

Newsletter Term 1

Wk 3 2024

Friday, 16th February 2024

Kia ora e te whānau.

Welcome back:

It has been a great first few weeks at school and it has been nice to finish the first full week for the term. It was great to see so many of you at our welcome back picnic last week. Libby Tuite (Board of Trustees Presiding Member) mentioned we have plans for these to be more regular throughout the year and they will definitely involve the children more with them sharing their learning and/or talents.

Meet the teacher:

A reminder that our parent/teacher meetings are next **Tuesday 20th February 2.00pm to 6.30pm** and **Thursday 22nd February 3.15pm to 5.00pm**. The purpose of these meetings is for you to share information about your child and to set some shared expectations with their teacher. Teachers will be able to share information about how your child has settled in this year. Bookings are available on Hero.

Please note the earlier finish time of 1.00pm on Tuesday 20th. If you are unable to collect your child early at 1.00pm please complete this form - [supervision required on the afternoon of Tuesday 20th February](#) so we can arrange supervision. Skids will be operating as per normal from 3.00pm.

Draft Strategic Plan:

The board and staff have been working hard to develop the Pāuatahanui School plan 2024 to 2026. This work has taken place over the last few months through staff and board workshops. Throughout the process the board has considered feedback we received from last year's community consultation. The new plan includes:

- A new school vision
- Purpose
- New values - we are still calling these our Paua values but is not an acronym
- New strategic focus areas

More detail about the above can be viewed here - [Strategic Plan 2024 to 2026](#). If you would like to offer feedback you can do so by emailing me - principal@pauatahanui.school.nz

Phones at schools:

You may be aware that within the government's 100 day plan is the "Phones in schools" policy. Communication we have received from the Ministry of Education uses the phrase "away for the day". This is something we have always had in place at school. We have used this policy announcement as an opportunity to review our processes around phones at school. You can read our school policy here - [Phones at school](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to get in contact with me - principal@pauatahanui.school.nz

2024 Calendar:

This calendar is available anytime and can be viewed on Hero. It is a live document and events may be added throughout the term. If events are added, you will be notified with plenty of notice. Term 1 has been completed with terms 2, 3 and 4 still a work in progress.

Ngā mihi

Caine Webster - Principal



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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HIGH FIVE

Well done to all the students who were awarded with a certificate at junior assembly today.

Felix L
Annie M
Arlo S

Caitlin R
Wren
Cara

Layla
Harper A



Congratulations to Annabelle and Alasdair who competed in the Capital Coast Junior Champs for Paekakariki Nippers. They both did very well and received the following ribbons, it's their first year at Nippers too!

Annabelle:

1. Beach sprints - 3rd Place for U10 girls

Alasdair:

1. Beach sprints - 2nd Place for U8 boys
2. Beach Flags- 2nd Place for U8 boys
3. Boards wade race - 3rd Place for U8 boys



FROM THE OFFICE

Hero App

Hero is our new student management system. Please download the app on your phone. You will be able to:

- Report if your child is absent from school
- Receive the community feed
- Get access to our school calendar
- Book parent teacher interviews

Hero is now our main communication platform. Please get in touch with us if you have problems accessing it.

Movin' March

Once again Pāuatahanui School is participating in this initiative to get our children walking, biking or scootering to school. We are very excited to have our Porirua Mayor Anita Baker joining us on the 1st of March for our walk to school. We are meeting on Joseph Banks Drive near number 88 on Friday the 1st of March at 8.30am. Then we walk together with the mayor and some staff members to school where the students can get their first stamps in their Movin' March passports.

Contact Forms

If you haven't yet, can you please send the permission forms and updated contact details back to the office. Also please let us know throughout the year if any contact details are changing. Thank you.

Lost property and Clothing

Can you please make sure that all your children's clothing is named. We have an evergrowing pile of lost property that is unnamed. If you are missing any items, please check the lost property bin located in the office between rooms 6 and 7.

Our Advertisers

We have a couple of businesses who advertise regularly in our newsletter and support our school in many ways. So today I would like to point out:

- Elite Dance Company (formerly Plimmerton School of Dance) offers many different dance classes from preschool to adults.
- Loan market are happy to help you select the right loan or mortgage for your requirements. For every successful application (terms and conditions apply) that I receive from school they will donate \$250.00 back to the school.

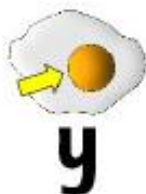
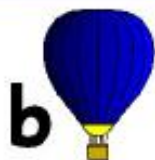
Kawhia HUB

Kawhia Hub
Room 3+4

Room 3 and 4 have enjoyed our first few weeks getting to know our new routines and our classmates. We have been talking about manaakitanga. We have been practicing manaakitangi by showing respect and care for the people and things in our classroom. Here are some photos of our first few weeks.

Learning new maths games.

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RAUKAWA WHITIREIA

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