

# Newsletter Term 1

## Wk 4 2021



PAUATAHANUI  
SCHOOL

### Term Dates 2021

#### Term 1

Wed 3 Feb – Fri 16 April

#### Term 2

Mon 3 May – Fri 9 July

#### Term 3

Mon 26 Jul – Fri 1 Oct

#### Term 4

Mon 18 Oct – Wed 15 Dec

It is likely that 2 teacher only days will be scheduled during the 2021 school year.

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### Important Dates for Term 1

#### All of March

**5 March**

**12 March**

**17 March**

**18 March**

**24 – 26 March**

**2 – 6 April**

**16 April**

Movin' March (walk, bike, scooter to school)

Senior School Assembly

Wainuiomata Pool Day

Weetbix Tryathlon – SOLD OUT!

Whitireia City and Te Papa Trip

Year 5/6 Camp at El Rancho

Easter

Teacher only day

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

It is the end of week 4 already! Yesterday I was talking with the year 7/8 students and reminded the year 8's that they only have 36 weeks of school left as primary school students. There was a mixture of excited faces and nervous faces, and some faces were both nervous and excited, as they processed this piece of information.

For me, my time at Pauatahanui School finishes in just over 7 weeks. I know the next 7 weeks will be a blur as there is so much work that is to be started, along with a number of projects to be wrapped up. I am very proud of the work that has gone in over the years to ensure Pauatahanui School is on a continual cycle of improvement and being able to leave a school in such a strong position makes everything feel right.

Thank you to the large number of parents who have wished me all the best with my new job and shared some very kind words with me.

### Communication

Each teacher at Pauatahanui School has the primary responsibility for the pastoral care and education of the children in their class. If you have any specific questions or concerns these should be directed to your child's teacher in the first instance. If you have a serious concern or complaint, then please refer to the school's policies around complaints and communication. You will find these policies on the School's SchoolDoc site.

### 2021 Strategic Plan and 2021 Annual Plan

At the BoT meeting last week the BoT discussed and had a great deal of input into the 2021-23 strategic plan, the 2021 annual plan and the 2020 analysis of variance. All of these documents will be posted on the school's website after they have been submitted to the Ministry of Education on the 1st March.

### **Before and after school supervision**

Just a gentle reminder for our bus students. Once the bus pulls into the bus bay in the morning, the school assumes a level of responsibility and duty of care for our bus students. This means that normal school rules apply. Bus students are not permitted to cross the road before school to visit the shop, nor are they permitted to leave the school grounds between the 3pm bell and their afternoon bus arriving.

Students who do not travel on the school bus are welcome into the school after 8.30am. We are unable to provide supervision before this time. If your children need to be at school before this time, please contact SKiDs.

At the end of the day students who are not bus students are to leave the school or be collected from the school at 3pm. Parents and caregivers are welcome to stay and use the school's facilities after 3pm but do so on the understanding that the staff do not provide playground supervision for students other than the bus students at this time.

Just a reminder that the junior playground is for students year 1 - 3 and the senior playground is for students year 4 - 8. This is also valid before and after school.

Ngā mihi

Bradley Roberts  
Principal

## **NOTES FROM THE OFFICE**

### **Lost Property/Second hand school uniform**

Lots of lost property/second hand school uniform items to give away. Most pieces are in great condition and just need a wash. They are yours if you come and grab them. We are happy to receive a donation but we don't expect it.

### **Voluntary Donations**

The information about our 2021 voluntary donations went out earlier this week on Educa. Invoices for this will go out next week. As mentioned in our info letter the donation is tax deductible and you can set up an auto payment to pay it off over a period of time.

### **Emergency Contact Forms**

If you haven't done this yet, please send back your Emergency Contact Details Forms for 2021

### **Sunhats**

They have finally arrived. We have two sizes in stock S/M and L/XL  
You can purchase hats from the office for \$18

### **We are still collecting bread tags!**

Thanks so much to all who have sent bread tags into school, we have quite a collection!

Do you have bread tags lying around that need a good home?! Ruma tahi are collecting bread tags for the 'bread tags for wheelchairs' charity and we wondered whether you would like to collect them with us please? The more we collect the more good we can do! Please send them to room one and place them in our bread tag collection box. They get recycled into seedling trays - all the profit then goes to a charity in South Africa where they buy wheelchairs for people who need them. Many thanks, Mrs Layfield and Room 1.

