

# Newsletter Term 1

## Wk 1 2021

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

A huge big welcome back to Pauatahanui School. It was great to see all of the familiar faces walking up the school drive on Wednesday and to hear about all of the adventures that our whānau had. It is amazing how quickly children grow during the summer break. I'm sure some of the year 7 and 8's are taller than me now.

A big special Pauatahanui School welcome to the 20 new students and their whānau who have joined the school this year. It has been amazing to see how quickly you have settled in, made friends and started your learning journey.

### SchoolDocs for parents and whanāu

At the beginning of each year we like to remind the community of where they can find all of the school's key policies. The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://pauatahanui.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "pauatahanui" and password "bert".

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### Heading South again

It is with conflicting feelings of sadness and excitement that I inform the community of my resignation from the principal position at Pauatahanui School, effective on the 25th April. My new position as principal of Tua Marina School will start on the first day of term 2 2021.

I am very proud of the work that the whole Pauatahanui School team has put in over the past 7 years and I know that I am leaving the school in a very strong position as it enters an exciting phase of growth.

There will be lots of opportunities for farewells in the coming weeks but I would like to say a big heart felt thank you for all the support that the students, community and staff team have shown towards me personally, and the work that we all do at Pauatahanui School.

The BoT are meeting on the 11th Feb to initiate a recruitment process for a new Principal. With the school being in such a strong position I am sure there will be a wide and strong pool of applicants wanting to lead Pauatahanui School into the future.

### Property matters

After many years of wear and tear it was time to give the long neglected school playing field some TLC. During the break the team from Mexted Contracting came up with some fancy machinery to improve the drainage, level out and then reseed large areas of the field. Robbie and I are keeping a close eye on the watering and are looking forward to the first green shoot appearing in the very near future.

Unfortunately, this work means that most of the field will be out of action for the first few weeks of this term. If we get the watering right and keep everyone off the field, then we will have many years of trouble free usage ahead of us.

During the break we also had a team of painters at the school painting Block A. Block A encompasses rooms 1-4 and the entire admin block. I must say that a lick of paint certainly freshens the place up.

In the coming weeks we are hoping that the plumbers will turn up and complete the stormwater works between Rooms 9, 5 and 6.

The construction of a new bathroom block next to the library is scheduled to begin at the end of term 1. We also hope to have the deck outside the Learning Centre replaced during 2021.

Ngā mihi

Bradley Roberts  
Principal

### NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Hello and welcome back from Sue and Manuela at the office. As always if you have any admin related questions please call us on 234 7659 or email

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Manuela [office@pauatahanui.school.nz](mailto:office@pauatahanui.school.nz)

#### Teacher - Whanau meetings

Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th February

There will be a short form for you to fill in and bring along to the whanau / teacher meetings. This will come home with your child in the next couple of days.

Students are welcome to attend these meetings, but this is not essential.

Instructions for booking an interview time.

To book a timeslot, please follow this link <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=t2ryr>

Then enter the event code t2ryr

Please note that due to the meetings school will close at 2pm next Tuesday. Skids will open up for us and take casual bookings. Please contact skids directly if you would like to book your child in.

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Like every year we are looking again for fabulous parents to help us out with different activities as Potty Planters, Road Patrollers, Sausage Sizzle and more. If you have some spare time, we would love to hear from you.

#### Sausage sizzle help

You don't need to be like Nigella or Gordon Ramsey, but if you have some free time to help us on Thursdays with cooking and serving sausages from about 12.15 to 1.15 we would love to hear from you.

Sausage sizzle and Juicies sale will start up next week on Thursday. Order form will be sent out after the weekend.





### Road Patrol Parent Help

Would you like to contribute to keeping our kids safe? This is a very easy but very important way, you can contribute to the school community and it only takes 30mins per week!

We are looking for someone to help supervise our wonderful road patrol teams on a Monday. Times are 8.25 - 9.00am. If you think you could help please email [jane@effectivespeaking.co.nz](mailto:jane@effectivespeaking.co.nz)

**Potty Planters** is starting up again this week for 2021 and we need new volunteers to help us! We run the school plant nursery, where we propagate plants, and grow on seedlings to sell at our yearly sale (and also sell at Lamb & Calf day), where we raise between \$12,000-18,000 each year which goes directly to school classrooms, school outings and resources around the school. As families move on each year from the school, go back to work, or other commitments pop up, we always need new volunteers to come help out.



We're a fun group of school parents and community members, many of whom aren't gardeners but enjoy getting together to learn new skills, make friends and help fundraise for our school. Anyone is welcome to join us - parents, family, community members and even preschoolers are welcome. We get together on Tuesday mornings in the school plant nursery, behind the Learning Centre from 8:45am till around 12pm, and volunteers are welcome to come and go as they please in this time! We usually share a morning tea, often with home baking. Occasionally we are even let loose in the community and the school, helping out with the school gardens, planning the new edible food forest at school, weeding and maintaining the bus bay gardens, and the odd trip to local nurseries and garden centres. For the last few years we've also had a social fundraiser once a year, movie nights and quizzes, to cover the cost of improvements in our plant nursery.

During Term 1 of 2021 we are keen to run a few evening sessions while the light and weather hold out, let Rachael know (contact details below) if you are interested - would be a evening from approx 6pm-9pm (light and weather dependant) and we can look at putting some evening dates in.

Join our Facebook group for more information here (we post up cancellations, plants and materials needed etc): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pottyplantersvolunteers>, or drop Rachael Burke an email on [pauatahanui.pottyplanters@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanui.pottyplanters@gmail.com).



## JOIN US!

We work in the school's nursery, and occasionally in the community, every Tuesday from 9am-12pm, during term time. Come along any time and pot up plants or gain some plant propagation skills.

All the funds that we raise go *directly* to school resourcing, keeping school fees low.

**NO GARDENING OR PLANT KNOWLEDGE  
REQUIRED!  
SUPPLIES AND TOOLS ARE PROVIDED!**

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