Newsletter Term 1 Wk 10 2022

PĀUATAHANUI SCHOOL

Important Dates

Term 1

14 April	Last Day Term 1
15 April – 1 May	**Easter Holidays**

Term 2

2 May	Term 2 starts
5 May	Vision and Hearing testing for year 7/8
19 May	Board of Trustees meeting
31 May	Cross Country
6 June	**Queen's Birthday**
23 June	Board of Trustees meeting
8 July	Last day of term 2

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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8 April 2022

Kia ora e te whānau.

Athletics

By the time you read this the seniors would have completed their athletics day today. It has been great seeing Raukawa and Whitireia classes out on the field practicing all of the athletics events. I would like to thank all the Raukawa and Whitireia class teachers for their patience and flexibility as there have been a few change of dates for the senior athletics day. I would especially like to thank Maria Breuss-McBride who has had the difficult task of organising the day. Due to Covid, there have been constant changes and Maria has done an amazing job of making sure that the day is successful and that as many of our students are able to participate in the event.

The junior school held their athletics day last Thursday. What an amazing day it was! The sun was shining and the children looked amazing all dressed up in their house colours. I would like to thank all the junior class teachers and in particular Rochelle Kearney for organising such an amazing event.

Covid

I would like to thank our amazing community for being so patient and supportive this term with all the disruptions and changes that have been necessary due to Covid. We continue to have new student cases each day and to date 25% of our students have been confirmed cases. Many of these students have since returned to school and we currently have 9 students who are at home with Covid. Thank you for keeping your children at home if they have been unwell and also coming to collect your children if they have become unwell while at school.

We are hoping that there might be a shift to the orange setting over the next couple of weeks so we can return to a bit more normality for the beginning of term 2.

Holiday break

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. I think everyone deserves a bit of a break so we can come back ready and rearing to go for term 2.

Take care and stay safe.

Ngā mihi
Caine Webster - Principal

LAMB AND CALF DAY

Lamb and calf day meeting at 6.30pm Wednesday 13th in the staff room.

Open to all parents. Please come and find out how you can help!

FROM THE OFFICE

MAGAZINES AND ELECTRIC TAPE NEEDED!
We would like to make new rakau. If you have either of these, please bring to Mrs Sarniak-Thomson or leave at the office.

BREADTAGS

We are still collecting bread tags, please hand in to room 1!

SHARED PARENTING

We have quite a few separated families who are sharing parenting their children. In order for us to contact the parent the children are living with on any given day, we would like to set up a chart which shows which parent it is best to contact. Therefore, could you please send Sue an email to admin@pauatahanui.school.nz with the days the children are staying with each parent.

CAM THE KIWI ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

We are offering your children the opportunity to participate in the Great KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum.
The competitions are open to all Year 5-8 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. The competition provides teachers, parents and students with an independent, comprehensive record of a student's performance in key school subjects. The supervised online tests will take place in the last three weeks of term 2 and first week of term 3 (dates to be advised).
All participating students will receive a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students.

Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CAM website www.cem.canterbury.ac.nz
If you would like to enter your child/children into any of the competitions, please follow this link to the entry form. **https://forms.gle/RS9YFScUMbzoqVt27**
Please do this latest by the 1 May 2022 as CAM won't accept any late entries. Thank you.
Please note that there is a fee for these competitions ($9.50 per subject), which will be invoiced through the school office and needs to be paid before the competitions.

Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions

About the competitions

The annual Kiwi, English, Mathematics and Science competitions are skills-based tests and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. The competitions are organised by The Centre for Assessment & Monitoring (CAM) at the University of Canterbury.

The competitions cater for students of all abilities in primary, intermediate and secondary schools and measure the performance of students at the Curriculum and Year levels shown below:

Level	Year Level	Curriculum Level
Primary	5-6	3
Intermediate	7-8	4
Secondary	9-10	5

The tests are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students. The tests are administered on-line and take up to 50 minutes to complete so they can be conveniently slotted into the school timetable. Each test consists of short answer questions depending on the Year Level.

Whaia te iti kahurangi
Reach for the stars

The Kiwi Science Competition

Questions in the Kiwi Science Competition are skills based and cover:

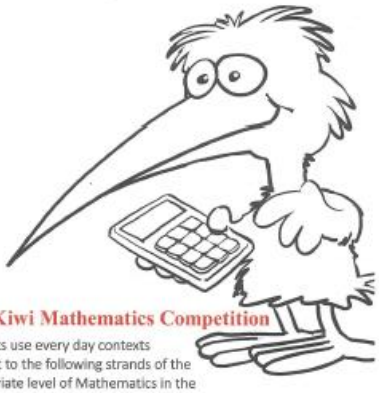
Investigating
Experimental design, use of controls and the notion of a 'fair test'.

Interpreting data
Interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs.

Critical thinking skills
Reasoning, problem solving and logical deduction.

The tests use every day contexts relevant to the following strands of the Science in the New Zealand Curriculum:

- Nature of Science
- Living World
- Planet Earth and Beyond
- Physical World
- Material World



The Kiwi Mathematics Competition

The tests use every day contexts relevant to the following strands of the appropriate level of Mathematics in the New Zealand Curriculum:

- Number and Algebra
- Geometry and measurement
- Statistics

Questions do not depend on mathematical knowledge alone, but on the ability to think things through, be logical, find ways to solve problems and are designed to make students think outside the box.