## **HIGH FIVE**

On Sunday, Braxton Lealaogata and Liam Hegan were part of the 4 player Judgeford Blue interclub golf team, that played at the Boulcott junior tournament. Their team recorded a significant win, and they are looking forward to the next event in a fortnight's time.



In last week's junior assembly, the following students were awarded with certificates:

Micah Sheldon  
Anna Thompson  
Honor Mander

Ebony Fraser  
Valentina Santoro  
Jessica Preece

Benjamin Li  
Kaia Miller

### House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who were voted in by their house members as captains for 2021. They are running their first event for the houses today, and are excited to do so. We are sure that they will be great representatives for their houses.

**Bradey** – Annie Brown, Jack Houlihan

**Boulton** – Jesse Oldfield, Reuben Fraser

**Gray** – Harry White, Saskia Tunley

**Stace** – Jessica Barcham, Riley Lahman

## CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

### Introducing Clubs!!

This year the staff team is looking at ways to use our skills and passions to offer an even wider range of engaging and exciting learning opportunities to our students. Clubs will offer activities and skills during lunchtime breaks that cater to student interests and aim engage students in different areas.

We are also looking at ways to involve whanau and other members of our community. Below is a list of activities or interests that the students of Pauatahanui School have said they would like to see offered as clubs across the terms in 2021. If you have any knowledge or skills in any of these areas, and would like to run a club during a lunchtime, please get in contact with Miss Davis and she will work with you to get the club up and running.

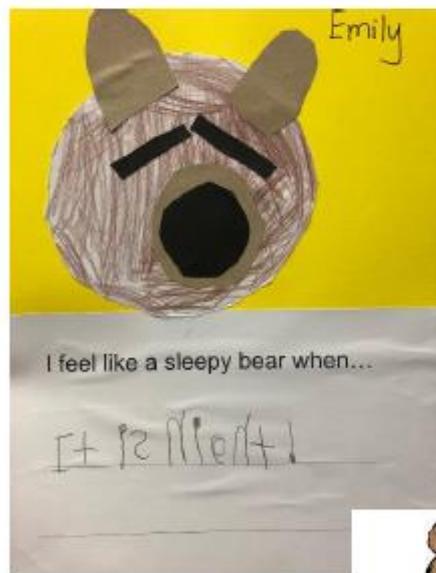
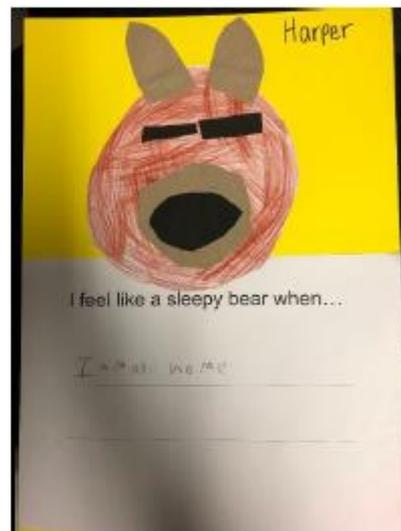
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Junior (Years 1-4)	Senior (Years 4-8)
Art/Drawing Dance Cooking Running Science Board Games Chess Football Bush/Exploring	Electronics Building/Construction Origami Languages Animation/Stop Motion Dance Coding Chess Book Club Baking/Cooking STEM Club Science Experiments Fitness/Running Drawing/Crafts Drama

Kansas Davis - Whitireia Teacher

## Room 3 & 4 – Tainui Hub

Our literacy focus this week has been the sounds /b/ and /d/. We have lots of fun with bears, boats, dinosaurs and ducks in our reading, writing and phonics lessons. Here is just a little taste of what we have been up to.



## Pancake Races

Delayed by covid and the rain last week nothing was going to stop Tanui Hub enjoying the pancake races this week! A tradition adopted from the Parish of Pauatahanui (where they race annually with their pancakes outside St Andrew's church in Plimmerton on Shrove Tuesday) we were keen to give it a go! So, teams at the ready, we raced and flipped our pancakes with creativity and style! A very fun afternoon with lots of laughter and smiles.



