

Newsletter Term 4

Wk 5 2024



PĀUATAHANUI SCHOOL
Term Dates 2025

Term 1 Mon 3 Feb – Fri 11 Apr
Term 2 Mon 28 April – Fri 27 Jun
Term 3 Mon 14 Jul – Fri 19 Sep
Term 4 Mon 6 Oct – Tue 16 Dec

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Kia ora e te whānau.

2025 Staffing:

New Entrant	Year 1 & 2	Year 2 & 3	Year 3 & 4	Year 4 & 5	Year 5 & 6	Year 5 & 6	Year 7 & 8	Year 7 & 8
Kawhia			Tainui		Raukawa		Whitireia	
Maddy Bain (Junior school leader)	Rochelle Kearney	Sharon Gibson & Kate Excel	Tracey Mills	Kayleigh Peach (Senior school leader)	Joelle Clark	Jen Cooze	Brad Johns	Eryn Street

We are still working through in which classroom each teacher will be and will be able to confirm this soon.

You may notice that 2025 we will have 9 classes instead of 10. The staffing allocation we have received from the Ministry of Education is slightly lower than expected, even though our roll numbers are steady with a slight increase. Due to this, we have had to reduce the number of classes to 9. This will not cause a significant increase in class sizes.

We are currently in the process of placing children in classes for 2025. A lot of thought goes into this process and all staff are involved throughout the process. If you have any information or considerations that we might find useful when placing your child please complete this form - [Class placement information or consideration](#). Please note that this form is not intended as a teacher request form. The form will be closed on Monday 25th November.

Claire Jolly:

The Board of Trustees has granted Claire a year's leave from school for 2025.

Claire has decided that she needs to step away from teaching for a year, with the plan to be back at Pāuatahanui School in 2026.

Claire has been an important part of our school community as a teacher and leader. We will definitely miss having her energy and smiley face around.

While I know as a year 7 & 8 teacher and the senior team leader this leaves a few gaps, I believe we have an amazing team of teachers who are able to bring their gifts, talents and leadership in these areas.

We wish Claire well for 2025 and look forward to her return in 2026.

Amy Sarniak-Thomson:

Sadly, Amy will finish at Pāuatahanui at the end of this year. Amy's hours have been increased at Churton Park School, which means she is no longer able to work at both schools. Amy has been at Pāuatahanui for over 5 years where she has filled many valuable roles. She has contributed hugely to the school community, and we thank her for all her hard work and effort during this time. We will miss having Amy's positivity, sense of fun and infectious laugh. We wish Amy all the best for the future.

Grace McRobie:

Unfortunately, Grace will be leaving Pāuatahanui School at the end of 2024. We are thrilled to announce that she has gained a teaching position at Upper Hutt Primary School for 2025. Grace has done a wonderful job in her two years with us as a classroom teacher as well as a learning coach before that. She has contributed to our school community in many ways, and we will miss having her here at school.

We wish Grace the best of luck on the next part of her journey in her teaching career.

Rochelle Kearney

We are delighted to welcome Rochelle back to our Pāuatahanui family in 2025 after taking this year off. She will be teaching in a year 1 and 2 class.

Parumoana Athletics

On Tuesday a group of 40 students travelled to Adventure Park to compete at the Parumoana Athletics. There was some pretty tough competition across all of the events, but every one of our Pāuatahanui students should be very proud of their efforts. A big thank you to Emma Woodward who managed the team at the event as well as Brad Johns and Tanya Ossont who ran the shot put event for the day. Students who competed in the event:

Finn Macpherson	Riley Nichols
Jackson Bryan	Shaela Phillips
Liam Thompson	Toby Webster
Luane Botha	Waimarino Paora
Mason Hillis	Amelie Leaver
Molly Presling	Hunter Press
Riley Styles	Lawrence Wang
Zion Witana	Nova Parsons
Emily Robertson	Paytin Guy
Anna Thompson	Sofia Layfield
Annabelle Ossont	Bonnie Draper
Mila Van Dalen	Ella Haughton
James Turner	Emma Winiata
Louis Marwick	Ethan Wickham
Lucas Hegan	George Brown
Oscar Clement	Harrison Pointon
Pieta Sarniak-Thomson	Mackie Turei
Tyler Savage	

Congratulations to the following students who gained placings. Qualification for the Regional Athletics event which is on Tuesday 26th November will be confirmed soon.

- Year 6 Girls relay team - 1st:
 - Pieta Sarniak-Thomson
 - Annabelle Ossont
 - Nova Parsons
 - Paytin Guy
- Year 6 Boys relay team - 3rd:
 - Riley Nichols
 - Waimarino Paora
 - Lawrence Wang
 - Toby Webster
- Zion Witana - 1st Year 8 Boys Vortex
- Shaela Phillips - 1st Year 5 Girls High Jump
- Amelie Leaver - 2nd Year 6 Girls High Jump
- Pieta Sarniak-Thomson - 2nd Year 6 Girls 800m
- Hunter Press - 2nd Year 5 Boys Long Jump
- Oscar Clement - 3rd Year 5 Boys 80m and 3rd Year 5 Boys 150m
- Riley Styles - 2nd Year 7 Girls High Jump, 3rd Year 7 Girls 100m, 3rd Year 7 Girls 200m

Interzone Swimming:

Congratulations to Sofia Layfield, Lawrence Wang and Nova Parsons who qualified to compete at the Interzone swimming competition which is being held Friday 15th November. We wish the three of you the best of luck, we are sure you will be amazing.

Epro8:

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 Epro8 team of Annabelle Ossont, Jack Atkins, Jessica Banner and James Turner who won their heat last Thursday. This means they have now qualified for the semi-finals which take place on Wednesday 27th November at Brandon Intermediate.



