

Newsletter Term 3

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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Monday 19th August 2024

Porirua City Council and Rotary Leadership Awards:

On Monday August 5th Brad Johns and I were privileged to attend the Porirua City Council and Rotary Leadership Awards. At these awards we had two students receiving awards:

- Katelyn Exley
- Kaitlyn Foley



It was great to be able to see Katelyn and Kaitlyn recognised for the way in which they demonstrate leadership at school and also have them recognised as part of the wider group of student leaders across Porirua and Tawa

Literacy & Maths:

There have been a few recent education announcements that have caused concern for schools, their principals and teachers. Two weeks ago, it was announced that the new mathematics curriculum roll out will be expected to be in place at the start of Term One, 2025, alongside the refreshed English curriculum. As you will know, Pāuatahanui School has been changing the way we teach literacy over the past 2 to 3 years. These changes have taken time to get our heads around as they have meant some significant shifts

in the way we teach. Our team of awesome teachers have made these changes but it hasn't been easy. Sustainable change is an evolution, not a revolution.

The changes proposed by the government have been fast tracked due to assessment data stating that only 22% of Year 8 students are achieving at curriculum expectations. This was a dishonest use of data as it was based on testing of a small sample of less than 900 students against new draft curriculum expectations that haven't even been taught yet. Though there is a need for schools to improve the teaching of literacy and maths to ensure equitable outcomes for students, getting schools to make two significant pedagogical shifts in a short space of time, without suitable professional development, is asking too much of schools and their teams.

At Pāuatahanui School, we are, thankfully, in a position where these changes will not greatly affect us. We are already implementing structured approaches to literacy and we have been engaged in professional development around Maths pedagogy. We are seeing the positive effects on student outcomes and the growth in professional knowledge of our teachers. We will not be rushing to make any changes in the near future.

We acknowledge that success looks different for each individual child. As well as academic areas such as literacy and maths, we also value the arts, physical activity, and learning about the world around us. We know that students can be amazing artists, sports people and kind, caring citizens. This is also success for our ākonga. We do want to ensure our students have strong literacy and maths foundations, we also want to expose the richness of these other areas of the curriculum.

Visit from Gillian Candler:

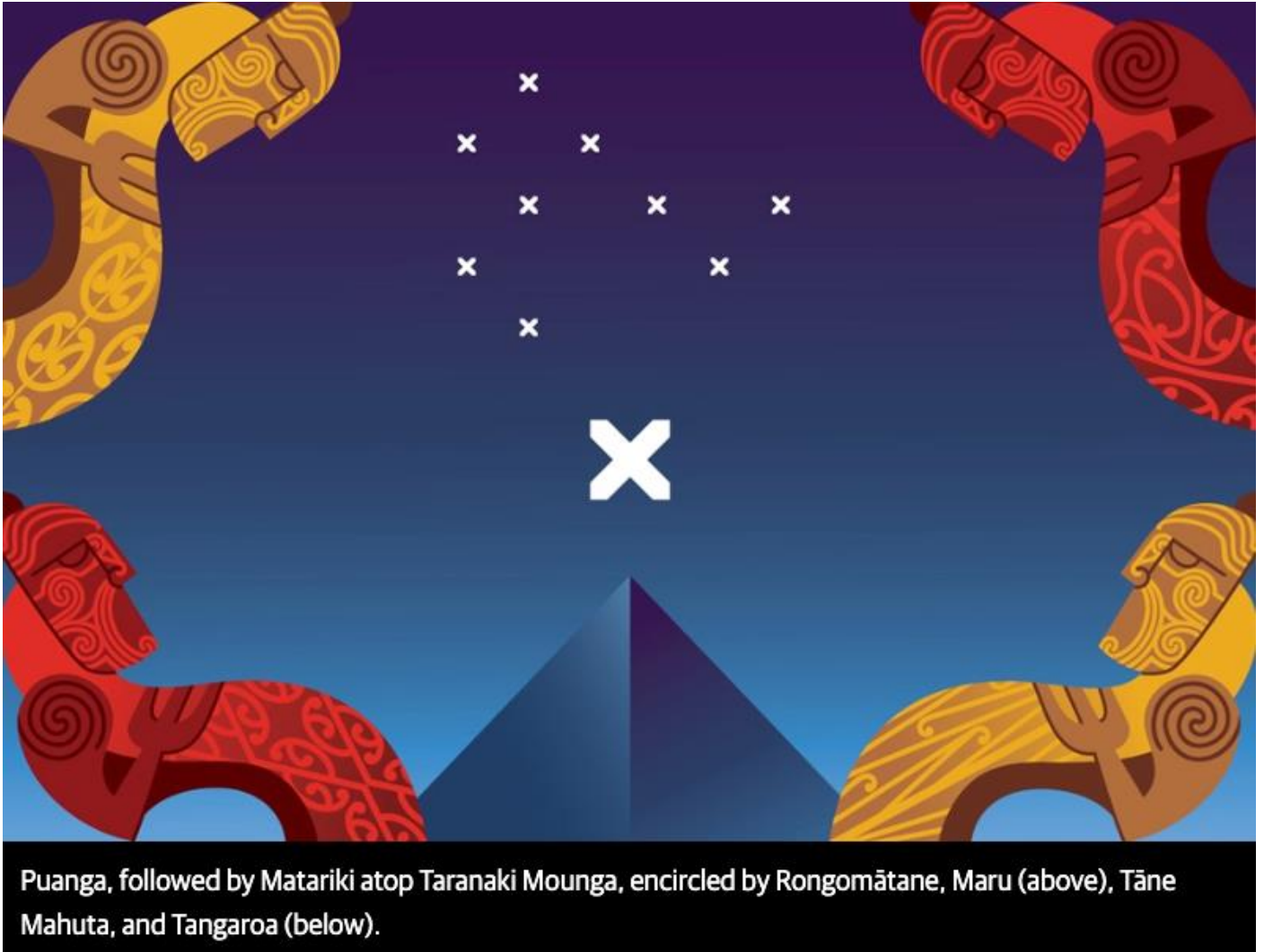
We were very lucky to host author Gillian Candler on Tuesday. Gillian writes non-fiction books for children sharing what she has learnt about Aotearoa's unique wildlife and amazing wild places. Our children were very lucky to have listened to her stories of her adventures and also how she shares these adventures when writing books.