# WHITIREIA HUB

This term Whitireia Hub have been looking into our family histories and where we all come from. It has been amazing to see where our parents, grandparents, or even great grandparents immigrated from, and how they got to New Zealand. Below are some pictures of the family trees from members of Room 9.

This week we had to find an interesting or weird family story/myth, and use that to generate or inspire a creative recount, letter or diary entry. Here are some excerpts from our family stories.

**Escaping War**  
4th of September 1939

Dear Diary,

It is I, Anthony Sarniak, it was just yesterday that my mother got blown up in the bomb that Germany has now determined a war. I was with my caregiver who looked after me while my mother was at work. My mother came to pick me up, I did not want to go, my caregiver, Maria was so attached to me and me to her, my mother left me and got blown by a bomb on her way home. I don't understand much of what is happening and am very scared. I am only 10yrs of age and have no understanding. I do know that Hitler has declared a war on Poland, maybe I will have to flee.

Ana Sarniak-Thomson

STING!

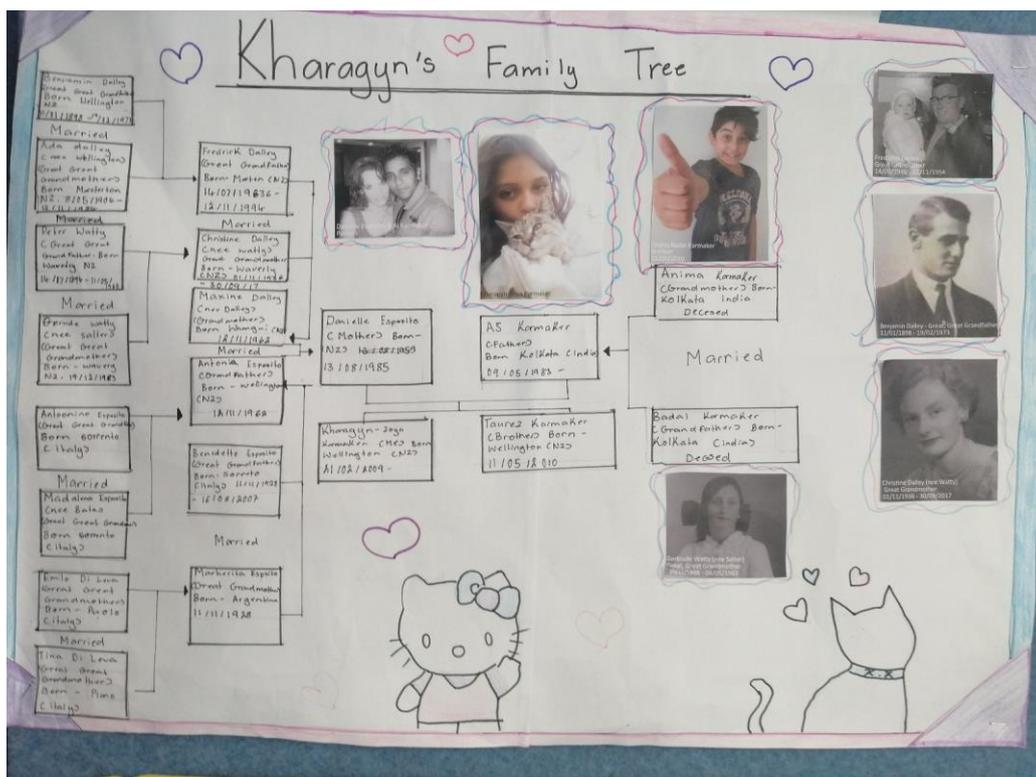
I was 39 and we were in the studios practicing the song we were going to play at the local pub my band and I dreamed of becoming big and realising our own album. We had just finished running through one of our writing songs and the pianist was trying to figure out where I should put all the riffs. Sweat was dripping from my face. I needed a break. "Let's take five!" and as soon as I said it my ringtone was playing on full volume out of my phone, I ran over. It was a unknown number I looked around at the boys and they all nodded for approval I reached for the phone and pulled it up to my ear

