

Newsletter Term 1

Wk 8 2021



PAUATAHANUI
SCHOOL

Term Dates 2021

Term 1

Wed 3 Feb – Fri 16 April

Term 2

Mon 3 May – Fri 9 July

Term 3

Mon 26 Jul – Fri 1 Oct

Term 4

Mon 18 Oct – Wed 15 Dec

It is likely that 2 teacher only days will be scheduled during the 2021 school year.

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Important Dates for Term 1

All of March

31 March

2 April

5 April

6 April

16 April

Movin' March (walk, bike, scooter to school)

BoT Meeting

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Easter Tuesday

Teacher only day



*****Please note that Easter Monday and Tuesday are School Holidays*****

Term 2 starts on Monday 3 May

Monday 29th March 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Weeks 8's Friday newsletter has been pushed out to Monday of week 9 as there was just simply too much going on at the school last week to be able to sit down and write about it! We had students and staff out at the End Zone Tournament, we also had the year 5's and 6's out at El Rancho from Wednesday to Friday and we had Maria, Kate and me attending the Wellington Primary Principals Conference at Te Papa on Thursday and Friday. We even had the year 7 and 8 classes visit Te Papa and have a wonderful day in and around the CBD.

The conference's theme was Pause, Connect, Lead. We were privileged to hear from a range of incredibly knowledgeable and talented key note speakers, inspirational young people and groups. Woven through the conference was the theme of well-being and the fact that well-being is not being well the whole time. Well-being is more about noticing when things are not OK and having some strategies to bounce back. Importantly resilience is not simply about being tough- far from it. Resilience is about being vulnerable and actively looking after oneself and those around us. Maria, Kate and I are looking forward to bringing all of our learning back to Pauatahanui School and sharing what we learned.

As I have mentioned, last week was incredibly busy and full of exciting and engaging learning opportunities. With this said, I will let some pictures do all of the talking. Thank you to the staff and community for supporting our akonga (learners).

Building work

The builders are able to start our next building project earlier than expected. From Wednesday of this week the team from Carrara Holdings will be at the school building a Universal bathroom and extending the deck on the side of room 7. It is great that we are able to get this work started before the school holidays as they will be able to do lots of the messy and loud work while the students are not at the school.



Our new school pool. (Well, actually it is Shelley Dalton's trailer which was filled with water and used as our very own Pauatahanui School America's Cup Course).



Raukawa off to the inlet



Monday's Kapa Haka



Enjoying a movie at the Lighthouse Cinema

Observing insects as part of the science topic this term.



Taking learning outside the classroom



Ngā mihi

Observing insects and making insects



Bradley Roberts
Principal



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Annabelle's friends who so very kindly decided to do a bake sale to raise some money to go towards Tama's vet bills. We had a great day and the community was very generous. We also all enjoyed seeing lots of familiar faces from school.

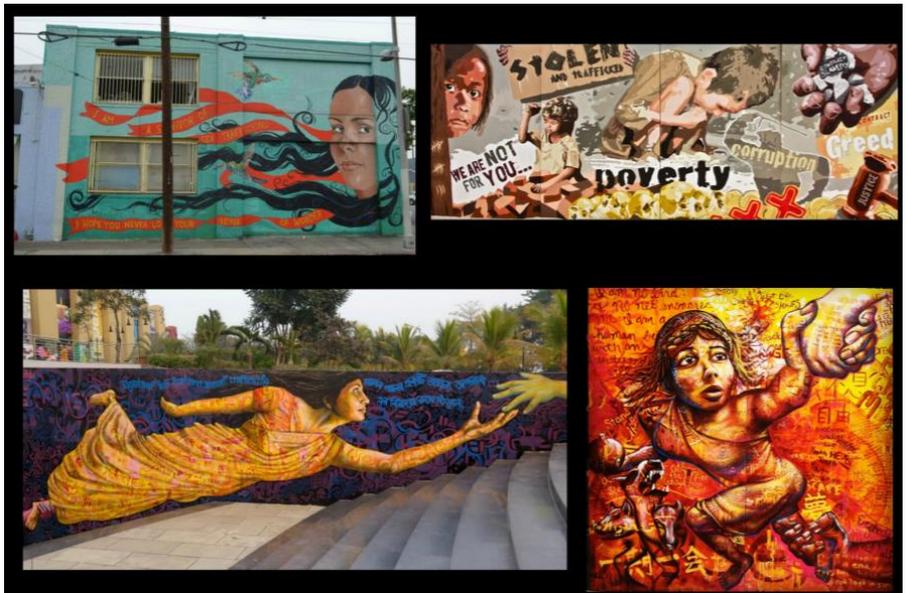
He's improving everyday now and we hope he'll be 100% soon



HIGH FIVE

Here is Evie Haughton's entry to a recent writing competition in which she won second place.