Property update:

Sensory Room:

This project has been a long time coming, especially as we pushed out the start date, so it didn't clash with Lamb and Calf Day. This is an exciting project as it provides a unique and flexible space for all students to have the opportunity to work in. Demolition has already taken place and the project will be in full swing from Monday. This project will be completed before day one of term 1 2025.

Carpet replacement:

We are pretty excited to have the carpet replaced in a few of the classrooms and the learning centre. Classes which are having their carpet replaced:

- Room 2
- Room 3
- Room 4
- Room 7
- Room 10
- Learning Centre

The new carpet will make a huge difference in these spaces, making them feel brighter and fresher. Each class will take 3 days to complete and while this is being done the children in the class will work in the learning centre.

Shade Sails:

We are delighted to let you know that we are installing two 7m x 7m shade sails in the space between the staffroom and the learning centre. This is an area we have identified as a priority to provide shade for our junior students who play and eat in that space. These shade sails will be installed before the end of the year.

Ngā mihi

Caine Webster - Principal

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FROM THE OFFICE

Lost property

Now that the weather is still cool in the mornings but can get quite hot during the day, the students take off their jerseys and warm layers and drop them wherever they might be. Please make sure you name all your child's belongings, so we can reunite their precious things with them. We have a huge constantly growing pile of unnamed clothing here. On nice days, we will put this out for you to go through and claim what is yours. At the end of the year all unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



Assembly Certificates

These students were awarded with a certificate in this week's junior assembly. Congratulations!



Hollie G
Aurora S
Lucas C
Millie M

Marlo C
Freya A
Florence C
Pippa H

Elizabeth-Jean D
Hunter H
Darcey B

Fence Pickets

We are taking more orders for the next lot of engraved fence pickets. Here is the link to order form <https://forms.gle/BXKzxdYH3x4yENjz5>



Lucky Book Club Brochures

These have come home with your children. Can you please get your orders in (either online or drop off in the office) by the 18th of November. Thank you.

Hīkoi mō tē Tiriti

Please plan for potential impact due to possible disruptions to the transport network when Hīkoi mō te Tiriti arrives in the Wellington region on November 18th and 19th.

Information from Waka Kotahi, NZ Police and Council

about the upcoming NZ Police, Waka Kotahi NZTA and Council initiative, 'Better Together'.

We know alcohol is a major contributor to crashes on NZ roads, yet many drivers in the Porirua region are still getting behind the wheel after drinking. Alcohol can seriously affect drivers by slowing their reaction times and affecting their senses and judgement.

NZTA, NZ Police and Council are collaborating to get their '**Would You Rather**' messages out into the community. For the whole month of **November** there will be **increased police alcohol checkpoints**, set up at a variety of times at locations all around the Porirua and Greater Wellington Region. Campaigns like this are a great opportunity to strengthen and enhance our relationships with students, their whanau and other road safety partners.



LAMB AND CALF DAY



As we are winding up the last few jobs for this year's lamb & calf day, we are still awaiting some suppliers' invoices and can only give you final figures, once they are all in. The lamb & calf day committee is analysing the numbers and looking critically into maximising profit for next year. Just a few reminders:

- Please return your helpers shirts back to the office asap.
- If you haven't paid for your raffle tickets or food boxes, please make payment into the school account asap.

Here are the cake competition winners

Kids

1. Lachlan & Fletcher J - Sean the sheep - Won giant bubble wands and mix
2. Claire S - highland cow
3. Emily R - farm scene



Adults

1. Claire Phillips - tractor - won \$40 voucher for Ground Up (please pick up your voucher from the office)
2. Kelly Foley - farm scene
3. Clayton Franklin - gumboots

ROOM 3+4

Room 3 and 4 have been enjoying our 'safety superheroes' topic this term. We have had a visit from Constable Steve where we looked at traffic on the road. This week we walked down the bottom of the drive to see what traffic was coming passed our school. We made tally charts to display this data.



SAFETY SUPERHEROES



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OUR SWIMMING LESSONS
HAVE BEEN A HIGHLIGHT
THIS TERM!

WE ARE HAVING FUN,
BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN
THE WATER, AND LEARNING
NEW SKILLS EACH SESSION.



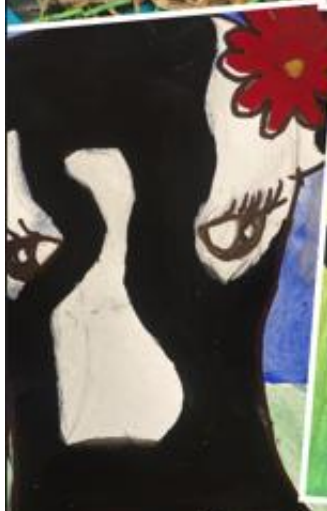


Raukawa

To make sure our school looked beautiful for Lamb and Calf day, we made some gorgeous art in Raukawa!

We're also getting ready to give speeches next week - and there are some amazing topics this year!

Congrats as well to our y5/6 Epro8 team who made it to the finals!



Whitireia Theme Parks

Whitireia have finished off their Theme Parks from term 3. This was a huge piece of work focused around STEM. They made a ferris wheel and a roller coaster. Follow these links to see the websites that Room 10 made to go with their Them Park:

[The Big Blue Lagoon](#)
[Bubble Kingdom](#)



[Tree and Sea](#)
[A is for Alpha](#)



[Noisy National Wildlife Park](#)
[Cruising on the Sea](#)



Kapa Haka



We are so proud of our Kapa Haka. Next week the Performance group are going to Rangikura to perform with other schools in Summerfest. They are practicing hard at the moment!



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