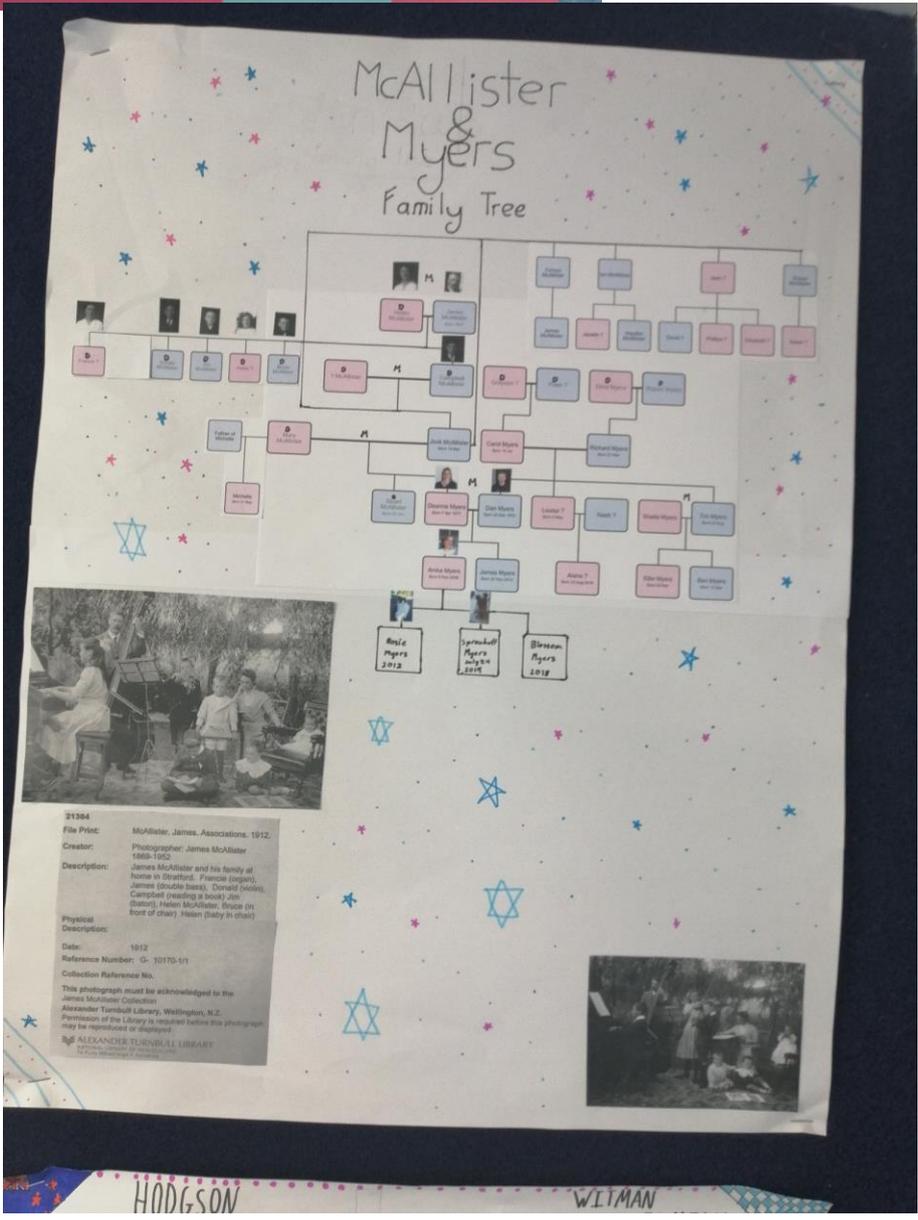
The unknown number said in a very formal way "Hello is this Dean, Dean Barcham?"

I replied in a confused voice, which I instantly regretted, "yes, yes it is. How can I help you?"

