In remembrance, we will be coming together to break bread together, share some waiata and whānaungatanga.

We invite all ākonga/students to bring some bread from home that is special to them culturally or just a whānau favourite.



CURRICULUM

Mastermind Book Quiz

Good luck to our students preparing for the local Mastermind Book Quiz again this year. I look forward to accompanying our team to the event next week.

Science

Each year, in Term 3, our Year 7 students sit the NZCER Science PAT test. We use this as one way of monitoring and evaluating the teaching and learning of science at Paekākāriki School. So last term, our Year 7 students completed the assessment. The cohort achieved a Mean Scale Score of 53.6 and a Median Score of 54.4, comfortably exceeding the national reference benchmark mean/median of 49.7. We are thrilled to know that this data shows our students, as a whole, performing above national reference norms.

House Points

	Wainui 	Pouawha 	Haumia 	Miriona 
Term 1	319	238	260	222
Term 2	410	325	376	368
Term 3	118	124	151	125

Congratulations to Haumia for being our Term 3 winners.

COMMUNICATIONS

From our Students

"During week nine, Term three, Paekākāriki School celebrated Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori with pride.

Throughout this week, the school held a variety of events in honour of the language.. Students learned about the Māori language with teachers sharing sentences in te reo Māori, strengthening their Māori vocabulary.

The house leaders supported the week by hosting activities in meetings with their house groups.

These activities included things such as colouring, reading picture books that included Te Reo and practising traditional Māori waiata.

To wrap up the week, the students dressed up in clothes representing Māori culture to celebrate what they had learned. They then paraded around the school.

The parade was wonderful, a perfect way to wrap up the week of awesome learning!

Written by Bonnie McColl, a member of the Paekākāriki school reporters.



COMMUNICATIONS

From the Board of Trustees

The next BOT meeting will be held on **19th October**.

From the PTA



SCHOOL RAINBOW GALA & PLANT SALE – SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER!



Our School Rainbow Gala & Plant Sale is coming up fast, and we'd love your help to make it a fantastic day!



Can you volunteer?

We're looking for helpers for set-up, pack-down, on the day, and our all-important candy floss makers!

If you can lend a hand, please email, every bit of help makes a difference!

paekakarikischoolpta@gmail.com



Kids' stalls: Keen for your child to run a stall?

Sign them up using our easy booking link below!



"BOOK A KIDS' STALL HERE"

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CfWp47YdMtyzN0a0Ah6x5b-ZW6ULQKFLkA29sKQSV1U/viewform?chromeless=1&edit_requested=true



Got spare 2L ice cream containers?

We'd love these to use as float containers, so please drop them into the office!



Tea room baking:

Information about baking donations will be coming at the beginning of next week, so keep an eye out!



Thanks so much for supporting our school community. We can't wait to see everyone there

for a fun-filled day of rainbows, plants and gala goodness!



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.



Policy Review

Policies for review this term:

Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy
Reporting about Student Progress and Achievement
Learning Support
Māori Educational Achievement
Health Education
Privacy Policy

To be reviewed by 13th November

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, the school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form

SCHOOL NOTICES

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



PĀEKĀKĀRIKI SCHOOL PLANT SALE + Rainbow Gala

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- ♥ STRAWBERRIES
- ♥ FLAXES
- ♥ TOMATOES
- ♥ HERBS
- ♥ SUCCULENTS & MORE!

FOOD
COFFEE
CAKES

FUN
ACTIVITIES
GAMES

MUSIC
COMMUNITY
GROUPS

STALLS
WHITE ELEPHANT
KIDS MARKET

EFTPOS
&
CASH

SATURDAY 24TH OCT 10^{AM} - 1^{PM}

JUNIOR SURF OPEN DAY



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PAEKAKARIKI
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SURF LIFEGUARDS

18th October 2026 - 1.00pm
at the new clubhouse

Come and join us for a fun introduction to our
Junior Surf programmes.

All Nippers welcome (from age 7).

For more information, visit:

<https://paekakarikisurflifeguards.org.nz/junior-surf/>

Community Notices

Free!



Kapiti Fly Fishing Club

Take a kid fishing on Winstone Lakes Ōtaki!

