

Newsletter Term 1

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Important Dates

Term 1

24 March	Board of Trustees Meeting
14 April	Last Day Term 1
15 April – 1 May	Easter Holidays

11 March 2022

Kia ora e te whānau.



**PAUATAHANUI
SCHOOL**

Term Dates 2022

Term 1
Wed 2 Feb – Thur 14 April
Term 2
Mon 2 May – Fri 8 July
Term 3
Mon 25 Jul – Fri 30 Sept
Term 4
Mon 17 Oct – Thur 15 Dec

Two teacher only days will be scheduled.
1. 4th March 2. tbc

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I hope everyone is doing well and you haven't been affected by Covid too much. I am writing this while sitting at home isolating as a household contact, as my 11-year-old son tested positive on Wednesday. We are into day 3 of isolation and we are doing ok. My son had minor flu like symptoms for just one day and he is now back to his usual energetic self. I thought it may be useful to share how he felt as some of you may be wondering about how sick children may get.

Pāuatahanui School hasn't been too affected by staff or students having to isolate and school remains a fun and engaging place to be. When we do start to have more staff and students isolating, hybrid learning will come into effect more. The things to remember about hybrid learning are:

- Students will be learning at school OR at home either on devices or unplugged (not using a device)
- You and your children will communicate with your child's regular classroom teacher
- Students within the same class will have the same work whether they are at school or home
- Students at school may have a different teacher (as their usual teacher may be isolating)
- Students from different classes (but within Hubs) may be grouped together
- Your child may be in a different class (within Hubs)

The staff at school continue to do an amazing job of making school as normal as possible. They are aware that some children might be feeling a bit anxious and consider this when planning learning activities. If you have any questions or concerns, can you please get in touch with your child's classroom teacher or myself.

Take care and stay safe.

Ngā mihi
Caine Webster - Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

The last day for ordering these is the 22nd of March. You can use the Book Clubs Loop app or fill in the form in the back of the brochure and give it to Sue in the office.

BREADTAGS

We are still collecting bread tags! Thanks so much to all who have sent bread tags into school! Do you have bread tags lying around that need a good home?! Room 1 are continuing their collection of bread tags for the 'bread tags for wheelchairs' charity. The more we collect the more good we can do! Please send them to Room 1 and place them in our bread tag collection box. They get recycled into seedling trays - all the profit then goes to a charity, some locally in New Zealand and some in South Africa where they buy wheelchairs for people who need them. Many thanks, Mrs Layfield and Room 1.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Events:

Hey everyone, we are the Events team for 2022! Arani, Leisha, and Riley; and we are super excited for all the amazing events we have planned for you guys this year.

This year we have organised Movin' March and are looking forward to planning more upcoming events. We have lots of events that we do every year, like Onesie day, but we also have some awesome new exciting events to plan for 2022 that we haven't done before! Get ready to have tons of fun this year with the events your Events team have organised.

Yearbook:

Kia ora, we're the yearbook team for 2022! Isabella, Reuben, and Aramai. We can't wait to make this yearbook the best one in history. We're excited to add an amazing photo gallery at the end of the book so you can look back on what all of your friends and classmates have got up to throughout the year.

Eco Team:

Hi! We're the Eco team for 2022! Dylan, Soli, and Felix. This year the school is going to be the cleanest and greenest it has ever been! We are here to help keep the school as environmentally friendly as we can. We have been working on compost bins behind Room 10, and a huge project in Potty Planters with some amazing volunteers!

NETBALL

Have you missed those Saturday mornings at the netball courts? The start of the ANZ premiership means it's time for us to start thinking about our winter netball season. Click this link for more information and fill in the form if your child is keen to play. If you have any questions, please contact Kayleigh Peach (kayleighp@pauatahanui.school.nz)

<https://forms.gle/HH2jSCBXUUtapN7m7>

HOCKEY

If your child is interested in playing hockey this year, please fill in this form [Hockey Google Form](#)

Community Curriculum Connector, 11 March 2022

The past 2 years have provided significant challenges in terms of the way schools connect with communities. But through it all, we have had some wonderful projects bubbling away in the background.

