

Newsletter Term 1

Wk 8 2022



Important Dates

Term 1

14 April Last Day Term 1

15 April – 1 May Easter Holidays

25 March 2022

Kia ora e te whānau.

Staffing

I am sad to announce that Shelley Dalton will be leaving us at the end of the term. Shelley has secured a position at the Central Regional Health School and I am certain that she will do an amazing job! Shelley joined us in term 3 last year and taught in Room 9 and also worked closely with some of our neurodiverse learners across the school. This year Shelley has been teaching in Room 6 and Room 7 and has continued to work with our neurodiverse students. Shelley has also been doing amazing work with our Wednesday Enrichment group, who have been investigating how they can contribute to Potty Planters. A group of 20 students meet each Wednesday afternoon. Some of the things that the group are working on or have achieved this term are:

- Potting plants
- Weeding around the school
- Finish off building the compost
- Preparing the compost
- Planning how composting will work at school
- Hazard identification in the nursery
- Beautification around the school

I would like to thank Shelley for setting this group up and getting things actioned so quickly. We will definitely be continuing with this.

I would also like to thank Shelley for all her hard work and dedication in the time she has been with us and we would like to wish her the best of luck in her new role.

Covid

Covid continues to be a constant disruption, but we are managing things the best we can. To date we have had 35 students and 3 staff members as confirmed cases. You may be aware of the changes to the Covid-19 Protection Framework. From Monday 4th April:

- The vaccination mandate for education workers will be removed
- There is no requirement for us to display QR codes
- People working with our students will no longer be required to present vaccination passports



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

Phone: 234 7659

office@pauatahanui.school.nz

New Zealand remains at Red. However, Cabinet will review the framework colour level on Monday 4 April. Let's hope that a move to the Orange setting is on the cards and we can get back to more normal times. From Monday 28th March:

- Continue to stay at home if you are unwell.
- We have been provided with RAT's and can pass these on to whānau if required.
- Year 4 to 8 teachers and students will continue to wear masks in the classroom and indoors.
- Good hygiene practices at school will continue - hand washing, sanitising and cleaning.
- Adequate ventilation of classrooms will continue.
- All classes will have morning tea and lunch at the same time.
- Arrival and pick up:
 - We will continue with pick ups and drop offs at the gates for now
 - All students will finish at 3.00pm

Bikes and scooters

It has been great to see so many students riding bikes and scooters as part of Movin March. Our Movin March student leaders have been busy stamping passports and giving out stickers and prizes. Can we please ask you to remind your children that they are not to ride their bikes and scooters down the driveway at the end of the day. There are too many people around and traffic is far too busy for children to be doing this. Teachers have reminded the children as well.

Traffic

A friendly reminder that the turning bay outside the school is a place to turn around and to pick children up who are waiting there. It is not a place where you can park and leave your car and walk up to school. I know that other members of the public do not follow these guidelines, but as a school community we need to do the right thing.

Take care and stay safe.

Ngā mihi
Caine Webster - Principal

FROM 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.

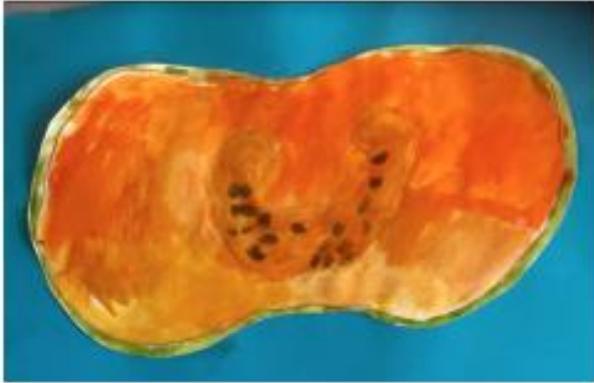
SHARED PARENTING

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.

RAUKAWA HUB

During this week Room 6 has had an inquiry into fruit and vegetables, with art, poetry writing, and science experiments.

Thanks to Liam, Lawrence, Charlotte, Kenzie, and Alex for their great work.



On Monday 2nd week Room 6 had a pumpkin. The pumpkin height was 1.5m. The pumpkin weight was 6kg and the pumpkin stalk was 2m long. The pumpkin seeds were almost 11cm. The stalk was orange & the shell was hard as rock.



MUMMY RUN - Hayden Sharpe

On the 3 of March 2022 Mrs Jolly surprised room 7 by bringing in 24 rolls of toilet paper that were 22 meters long. Room 7 was wondering why Mrs Jolly brought toilet paper into class so she told us what we were going to do. Mrs Jolly explained to us that we were going to get into a team of 2 and wrap one of the buddies into a mummy with toilet paper.

It was a fun time but putting toilet paper on somebody to make them look like a mummy is not easy, that's one thing for sure. What me and Harry found out was that the toilet paper was always ripping. Harry tried putting the toilet paper around my legs and in the end there was a massive load of toilet paper dragging along the ground behind me.

In the race Harry and I came 2nd and it was a whole bunch of fun. I definitely want to do it again.



