

Newsletter Term 4

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Term Dates for 2024

Term 4

14th December

Prize Giving

18th December

Last day of school for 2023 – **we will finish at 12.00**

Friday 8th of December 2023

Kia ora e te whānau

This is our final newsletter for 2023. We have had another great year filled with lots of amazing learning opportunities and highlights. I am very proud of our staff team and our students, we all do our very best and I feel lucky to work with such a talented, supportive and caring team.

Some proud moments from the last few weeks:


Congratulations to team Nailed it! Qualified for the EPRO8 Challenge Grand Final and gained 6th place out of 81 teams from schools across the Wellington region. This is an amazing effort well done to Jessica Banner, Jed Webster, Samantha Preece and Mason Hillis - you should be extremely proud of yourselves.

We had 5 students representing our school in different events at the Wellington Regional Athletics - Just to qualify for this event is a fantastic achievement. Results from the competition:

- Pieta Sarniak-Thomson - 15th in the Year 5 girls 800m
- Nova Parsons - 5th in the Year 5 girls High Jump
- Zion Witana - 19th in the Year 7 boys high jump
- Jessica Taito - 15th in the Year 8 girls Discus
- Kenzie de Boer - 21st in the Year 5 girls Long Jump
- Riley Styles and Ruby Barber qualified but were unable to attend.

Congratulations also goes to our Kapa Haka performance group who performed at this year's Summer Fest at Rangikura School. This is the first time in a while where our performance group performed to an audience outside of our school. They did such an amazing job with their bracket which was a combination of kapa haka and poly group. They did us proud! A big thank you to our awesome tutors, who planned our bracket and worked hard to make sure they were ready to perform to their best - Te Rehia Matthews and Aroha Pokai. A big thank you also to Claire Jolly for organising the group, making sure the group got to Rangikura School and that they looked amazing in their performance uniforms.

Congratulations to David Egley-Turner and Annabel Mander who were chosen to represent our school at the Parumoana Speech competition and went away with two runner up awards in their respective age categories. We are very proud of you.



PĀUATAHANUI
SCHOOL

Term Dates 2024

Term 1
Tue 30 Jan – Fri 12 Apr

Term 2
Mon 29 April – Fri 5 Jul

Term 3
Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sep

Term 4
Mon 14 Oct – Wed 18 Dec

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Coming up next week

Monday 11th December:

- Bell unveiling - 12.30pm

Tuesday 12th December:

- Tainui hub visiting the Whitby rest home

Wednesday 13th December:

- Kawhia and Tainui Hub visiting St Alban's church
- Class information and stationery lists for 2024 coming home

Thursday 14th December:

- Prize Giving Senior (Years 4-8) at 9.15, Junior (Years 0-3) at 10.20 in the Learning Centre. All parents are welcome to attend.
- Celebration Time from 11:30 onwards this is weather permitting. Please bring togs and a towel. We will be supplying sausage sizzle.

Friday 15th December:

- Transition to 2024 classes - 10.15am to 11.00am
- Reports available on Educa from 4.00pm

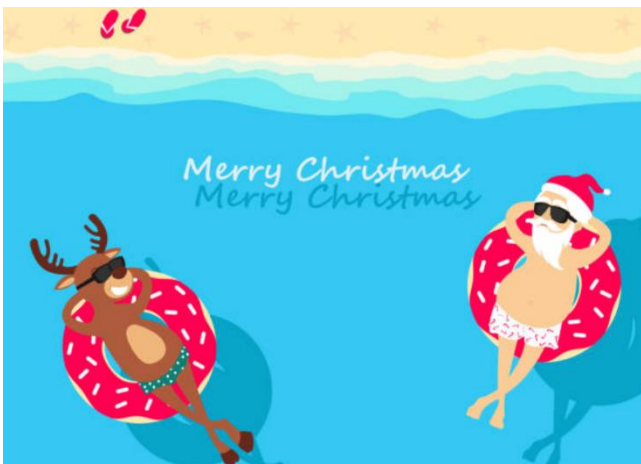
Monday 18th December:

- Leavers' assembly 11.00 where we farewell our year 8 and year 6 leavers
- School closes at 12pm

This year we are farewelling Rochelle Kearney as she takes a year's leave in 2024. Rochelle works tirelessly for our school and does an amazing job each and every day. I thank her for everything she does as our New Entrant teacher, welcoming our new students and whanau, and as our Junior Hub leader. Rochelle does everything with care and consideration and we have been lucky to benefit from her many talents. Rochelle you will be missed!