Recent activity

- Dec, 2021. Whitireia students wrote to Transmission Gully as part of a persuasive writing unit and secured a guided trip of the road. A senior project manager hosted the tour which was fully funded by Transmission Gully. There will be a continuing presence by roading engineers and management at the current site on SH58 for the next 25 years and we look forward to exploring further learning opportunities.



- Food Drive for St Anne's Pantry - Terry came and talked to Whitireia students about the St Anne's Pantry Food Bank and why people may need to access their service. We conducted a school-wide food drive which was delivered to St Anne's new premises on Mungavin Drive in the last week of school 2021. A wonderful way to share the spirit of Christmas and support those in need in our community.
- 2022 Student takeover of Potty Planters - On Wednesday afternoons a group of around 22 very enthusiastic senior students have spent time at Potty Planters working on hazard identification, beautification, planting, composting and weeding.





The Compost bins are now complete thanks to the student council ECO team. The ECO team secured a grant for sustainability projects last year and some of the money was used to purchase timber for the project. A big thanks to Steve Smith who came, tools in hand, and helped the team complete the bins. The first hot pile was built on 2/03/2022 and is currently sitting at 40 degrees. The next step is to develop systems for collecting and composting school generated food and garden waste. The ECO team visited Edible Earth in Porirua East to see successful composting in action.

Thank you also to Rachael Burke and Manuela who have run a very successful Spring Bulb Fundraiser. Once delivered the bulbs will be bagged up and delivered by the Potty Planters team.

Other Exciting Opportunities

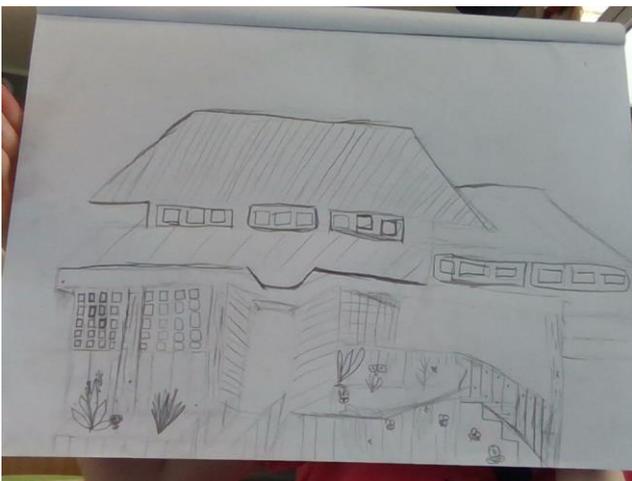
- **The Morgans Clubhouse** - As you may know the Morgans Clubhouse are completing a lot of development work including bike and walking tracks, as well as a cafe and sculpture park... and of course Golf. Gareth and Jo Morgan are very keen to make the facilities available to the school. This will include a Dutch Barn (currently being converted) for school events, concerts, prizegivings etc. In 2021 they offered the opportunity for a free Community Christmas Concert onsite at The Morgans. Sadly, we couldn't make this happen due to Covid restrictions but we look forward to a continuing relationship with them.
- **Keep NZ Beautiful Week**. Some students in Raukawa recently met Marg. Marg retired 9 years ago and ever since then she has been walking and picking up rubbish around the inlet. Marg told us that she collects 7-9 full rubbish bags of litter every single week. We tried to imagine what the inlet would be like without Marg.... It wasn't a pretty picture. She wondered if we might be able to support her by regularly picking up litter in the village. This would reduce her workload significantly. Maybe Pāuatahanui could be a hub for a Keep NZ Beautiful Week, or maybe there are some keen litter warriors who would be willing to pick up litter in the village one lunchtime per week?

These are just some of many opportunities for learning, service and engagement with our local community and environment.

If you have any ideas, contacts or skills to share, please get in touch!

Hei konā mai.

RAUKAWA HUB



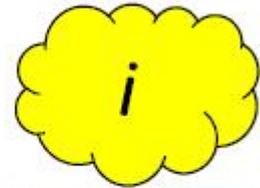
Raukawa's inquiry is about Pauatahanui in the past 200 and more years. We are looking at older buildings, such as churches and cottages.

