

Newsletter Term 2

Wk 4 2024



PĀUATAHANUI
SCHOOL
Term Dates 2024

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 24th May 2024

Kia ora e te whānau.

Illness:

There is a lot of illness around at the moment including a few COVID cases. I know that the messaging from the government lately has been a bit different to previous messaging. They are now saying that children need to be at school even if they are a bit unwell.

Here is a link to the Health New Zealand, Te Whatu Ora that has guidance for whānau when deciding if your child is well enough to be at school - [Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school — guidance for parents and caregivers](#).

Ultimately you know your children best and know when they are well enough to be at school or not.

Attendance:

The government has put student attendance under the microscope and they have set a target for schools across the country to aim towards. The target is for 80% of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030.

The phrase “regular attendance” is being used, which means 90% attendance during a term - the equivalent of missing less than five days of school in a standard 10 week term. It is also worth noting that the circumstances of absences are not considered when determining a child’s absence rate. This means that children are either at school or not.

We monitor attendance as we are required to, but also to find whether there may be links between attendance and achievement. We are fully aware of the many circumstances where children are absent from school and we code these accordingly - justified and unjustified. When a child is unwell or at an appointment this is considered justified.

We will continue to monitor student attendance and we will work with whānau if and when required. We understand the various circumstances and these are always taken into account.

Whitireia Camp:

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the wonderful parents who gave their time to help make the Whitireia camp a success. Thank you to Nat Bryan, Peter Sullivan, Milan Begovich, Alex Phelan, Adam van Dalen, Hayley Savage and Claire Alderton.

A huge thank you to Claire Jolly and Brad Johns for spending numerous hours organising camp and being away from their whānau for the week.



Space Place:

I would also like to thank all the parents who gave up their time to help out on the visits to Space Place this week. These trips can not go ahead without your help.



Ngā mihi
Caine Webster - Principal
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FROM THE OFFICE

Aotea College 2025 enrolments

Enrolments are now open for students wishing to attend in 2025.

Our open evening will be held on Thursday 13th June. We will be running two sessions 3:30 to 5pm & 5:30 to 7pm.

All out of zone enrolment applications MUST be received by Monday 24th July to be included in the ballot. Please check our website www.aotea.school.nz for details on how to enrol. If you have any questions, please contact our enrolment officer on aln@aotea.school.nz

Junior Assembly Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded with a certificate last week

Aspen
Florence
Wolf

Lachie M
Gubby
Connor W

Griffin
Kelsey



HIGH FIVE

Annabelle and Alasdair both received the Derbridge cup award for their age groups at Paekākāriki surf lifesaving club. Great achievement for their first year of Nippers.



Kawhia visit Space Place

I went to Spece Place. I saw a marble run.
I saw a movie. Nova



I went to Space Place.
I saw a telescope.
I had fun at Space Place.
Cara

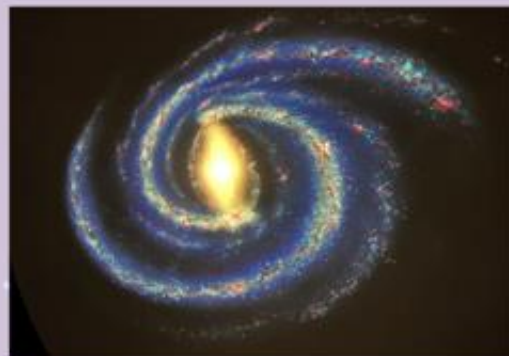


Kawhia visit Space Place

I went to Space Place and I went on the bus.

I saw a shooting star. I had fun.

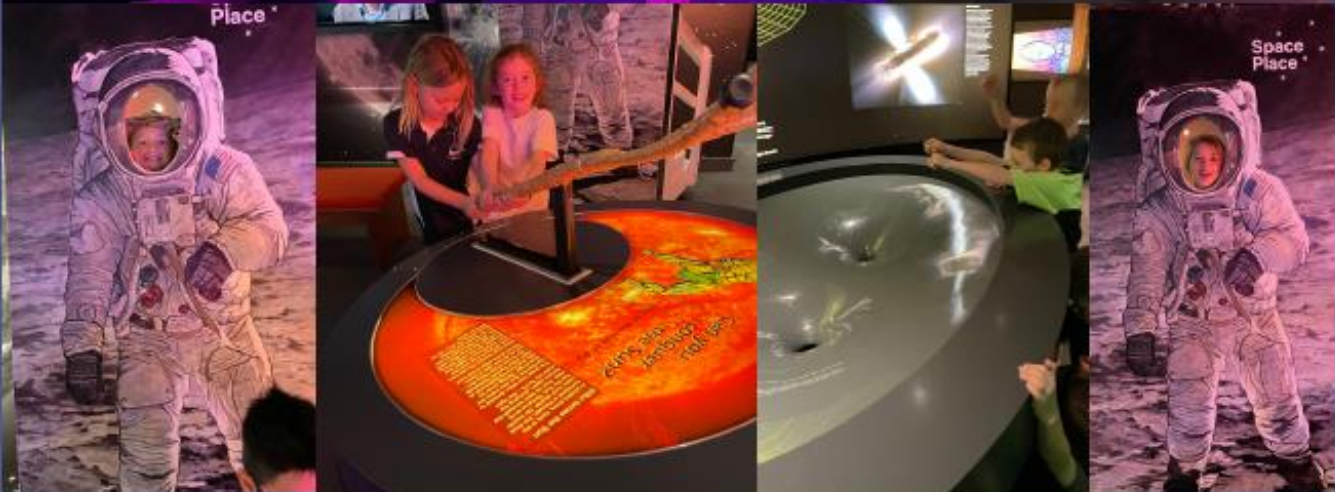
Jayden



I saw the rocket.
I saw the stars.
I saw moons.
I saw the movie.
I loved it
Aspen



We absolutely loved our trip to Space Place!
The interactive exhibits and planetarium show made
learning about the universe fun and engaging.
Special thank you to all the parents for joining and
supporting us on our unforgettable trip.