The competition encourages enthusiasm, boosts confidence in Mathematics and shows the different way questions can be asked. Students also need to read the questions carefully!

The Kiwi English Competition

The tests use every day contexts relevant to the appropriate level of English in the New Zealand Curriculum:

- Reading and comprehension
- Grammar and spelling
- Audience and purpose

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS
Every term we have scheduled two Board of Trustees meetings. The dates are announced on the top of each newsletter. These board meetings are meetings held in public, but they are not public meetings. Speaking rights can be granted to non board members at the discretion of the board. If you would like to attend a board meeting, please email office@pauatahanui.school.nz

FROM THE PAUATAHANUI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
This is a quick message to let you know that from Tuesday 19 April until Friday 22 April (that is, the week following Easter) the toilets alongside the Lighthouse Cinema will be closed for maintenance.

Members of the PRA Committee have been lobbying Porirua City Council to have improvements made and the work being undertaken should result in better fixtures and improved accessibility, making the toilets easier and more pleasant to use.

ARRIVING LATE AT SCHOOL
If you drop off your child after 9 o'clock they need to come to the office first before going to their classroom to sign in.

WHITIREIA HUB

Kia ora this week a couple of us in room nine have been finding out some interesting facts about chiefs of our local area. (Te Rauparaha and Te Rangihaeata.)
With this task we had to research, set questions about our chiefs and then write and edit our facts so it's ready to be published.
You may have been or heard about the new transmission gully road being opened last Wednesday, But did you know that the second name is “Te Ara nui o Te Rangihaeata” translated as “the big road of Te Rangihaeata”, because he is the local chief of Wellington. Some of the interesting facts that we learnt was that the attack on Te Rangihaeata's position at Battle Hill began on August 6 1840 in freezing rain. 250 British soldiers were involved in this. He was known by New Zealand as one of the fiercest fighters of all chiefs.

By Arani and Annie.

This lithograph of a portrait of Te Rangihaeata dates from 1852.

Kawhia - Who Am I?

We started this term looking at who we are, what we look like, and what we enjoy doing. Through art, writing and maths we explored our favourites and got to know each other.

We moved on to who is in our family and we introduced our families to our classmates.

Then we started investigating our school community, we had a wander around school and met all the staff (covid made this a little tricky but open windows helped teachers to lean out and chat). We used photos of all the staff to make a map of our school and who works where.

Next, we explored our local community, the inlet, the businesses and special places that make up Pauatahanui, even Mrs Dellow's house!

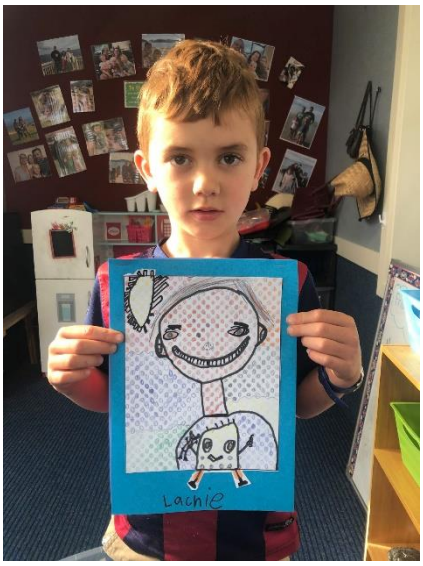
We made maps of our community and also thought of all the ways those businesses help us or our whānau. We wrote to them to say what we appreciate about them. It was really fun delivering our cards and meeting the special people who keep our community running.

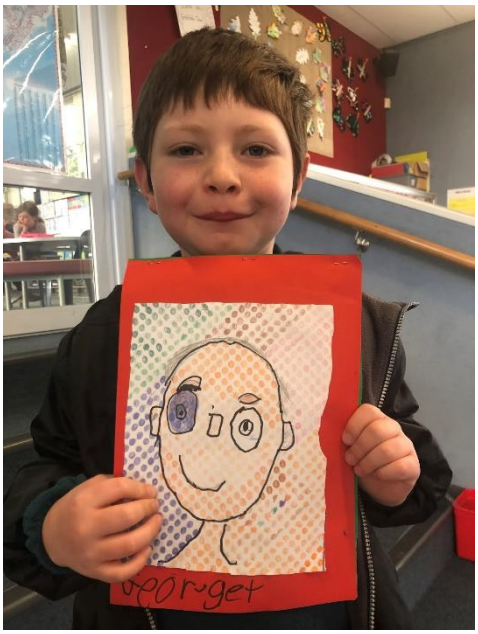
This week we have come full circle and did a final presentation about what we love to do as a family, the different countries we or our family come from, other languages we can speak and our hobbies.

Room 3 & 4 did a great job of presenting to their classmates, learning to stand up in front of others and clearly share the things and people that make them who they are. Thanks parents for the photos and information you provided to help, it was so special to get to know even more about each other.

Tainui News

Tainui have been enjoying using different mediums and techniques to produce our visual art. This term we have used watercolour, pastels, dots, paints, and pencils.





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