Here are two sketches of our oldest school building, by Katelyn and Elena.

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A E I O U

Room 3 and 4



Room 3 and 4 have been learning about the short vowel sounds a, e, i, o and u and we have been having so much fun completing activities related to these sounds!



We wrote about our favourite insects. "I like dragonflies because they are beautiful".

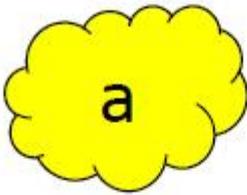


We cracked eggs and wrote about what happened. "The egg went splat! The egg was ooey and gooey"

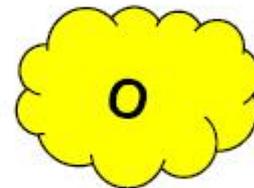


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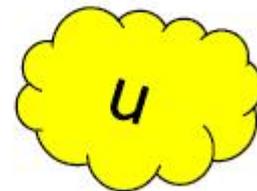
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We made a sight word apple tree. In writing, we ate apples and wrote about them. "The apple is crunchy and sweet because they are sweet, and they are crunchy. It tasted munchy."



We looked at the 'og' word family and made our own frogs on logs.



We read the story 'aliens love underpants' and designed our own alien underpants.



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TAINUI HUB

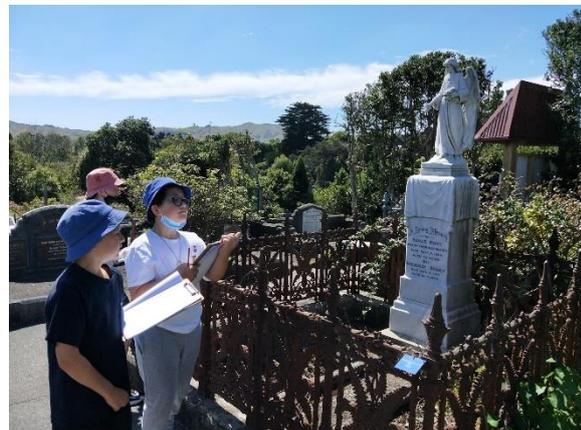


Tanui enjoy practicing their throwing, jumping and running skills. We are looking forward to having more fun and building on these skills as we prepare for athletics day!

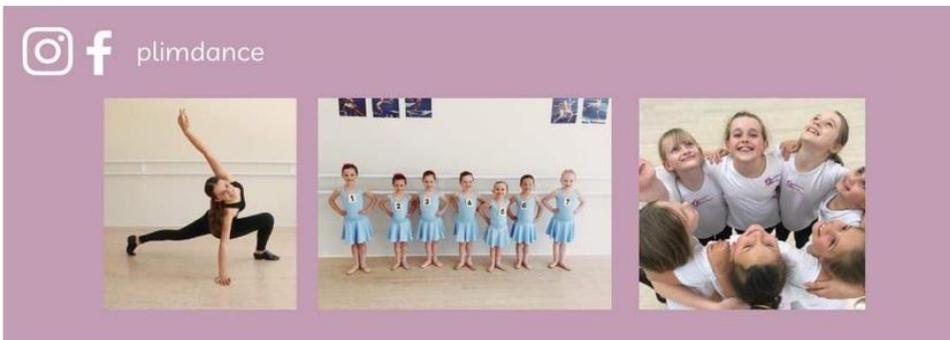


Inquiry - Our House, Our School

For Room 9 and 10's inquiry lately, we have been learning about the history of Pauatahanui, and our houses: Boulton, Stace, Bradey, and Gray. We went for a walk up to the old church and graveyard to find out a bit about the people who lived in this area a long time ago. We found out that a family with the last name 'Stace' (hence the house Stace) moved to Pauatahanui in 1853. The big bell at the top of the hill came from a Barque named Tyne, which shipwrecked at Wellington heads in 1845. Overall, we loved going on the trip, and we all learned something new. We still have more to explore another day.



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