I learnt that you could fit 1,000,000 Earths inside the Sun.

Lachie A

Something I didn't know before was that if you get stuck in a black hole you will get stretched.

Jade

At Space Place I learnt that a black hole is formed when a star explodes.

Hunter

I would like to know how galaxies are made, and how dust and other things can form different colours in the galaxy.

Indigo



I would like to know more about the Moon.

Zara

My favourite part at Space Place was the movie because I learnt a lot of stuff about space and the galaxy.

Laylah



Raukawa

Learning about
navigation and
journeys...



We had a fantastic trip to Space Place and the Wellington Museum this week. At the planetarium we learned about how you can navigate using the stars. We watched a film sharing the story of Māori, Pasifika and, later, European navigation towards Aotearoa.



It was lots of
fun riding
the cable
car!



At Wellington Museum of City and Sea we learned about Māori, and European voyaging traditions.

Many of the students expressed interest in spending more time at the museum... so if you're looking for a fun day out with the family we'd really recommend exploring Wellington Museum together!



What an awesome way to discover how skilled our tūpuna had to be to travel the largest ocean on Earth! We'll be continuing the nautical theme back at school in the coming weeks, including learning more about navigating using compass directions and star constellations, different types of waka, and tying knots.



Whitireia Camp 2024

What the kids have to say about their camp experiences...

I highly enjoyed camp, the activities were really fun the food was amazing the thing I had the most fun on was the downhill carts and I loved sitting on the gold beach at the end of our walk. -Zion

My time at camp was super awesome! I enjoyed the food, activities, my friends and the fun time I got to spend with them. One thing I didn't quite enjoy was how tight the harnesses had to be when you were suspended halfway up into the air levitating. Really hurts. I did enjoy most of my time at camp! other than harnesses there's nothing else that I can complain about, not that I'm trying to! But you know what I mean. The food was so delicious, I gobbled it all up like I was starved for weeks! I experienced so many new things. For example: Before camp I had no idea what abseiling was! But since then I've been dying to try it again. And that's all because I tried it out! Thank you for telling me to try it out even if I didn't want to. -Fenia

Camp was really fun I loved hanging out with all my friends and trying new things. On the first day We went on the 12.4k able Tasmin walk, we stopped halfway through at this stunning beach with the most golden sand and clear water there were so many pretty shells and crabs. Then on the second and third day we did activities my 2 favourite activities were down-hill carts and the ziplining. The ferry was fun too on the first ride we saw dolphins which was so cool! -Morgan

School camp was very fun, but in my opinion doing the activities and hanging out with friends and trying out all the different activities were the best! Personally the meals were amazing and would definitely go back if i got the chance. -Addi

I had a great time at camp because I was with all my friends. The food was amazing and I tried different ones. I tried a lot of different things like Ziplining, confidence course. On the Tuesday we went to the Abel Tasman walk and it was a long walk (14 kilometers) There was such a pretty view and a golden sand beach. (Apple tree bay) I didn't get much sleep but I was still energized in the morning. The camp had a dog called Gypsy. She was black and white and very cute. She loved playing with people and catching the ball.
- Georgia

The camp was very exhilarating and one of the reasons is because of the dog called Gypsy also the tasks were so fun and the food was so delicious and the nice thing is that we didn't need to clean the dishes.
-Ethan

I loved the amazing camp and all the cool activities that we could do. I also loved the huge walk that we did. I had a great time. -Ryder

Camp was one of the best things I have ever done. If I could go again I would because...the activities there were great: flying fox, go carts and way more. -Indi

We had a great time at camp because of all the activities and experience. My favorite activity was archery and ziplining. The talent show was amazing with everyone in a group performing with jokes, quizzes, and dances. In my opinion camp was great. -Emma

My time on camp was great and I was always smiling every bit of the way. My favorite activities were abseiling and rock climbing. It was so fun and Mark was not gonna let me down until I did it. My favorite dinner was the nachos. They are so good and my least favorite thing about camp was my suitcase. It was really funny though. -Katie-Jean

What a fantastic week we had with the Year 7 & 8 students last week! Thank you to all parents for your support and for supporting your tired kids to recover from a full on week! Your children showed resilience, determination and pride in their achievements. They were good friends, an excellent cheer squad and so much fun to hang out with. We have made memories that will last a life time! - Mrs Jolly

Whitiria Camp 2024



SUNDAY YOGA

Come and join Tina and Ana as we guide you through yoga class each Sunday.

TIME

0800am

WHERE

Pāuatahanui
School Hall

ALL ABILITIES

CASUAL OR 5WEEK BLOCK

\$15 per class
\$10 concession

TINA

Tina's class is gentle, moving and breathing. Basic yoga poses for depth of the practice.

ANA

Dynamic yoga flow with strength and core movements

BENEFITING

For those needing relaxation and rejuvenation in body, mind and spirit.



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