On Monday our year 8 students had their leavers dinner at Judgeford Golf Club. What an amazing bunch of students! They looked fantastic and all spoke so confidently about their time at Pāuatahanui school, all the staff that attended commented on how mature, supportive and fun they all are. We know they are well prepared for college and are feeling very proud of them. We wish them all the best!

Finally, on behalf of myself and the staff, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday break. We thank you for your continued support this year and look forward to seeing everyone back in 2024.



Ngā mihi

Caine Webster - Principal

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FROM THE OFFICE

Leavers

If your child is not returning to Pāuatahanui School in 2024, can you please fill in a leaver's form asap.

Fundraising

It's not too late to order tea towels. Please click here:

<https://forms.gle/1ACtq4w18MruNTSa7>



Fence Pickets

We are going to order another round of fence pickets over the Christmas holidays. To order please click here:

<https://forms.gle/WnrW9ziKPq2gHqp46>



Medication

If you have any medication stored at school, can you please pick this up before the end of the year.

Junior Assembly

Congratulations to all our certificate recipients.

Shontelle
Stan
Tommy
Zara
Coco
Zoe S

Lucy F
Sophie L
Harrison B
Aksa
Archie B
Shaela

Amorey
Micah
Jaymee-Lee
Charlotte C
Emily T



Thank You!

- for helping us grow.



This week we hosted a buddy party to say a big thank you to this years New Entrant buddies. The buddies are an important part of our transition to school and we are grateful that they support and care for our newest tamariki at Pauatahanui.



Charlie is my buddy. He plays cars with me. We also play football together. When I get sad he comes over to me. He is kind.
By Jayden



MacKenzie is my buddy. She plays on the playground with me and helps me swing on the bars. She is really kind. When I finish lunch I go and see her.
By Kirah



Peta is my buddy. She likes to play with me all the time. Peta is kind.
By Pippa



Tainui hub has been busy practicing singing Christmas songs this week. We are looking forward to our visit to Whitby Rest home on Tuesday.

We have loved creating this week, Room 1 made reindeers and Room 2 made helicopters in Room 2.







Raukawa & Whitireia

Campaigns, debates,
elections...and chance
encounters!



Wow, what an exciting term we've had with our inquiry unit about how government works in Aotearoa! We started the term with a mock election and waited eagerly to see if our results matched the real election results. We've learned about roles within government, how laws are made, and about important moments in the history of our parliament such as Women's Suffrage. We got to tour parliament, visit the media room in the Beehive, and Rooms 6 and 7 were lucky enough with their timing to meet the prime minister! (The Parliament Educator told us this has only happened twice in her 3 years in the job!) Not only that, but David Seymour bummed into Room 7 on the steps of Parliament and he was very impressed with their knowledge about the MMP system.



After Parliament we visited the National Library's [He Tohu](#) exhibit and got to view some very special taonga...the 1835 Declaration of Independence, the 1893 Women's Suffrage Petition...and the Treaty of Waitangi documents! Wow! It was so amazing seeing such old and precious documents. If you get a chance to take your whānau over the summer holidays, we really recommend this free exhibition.



Inspired by all we've learned, we have been busy over the last two weeks creating our own parties to govern Pāuatahanui School. To get ready for their upcoming election students have been drafting policies, coming up with campaign posters and slogans, and deciding on important roles within their parties. This week we held debates, with each party sharing their ideas about health, education, tourism, protection, finance and the environment. Keep your eyes peeled for our posters around school.



The debate!



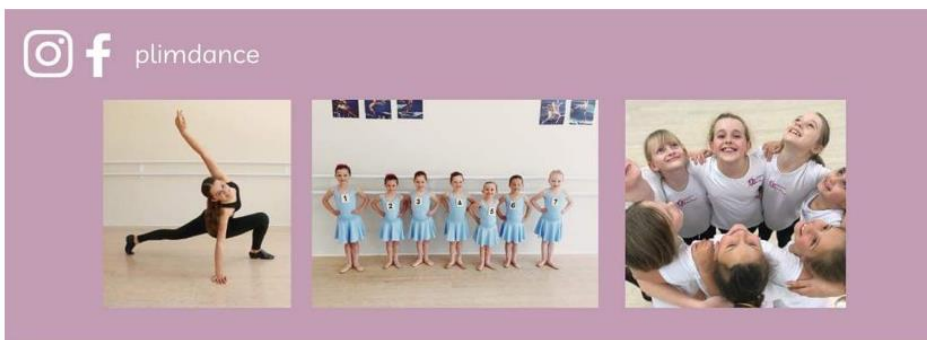
Whitireia Hub

On Tuesday morning, we designed an Obstacle Course. We then had to be led, blindfolded, by a friend around the course. It was harder than it looks!



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