We received some fantastic feedback from Gillian - *I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed visiting your school yesterday. The children were so engaged and I was so impressed with what I heard about how the children had been prepared for the visit and the artwork that I saw.*

Thank you for hosting me.

Ō Maātou Uara/ Values:

It was always our intention to have images for our new school values properly designed. Fortunately I happen to have a very talented cousin Kohe Webster who is an artist and who has Ngati Toa and Nagti Raukawa whakpapa. Kohe works within the Wellington City Council's Mataaho Aronui team by day, and then turns into an illustrator by night. He designed the latest, and last, cover of Our Wellington – Tō Tātou Pōneke.



Kohe has provided us with some pretty amazing values designs and some really cool korero that explains the designs. We are very thankful to Kohe for gifting these amazing designs to us. The next step is to have them more visible around our school.

Ō MĀTOU UARA VALUES



MANAAKITANGA
We care



PŪKENGATANGA
We excel



MANA AOTŪROA
We explore



KOTAHITANGA
We come together

Pūkengatanga - This design uses pākati (spearhead-shape) as the main element. Pākati is a whakairo pattern that is generally used to depict strength and can also be used to depict leadership. It's framed by a sort of rauponga design, which generally can be used to represent whakapapa - what came before made it possible to excel. It propels you forward in grounding you in your identity.

Mana Autūroa - This one was inspired by the use of the compass we originally had. Stars have been used to essentially represent the same idea. The whetū were obviously a key navigation tool for Māori so the concept aligns well. It lends itself to aspirations as well - a sort of pae tawhiti or far off land that feeds our curiosity to explore.

Kotahitanga - This uses a pūhoro design, which is used in kowhaiwhai and moko. The pattern here is used to represent two things, the interlinking of the design shows unity but also is often used to depict water. Wai is the essence of life and connects us all as people.

Manaakitanga - This uses a kaokao design overlayed on a poutama design. Both are elements that come from weaved Tukutuku panels. Kaokao is the triangular shape at the fore. Kaokao sort of means 'armpit' but is used to represent protection the responsibility we have to one another, which works in with the manaaki concept. The stepped pattern behind is poutama. This is often used in education as it comes from the story of Tāne ascending the heavens and acquiring the Kete of knowledge.

Ngā mihi

Caine Webster - Principal

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FROM THE OFFICE



Congratulations to these junior students who got awarded with a certificate at their recent assembly:

Rose	Oliver	Taylor	Cohen	Isabel
Liam	Anya	Jacob	Ruby	Oakley

Book Character Day Winners



Congratulations to the following students who were winners on Friday at our Book Character Day!

Gray House:

Lachie J, Fenia, Archie H, Indigo

Stace House:

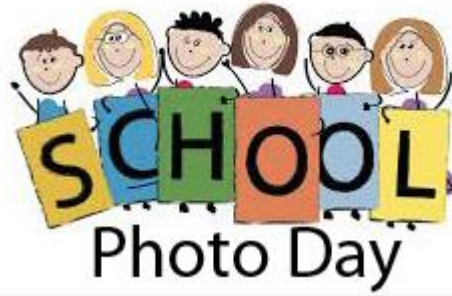
Ethan, Sofia, Annie M, Lachie M

Boulton House:

Pieta, Mia, George T, Cody

Bradey House:

Ella B, Mako, Lachie A, Cara, Ebony



A reminder that this year's school/sports photographs are being held from Tuesday 27th – Thursday 29th August. Your child's teacher will notify you of their exact class photo day. For full details, including how to book a sibling photo, please refer to our previous information posted in Hero on 9th August.