Free!

Sat 31st Oct & Sun 1st Nov 2026

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY



Take your child or grandchild (all ages) to Winstone Lakes Ōtaki, beside the Ōtaki River and they can catch a trout.

A free day fishing licence is provided on arrival. No experience required, all tackle supplied and help from one of our club members to catch their fish is also provided.

Just book a session by scanning on the QR Code, pick a time slot that is available and come along on the day and time and have some fun.

They will be able to weigh their trout, photograph it, get a certificate, and take the trout home for dinner!

Turn East at the lights at Riverbank Rd, 100m north of the old SH1 bridge over the Ōtaki River and follow the signs for 1km up the gravel road alongside the river to the parking area.

To book your child's spot, go to:- kapitiflyfishing.org/kids-fishout

OR

Scan QR Code to Book a Session





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THE CULTURAL DiVERSITY

FESTIVAL • 2026

SUNDAY

October 18, 2026

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Margaret Road & Marine Gardens,
Raumati Beach

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JOINING US THIS YEAR

Raumati Beach School Kapa Haka, Horowhenua College Kapa Haka,
Kapiti Coast Pipes & Drums, Kubatana and the Moringa Dancers,
Kena Kena Primary School – Bagpipe and Drumming class,
Orlęta Dance Ensemble, Kapiti Kids Filipino Dance group, Renz Saludes - Yoyo Master,
FilCoro, WIDance Kapiti, Mutambi Marimba Band,
Raumati South Orchestra, Mehana, Feña Latino, Cumbia Sónica,
Valeria Suárez, James Stent,
The Philippine Youth Group - Horowhenua
Mukume Taiko Drummers

KOHA ENTRY

Helping tamariki find their school rhythm again

Returning to early starts, busy days and familiar routines can bring excitement, tiredness and big feelings. A little extra support at key times can help.



1

When they come home

Offer kai and a little quiet before asking questions.

Transitions take energy. Give them time to land.



2

Through the evening

Keep plans light and use fewer instructions.

Tired brains cope better when there is less to process.



3

Before the next day

Choose one anchor: bags ready, clothes out or a story together.

Knowing what comes next helps tamariki feel settled.



**A
SIMPLE
TIP**

Expect a little wobble

A tricky first few weeks doesn't mean everything or anything has gone wrong.



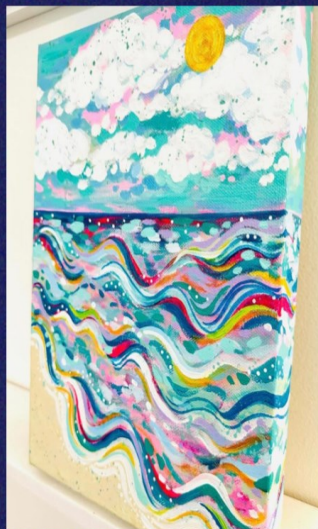
You're all finding the rhythm again. A little steadiness is enough.

real parents

realparents.org.nz

Real Parents offers practical, evidence-informed support to help parents understand what's happening beneath behaviour and respond with confidence and connection.

Community Notices



Term 4 'Summer Holiday Vibes'



Ages
10-15



Word
whizz

Parents, help your child read and write with confidence

Word Whizz makes it easy for Kiwi parents to boost their child's early literacy skills, helping them catch up or excel in reading and spelling.

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KAPITI THUNDER

TERM 4
6 WEEKS VOLLEYBALL PROGRAMME

KIWIVOLLEY

FOR KIDS Y4-Y8

FUN, WELCOMING AND
ENGAGING
INTRODUCTION TO THE
SPORT FOR YOUNG
PLAYERS

FOR COMPLETE
BEGINNERS
NO EXPERIENCE
REQUIRED

FROM FIRST SERVE TO
COMPETITIVE
VOLLEYBALL - THIS IS
WHERE THE JOURNEY
BEGINS



PARAPARAUMU COLLEGE GYM



6 SATURDAYS:

31ST OCTOBER - 5TH DECEMBER

2.15-3.15PM

CAR BOOT

at the

ŌTAKI



MARKET

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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