"I was wondering if you and your band would like to play the opening act for Gordon Sumner, or as you would call him Sting"

Jess Barcham





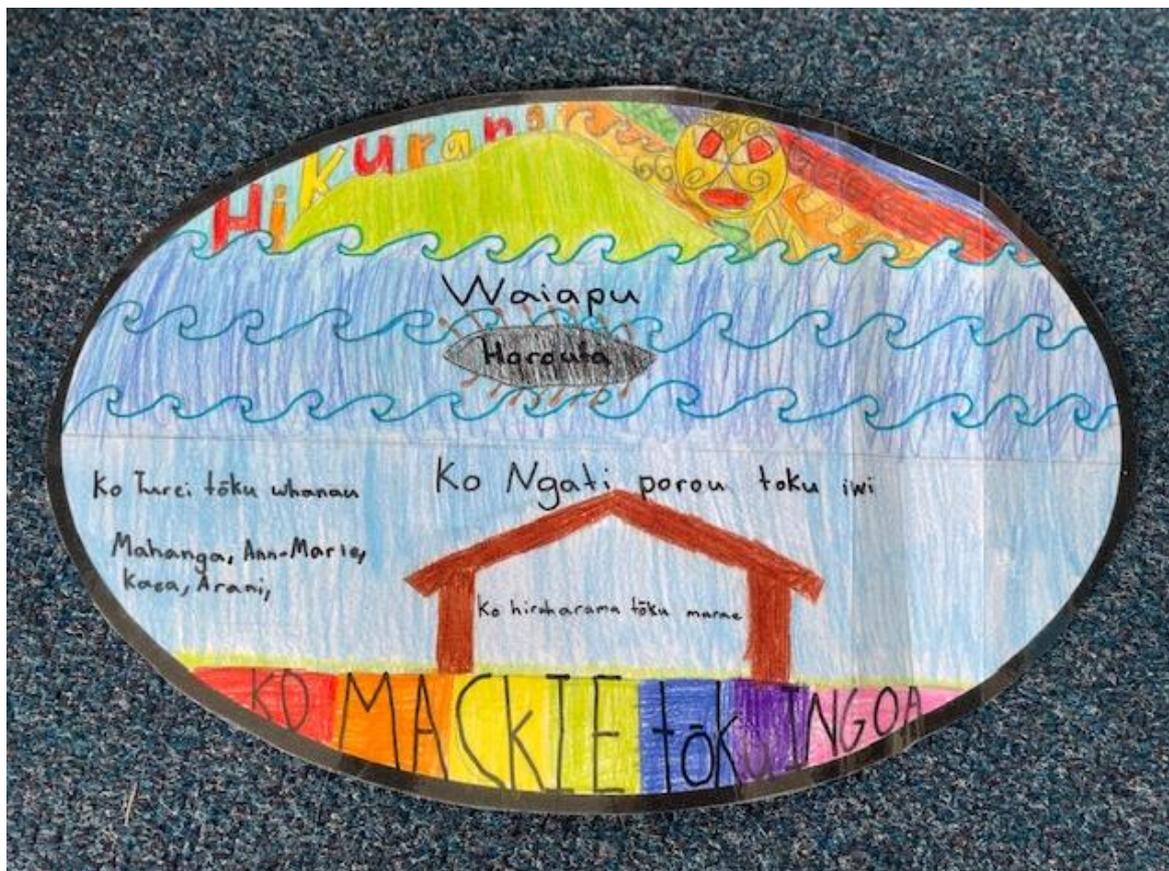
## RAUKAWA HUB

Focus: adding adjectival phrases to give more detail about the subject of each sentence.

"Lunching out of the tree, a snake, thick in scales, long in length, struck a deep, sleeping sparrow." – Willem Drake, Rm 6

In room 7 we have been working on our Pepeha- a Maori Introduction about ourselves. We have been working on our Pepeha itself, and representing this visually.

This is a lovely example of a piece of Mihi Art that Mackie has worked hard on. Well done Mackie, it is beautiful!



## WINTER HOCKEY

### Calling for any kids keen to play winter hockey this year!

We want to hear from any kids wanting to join a Year 3/4 team (confident Year 2s might also like to give it a go), a Year 5/6 team, or a Year 7/8 team. The format is a six-a-side game played on Saturday mornings.

We also really want parents to volunteer to coach and/or manage a team this year - any help is really appreciated. We can teach you the basic rules, so you don't need to have previous experience with hockey. It's not too much work and it's fun!

Once we have an idea of numbers in each year group, we'll look at registering teams.

Please fill out the form and submit this to school by Friday, 12 March.

<https://forms.gle/6YNj3JpZnXSweKxR8>

### Hockey - Saturdays

We are getting together some information about this for the coming winter season. However, we will need a keen parent/family member to step up and help out the year 3/4 age group. Please contact the school office if you would be interested and would like to have more information about this.

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