Yummy Stickers

Keep saving the 'Yummy' stickers on your fruit to enable us to get some free sports gear for the school. We will notify you towards the end of this term when they need to be brought to school. You can either download a sticker sheet at www.yummyfruit.co.nz or pick a sheet up at the school office counter.



Two newborn lambs are available for adoption. Please contact Kirsten Ph 021 397 713 if you can give them a home.

Porirua Junior Touch Competition

TOTAL Touch

PORIRUA JUNIOR TOUCH

6 WEEK COMPS
TERM 4 - 29 OCT 24
TERM 1 - 18 FEB 25

GAMES FROM 4PM
TUESDAYS
ONEPOTO PARK

GRADES:
YEAR 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8
BOYS, GIRLS, MIXED

REGISTER THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL

MORE INFO:- TOTALTOUCH.ORG.NZ OR
FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM @TOTALTOUCHWGTN

Want to get involved?
Help out by coaching or managing a team.
Total Touch provide a highly recommended coaching course for all, to
improve confidence & reduce anxiety around these roles.
No experience required!

Keep an eye out for further details to follow in Hero, if your child is keen to be part of our school Touch team. Meantime, should you have any queries feel free to contact Kayleigh Peach (Room 1 teacher).



BOOK CHARACTER DAY!

We dressed up.



We had a parade.





Our house captains read us a story.



LAMB AND CALF DAY



Lamb and calf day is coming!

Did you know that it takes upwards of 200 volunteers to make lamb and calf day happen?

On the day we need an adult from every family to do a full day shift, or two adults to do a half day shift each.

We also need help coordinating many of the events/stalls in the lead up to the event.

Without our wonderful families doing their bit in the lead up and on the day, we would be unable to run this much loved day. The school and tamariki would also miss out on the crucial funds that are raised from our biggest fundraiser.

There's no beating around the bush, in previous years we have struggled to fill our volunteer requirements. This has meant that those who do help end up doing much more than their fair share in the lead up and on the day.

This year we want things to be different! We would love to fill all our volunteer roles and shifts as early in the piece as possible.

Soon you will receive a call out for volunteer roles and shifts. Please help us to make this day and planning a success and fill two shifts on the day (at a minimum) and something in the lead up if you can. Hot tip - Get in quick to secure your preferred options!

We have such a wonderful school community - it's one of the special things about our school. Let's pull together to make lamb and calf a success in 2024!

FUNDRAISING



Thank you so much to everyone who supported our recent Scholastic Book Fair. We are delighted to announce that total book fair sales were in excess of \$4,000.00. This means we will receive a nice new influx of books worth **\$1,475.00** for our school library!!!



A huge **thank you** shout out to Eftpos Specialists, for the donation of an Eftpos machine for our Mitre 10 Sausage Sizzle held earlier in the month.

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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#PAUA

*Excludes Trade & Pre-Negotiated discount sales, 5% for Ride-on sales. Available in STIHL Shop's Petone, Porirua & Upper Hutt



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.

GILLIAN CANDLER AUTHOR VISIT



This week the whole school enjoyed having the author Gillian Candler visit us. We have been reading her books this term in our classes. It was great to hear her speak, read stories and answer our questions about being an author. Thanks for visiting us Gillian!

Room 3 and 4 were inspired by one of Gillian's books to create kingfisher art.





Olympic Mania In Tainui

In Tainui, we have enjoyed cheering on our NZ olympians and catching up on what has happened over night. We have read texts about our first olympians, written our own fact books about the olympics, competed in our own math 'sprints', designed mascots, created flags to represent our houses and so much more.



PARIS 2024







Raukawa HABITATS

Gillian Candler's books inspired our classes.

Rm 7 has begun an art composition relating to the different habits of New Zealand, with groups painting these.

Rm 6 have made book corners from instructions on her website of kiwi.

Check out some of our amazing work!

We were put into groups to paint different habitats, and ours is the 'river' group. Our background is finished so now we are adding the animals.

Elizabeth, Rm 7

We made kiwi book corners with coloured paper by folding in 3 steps and then added eyes, beaks and feet.

Amorey, Rm 6



Room 6 is making sunset art, with Maori koru and patterns on them. We got the idea from a New Zealand artist. It is Raina Cottier.

Archer, Rm 6



Whitireia Hub!

Author, Gillian Candler, come to visit and talk about how a book goes from concept to published. Keep an eye out for the books we are going to be producing!



Our amazing artwork. Come and check it out in our classes!



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