This was author LP Hansen Competition based on the theme "A Picture Paints a Thousand Words" where she was required to explain the theme connecting the images on the murals.



Evie Haughton
Room 10, Year 8
Pauatahanui School

Response:

These pictures all depict one thing. The need for help. The need for slavery and human trafficking to stop. It *has* to stop. We cannot go on like this. It's wrong and everyone knows it. Some people just choose to ignore it. These artists are fighting for people's freedom with their art and I'm going to do it with my writing.

Slavery and human trafficking is unjust and abusive. It's taking advantage of people who are different from you, more vulnerable, or poorer than you, this is not supposed to be happening, it happened in the past, and now it's the present, but we can change that for the future. *WE* can stop this horrible way of treating people. But people need to speak up, tell the world, stop slavery and human trafficking in its path. It doesn't matter the color of people's skin, where they come from, what clothing they wear, or what gender they are. What matters is that they are all human and no different from anyone else. No human on this earth should be treated like this. We talk about saving the environment and stopping the abuse of animals. But how are we to do that if we cannot save our own people?

Our church supports two missionaries who had been living in a country where there was lots of human trafficking and slavery. For some people being in slavery is in our imagination but for others *freedom* is imagination. These missionaries were helping people who had been subject to slavery or human trafficking and making a stand against it. They met a poor family who had a twelve-year-old daughter that was taken from them. A man told them that their daughter could work nearby for 100 dollars per month. The daughter wanted to help her family so she agreed. But that man had tricked them, and took the girl away to a far-off place, turned her into a slave, and paid her nothing. This is the robbery of children. You have no right to lay a finger on them. Or anyone else. If you can, imagine, being sold for money, then being taken by someone to work for them. You don't get paid money, you just work, and work. With human trafficking, you are told that you are going to be doing something even if you don't want to do it. You are forced into it, or tricked. The traffickers exploit people's vulnerability and use it to force people to work for them. This is disgraceful.

Slavery and human trafficking is for someone's own gain. Not for the people subject to it. We need to stand up and stop this. The world cannot go on with this happening. We are all equal in value. People forget that. We need to be light in the dark and spread that light, overtaking the darkness. We need to give that helping hand. A picture paints a thousand words, but a voice rouses millions of people.

Certificates for Fridays Junior Assembly

Jaymee-Lee Tunbridge
Alex Barnes
Arthur Mcglone
Laylah Ross
Archer van Dalen
Ella Bos

Honor Mander
Ebony Fraser
Elli Rankin
Lachlan Jones
Amelie Leaver

SPORTS

Endzone Tournament

On the 23rd of March we arrived at Ngati Toa field and went to the Endzone tournament. There weren't that many people going to it, just 4 teams of 8 students from years 5-8. To get there we had to take cars. Thank you to the parents who drove us.

Once we arrived we had a brief conversation with other schools of how things were going to work and what part of the field we were in.

Each team played 3-5 games against schools from around the area. Each game we played with a different piece of equipment, for example a tennis ball, a frisbee or a netball.

After every game we got a 2 minute break and then had to play on a different school.

The years 5 and 6s had their tournament in the morning and the 7 and 8s played in the afternoon. Then when we arrived back to school it was nearly home time.

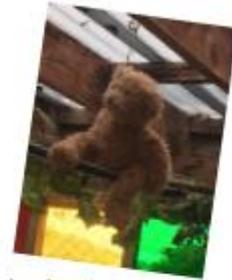
We had an awesome time at the tournament. I think all of us would go to another tournament like that again.

Thank you to Miss Davis, Libby and Dominic for being our coaches.

By Kharagyn-Zoya Karmaker.



Teddy Bears Picnic



On Tuesday Room 4 had a great time visiting with Pauatahanui Preschool and sharing some Teddy Bear songs. We had a story about a special teddy bear story and a yummy picnic under the oak tree with bear biscuits and some watermelon. After our picnic our teddies had a play in the Preschool playground before we headed back to school.



Singing Rockabye your Bear



Picnic under the oak tree

Having fun in preschool's playground



U is for Undies or underwear

Our phonics focus this week is the short u sound for umbrella or underwear. We have had some fun decorating our best alien underwear and writing about them.

