

# Newsletter Term 3

## Wk 2 2024



PĀUATAHANUI  
SCHOOL  
Term Dates 2024

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**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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**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024**

Kia ora e te whānau.

### **Welcome to Term 3:**

It has been a great start to the term even though the winter weather has finally arrived. For the first time in a long time the field has been closed for periods as it has been too wet and muddy. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the riparian planting on navigation Drive that Raukawa classes were scheduled to take part in due to the weather.

### **Powhiri:**

We had a fantastic powhiri on Monday to welcome our new ākonga. This was held in the learning centre due to the wet weather. I would like to acknowledge our awesome year 7 & 8 students who played key parts in the powhiri. They did a fantastic job and they should be very proud of themselves:

#### **Karanga girls:**

- Mackie Turei
- Bonnie Draper
- Ella Haughton
- Katelyn Exley

#### **Whaikorero:**

- Tanga whenua - Liam Hegan
- Manuhiri - Ryder Tunley

### **Senior Swimming Sports:**

Students in Raukawa and Whitireia participated in the senior swimming sports last Friday at Cannons Creek Pool. This was a combined competitive and fun event. It was great to see all of the students who were participating giving it their best and especially for some who don't feel that confident in the water.

### **Attendance:**

I would like to clarify some details regarding student attendance and the information you see on Hero for your child's attendance.

Attendance is recorded in half days;

- first half - 9.00am to 2.00pm (up to and including lunchtime),
- second half - 2.00pm to 3.00pm (after lunch).

I understand that they are not equal half days but this is the easiest way to record attendance.

Each time a child is absent from school the office records the absence and assigns it to a code depending on the information parents provide about the absence:

- D - Medical appointment
- M - Illness
- J - Justified absence like; school sports event, bus or car breakdown, road closure, extreme weather conditions

All of the above are considered as justified absences.

- E- Explained, but unjustified; staying home as family is visiting, birthday, going to a performance/concert etc
- G - Holiday during term time

Both E and G codes are considered unjustified.

Our school attendance data is sent automatically to the Ministry of Education weekly and at the end of each term they provide us with termly data. If the MOE have any concerns regarding attendance they contact the school directly. This is only done in severe cases and in my time at Pāuatahanui School I have not been contacted by the MOE regarding student attendance.

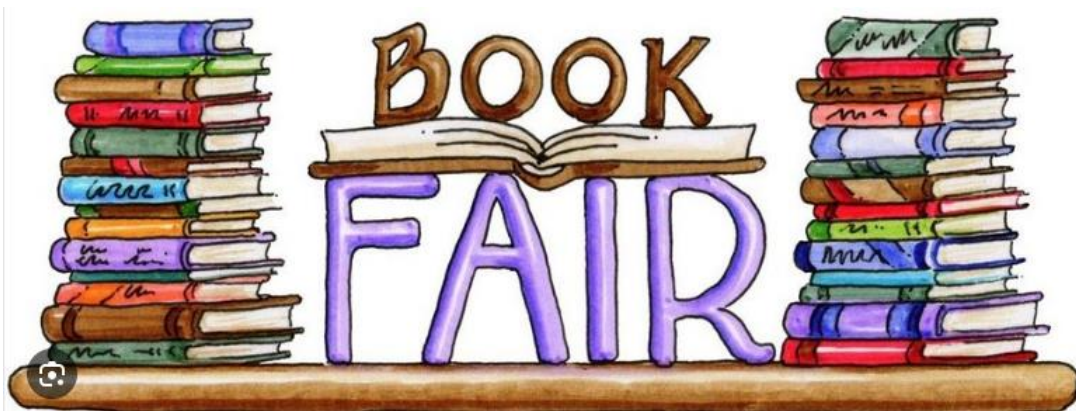
If you have any further questions regarding attendance please contact the school office.

**Ngā mihi**

**Caine Webster - Principal**

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FROM THE OFFICE



## **Scholastics Book Fair – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

We will be hosting a Scholastics Book Fair next week in the Learning Centre. Each class will have time to explore the books with their teacher during the day. There are wish lists available that your child might bring home to you.

From Monday through to Thursday, 2.30pm – 3.15pm each afternoon, we will be opening up the Learning Centre for parents to come with their children for browsing and shopping (eftpos is available for your convenience).

Each purchase will benefit Pāuatahanui School and is greatly appreciated.

We'd love to see you there!

# Book Fairs



A Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that provides the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Reading for pleasure, inside and outside of school, has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are.

Make plans to go to a Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Remember, all purchases benefit your school.

## STIHL Shop

We're excited to announce the launch of a school fundraiser with our friends from STIHL SHOP! Any sale (Excluding Trade or pre-negotiated discounts) that you make in their Petone, Porirua, or Upper Hutt stores between now and the end of August, 10% of the sale (5% for Ride-On sales) will come back to us as we fundraise for **valuable school resources for our Tamariki**. All you need to do is say the word '**Paua**' at point of sale, and not only will you be getting the very best garden power tools and outdoor fires helping you create beautiful outdoor spaces, but they also boast Wellington's largest range of indoor woodfires, with every sale helping the school!!

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## Fence Picket orders



We are open for the next round of **fence picket** orders. Click here to order <https://forms.gle/o7WLjoD9QGJU7FLY7>

This is open to past and present Pāuatahanui students and staff. So please pass it on to anybody who might be interested.

## FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all the families that helped make the Netball Sausage sizzle a success.

We raised **\$1,369.50** - enough for about 20 uniforms!

All five netball teams showed enormous effort in both baking and on the BBQ for 8 hours.

Amazing work everyone, and an extra special thank you to Tanya Ossont for all her fabulous organising!



# Practising Literacy Skills in Tainui Hub



It's so important for us to have time to practise the skills and knowledge we are building. From playing games, building words and reading from our fluency boxes, there's always something to do during literacy time. Perhaps there are some ideas you could use at home to practise spelling and reading words...







The lights were blinding, the crowd was cheering, then suddenly the cheering trailed off. It fell silent. The Eiffel Tower was blinding, it sparkled like diamonds under the moonlight. It was so pretty.

Piper, Rm 7



# Raukawa OLYMPICS

In Raukawa, we have been learning about the Olympics! We have learned a bit about the history of the games, about the differences between the modern and ancient games, and the importance of symbolism in the games.



Poof! The Olympics had already started with the French singer starting us off with a bang. Cheering loudly, the crowd could see the athletes on their boats and fireworks poofing up into the sky.

Riley, Rm 7

Check out some of our amazing work!



As the ceremony began, the pink smoke clouds covered the bride. The athletes were on the boats with their flags going along the river.

James, Rm 7





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