< Mystery box recount > Rose Sheffield

On March the 15th, which was a Tuesday, surprisingly Room 7 did a little thing called... Mystery boxes!! How you do Mystery boxes you may wonder well I'm about to tell you. First of all get

into however many groups you like and give each group a box labelled with a number. Then what we did was everyone in each group had a turn or two of shaking the box listening to see if you can guess what is in it. Once you had a turn shaking it you would write down what you think it is.

My group Ella, Ed, Harry & Me started at number two. We all thought it was a glue stick but it turned out to be a hand sanitiser bottle!

As we moved from box to box It felt like we were getting better. All of the boxes were pretty hard to be honest with you. "Beep beep" that's the timer to go to the next box, box four. As we got to box four I held it first and shook it to me. It felt and sounded like one or two of the yellow cricket balls we played with yesterday.

I was soooo excited! It was finally time for the....BIG REVEAL me and my group were all sitting down as we did a drum roll. Mrs Jolly opened the first box (which was our last one number one) and she didn't show us just yet she waited until some of us said our guesses and we guessed dice and some other stuff, because the things in there were really small you could tell from the sound when u shook it. When Mrs Jolly opened the box we all saw it. I couldn't believe it. It was... skittles! Only one group guessed skittles. There were other boxes that Mrs Jolly revealed but my writing would be too long if I mentioned all of them.

Overall I think that my group did really well because we got two out of six right. Next time we do this I might try and smell it because I hope by then we'll be out of these poopin masks.

WHITIREIA HUB

Recently rooms 9 and 10 have been building and painting a miniature wooden Marae/Whare. We called the project te whare tapa whā meaning the four cornerstones (or sides) of Māori health. Physical, Mental, Spiritual, and Family. We sketched out our patterns and words on the wood, then painted and vivid over it to make it look sharp. We then measured and nailed the four pillars to the roof of the Marae/Whare. It was quite tricky to get the nails in the right spot because we were hammering on a weird angle, but with a bit of trial and error, we figured it out in the end. Overall, both classes are very proud of what we have accomplished as a group, and the look of the Marae makes our classroom look great!

Written By Reuben, Annabel, and Riley M



Room 3 and 4 Teddy Bear Thursday!



On Thursday, Rooms 3 and 4 had a 'Teddy Bear Thursday' day! We had so much fun involving our soft toys in our learning. We completed teddy bear writing, teddy bear measuring for math's, teddy bear fitness and teddy bear art! Of course, we also had a teddy bear's picnic with a pack of tiny teddies each.



Teddy Bear
fitness!



Teddy Bear measuring



We had to work out how many cubes and paper clips long our soft toy was



We lined our friends up from smallest to biggest



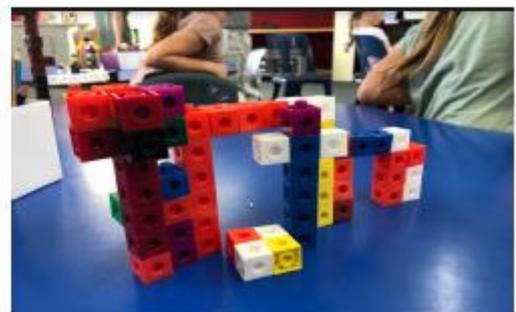
Painting our toys!



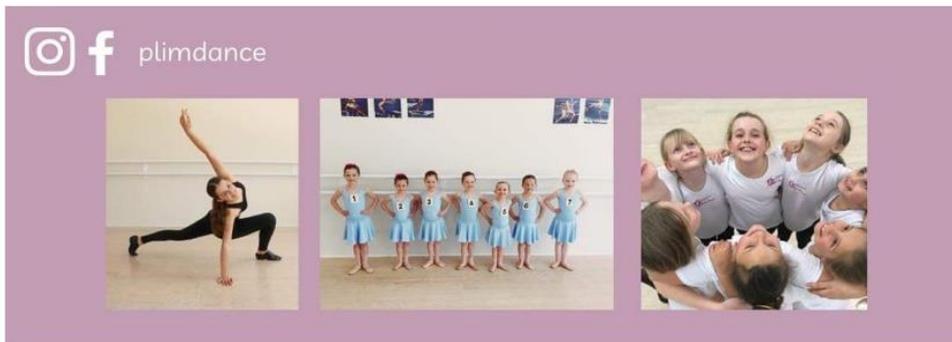


Tainui News

This week Room 5 have been learning about Minecraft Education during technology time and shared some of their new knowledge with Room 2. In week 9, rooms 1&2 are going to be learning fun new building techniques too. We're super excited!



THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO OUR LOYAL SPONSORS WHO HELP IN MANY WAYS
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE HERE
office@pauatahanui.school.nz



Inspiring a love for dance.

Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop
Funk, Lyrical, Contemporary,
Pre-School, Adult, Competitions

Get in touch with Natalie today
natalie@plimmertonschoolofdance.co.nz

Loan
Market

With Interest
Rates on the
Rise are you
getting the
advice you
need?



Get smart. Make the call.

Liza & Simon Richardson, Financial Advisers

M: 027 5626 748 | P: 04 235 8960

liza.richardson@loanmarket.co.nz

loanmarket.co.nz/mortgage-solutions

Remember we also donate \$250.00 to the school
T's and C's apply