Aliens love underpants because....



Aliens love underpants because there are not underpants in space.

Fiorella

Aliens love underpants because they are pretty, they love the rainbows.

Lucy



Aliens like undies, they look cool.

Max F

Aliens love underpants because it is fun to play with them.

Ella



I think aliens like underpants because they like the smell.

Tommy



Aliens love underpants because they like underpants on their heads.

Ariella

The junior hub have been busy at Super Bug Club each week - we have been inspecting dead bugs with our magnifying glasses, leaf rubbing and yesterday we went on a super bug hunt. We found all sorts - a black tunnel spider, worms, more spiders and we even spotted a wonderful fantail. We love our bugs!



Whitireia Leadership Days

Te Papa

On the 18th of March, Room 9 and 10 went to Te Papa on a day trip. We started off the day by getting the train into town and walking to Te Papa. We sat down and had our lunch and after that we went inside and started the tour. We splitted into 2 groups and went off, the first group went on the tour with a Te Papa guide who talked to us about *Te Tiriti o Waitangi*. The second group went outside into the bust city area to look at some trees and use some of our knowledge we have learned during our science unit. We both swapped groups. After we had lunch we packed up all of our stuff and hopped on the train and went back to school. Everyone had a really good time. And it was a very good experience, and we would love to do it again.



Games Day

Last week on Wednesday we got into small groups and were asked to create a game. We planned and on Friday after watching the movie *War with Grandpa*, we presented all of our games, and we got the whole class to do our games. We moved around different parts of the school like the court, in class and the field. As we played and learned about each other's games, we had a good fun day in the end and we now know a lot of fun games to play.

By Mackenzie and Saskia.

Camp El Rancho 2021

Last week the year 5 and 6 students went on a camp at El Rancho. Camp was fun and many activities were a new experience for our campers. We had an awesome time.

These are a few comments from some of our campers.

Camp

At camp, we did fun activities which are kayaking, confidence course, bivouac, water slide which is very steep, Nga Manu nature reserve, pool, horse riding, chapel escape and slip 'n' slide.

I liked all of the activities to do with the water.

Overall camp was very fun even if I had to wake up early for boot camp.

- **Abigail P**

Camp!

At camp, we went into an escape room which was fun... but I may have picked up a lot of the clues thinking they were just people accidentally leaving their stuff :P

We also did bivouac (which if you didn't know was making a teepee) and did girls vs boys, obviously, the girls came 1st by far.

The next morning, we did kayaking which was also very fun, but we had to stand in front of the kayak that we wanted and it turned out I stood in front of the teacher's boat. Oops! The second thing we did that morning was the confidence course which was fine but I couldn't reach a lot of the ropes and stuff. It was a challenge!

We did a lot more stuff such as horse riding, pools (which was VERY cold!), Slip and slide, water slide (which was my favourite), beach walk, firefly and boot camp.

This is just me but I had the best camping experience EVER, thank you to all the teachers and parents that organised camp and helped with the food and breakfast and lunch (especially the dinners!) I had an AMAZING time at camp and I think all the other students who went did too! -Amelia Phelan :P

camp

At camp we did heaps of fun stuff like bivouac, the water slide, the pool, kayaking, horse riding, chapel escape, slip n slide and a game called firefly. My favorite was kayaking.

On the way we stopped at Nga Manu nature reserve we saw lots of birds like kiwi, and lots of other cool birds.

Riley B



A special thank you to our parents who helped support our students taking on new challenges. Thanks to Adam, Aaron, Rachael, Raylene, Aimee, Andy, Libby, Jen.



Potty Planters are urgently needing new volunteers to come along! Each year we raise between \$8,000 and \$18,000 which goes **DIRECTLY** to our school to pay for resources in classrooms, trips and camps and some of our learning coaches - the amount we raise is limited if we don't have enough volunteers!

We currently have a small team of Mums, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, Grandmothers, preschool siblings and Community Members helping out. Absolutely no gardening experience is needed, and we provide all the tools and gloves, just wear closed shoes and old warm clothes.

We're at the nursery **EVERY TUESDAY MORNING from around 8:45am to 12:00pm**, and we have a shared morning tea in the staffroom - come for an hour or come for the whole session!

Drop Rachael an email if you have any questions: pauatahanui.pottyplanters@gmail.com

Hope to see you there!
The Potty Planters Team.

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