

Newsletter Term 1

Wk 1 2025

Kia ora e te whānau.

Welcome back:

It has been a great first week of school! It has been awesome to see everyone back and ready to go for 2025.

Pōwhiri:

We had our first pōwhiri for the year on Monday. This is the first time we have had a pōwhiri on the first day of school and I was extremely proud of the students who played key parts:

Kaikaranaga:

- Katelyn Exley
- Ella Haughton
- Emma Winiata
- Riley Styles
- Delylah Owen

Kaikorero:

- Riley Nichols
- Waimarino Paora

Some of you may be aware of the purpose and procedure of a pōwhiri and how this applies to our kura. If you weren't aware and would like to know more here is a doc explaining - [Pōwhiri at Pāuatahanui School](#)

Teacher Only Day:

Monday 3rd March the school will be closed for a teacher-only day. This teacher-only day has been provided by the Ministry of Education for schools to work on implementing the refreshed Maths curriculum. On this day we will be working with a facilitator and we will be focusing on furthering our understanding of the refreshed Maths curriculum.

Property update:

Sensory Room:

I have been given a slightly later completion date for the sensory room of Friday 21st February. The sensory room along with the kitchen are looking good and we can't wait for this project to be finished.

Shade sails:

If you haven't seen them already, the new shade sails are up outside the learning centre. These look fantastic and this space is now much more user-friendly for our junior children (and whānau) to learn and play.



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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2025 Calendar:

The school calendar is available anytime and can be viewed on Hero. Events and important dates will be added throughout the term.

School buses:

We have been sent updated bus routes from Mana Coach Services. Please see these below:

- [Paekakariki](#)
- [Moonshine](#)

School Lunches:

We provide the following school lunch options:

- Wednesday (all terms) - sushi
- Friday - sausage sizzle in terms 1 and 4, Pita Pit in terms 2 and 3

A sausage sizzle email will be sent out early next week. For sushi (and Pita Pit in terms 2 and 3) orders are taken via Lunch online - <https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/> . Please ensure you update your child's room number when ordering sushi (and Pita Pit) for the first time this year.

Whānau picnic:

Next Thursday 13th February we would like to invite you all to a welcome back to school picnic. This is an opportunity for you to visit your children's class, meet the teachers and board of trustees members and enjoy a picnic dinner with friends and whānau.

- 5.00pm - quick welcome and introduction to our staff
- 5.00pm to 5.30pm - you are free to visit classes where the teachers will be available so you can introduce yourselves and have a chat
- 5.30pm to 6.30pm - kai and play time

There will be a chance for you to book a time to meet with your children's teacher one to one in a few weeks. More details about these meetings will be sent closer to the time.

We would love it if you were able to join us next Thursday.

Being SunSmart:

The children have been pretty good in week 1 with wearing their hats when they are outside in the sun. We recommend and encourage the children to wear wide-brimmed hats like bucket hats. Teachers also encourage children to apply sunscreen. If your child is unable to apply sunscreen can you please let their teacher know. Can we please ask that your child's hat (and all clothing) be named. This makes it much easier to reunite lost hats and clothing with their owners.

Road Patrol:

Thank you to whānau of children who are trained to do road patrol and have filled out the Google Form informing us of when children are available to do road patrol duty. A timetable of when children are on duty will be sent home today.

We are still looking for parents to help with the supervision of road patrol in the mornings between 8.30am and 9.00am. If this is something you could help with please email Emma Woodward - emmac@pauatahanui.school.nz.

Caregivers contact form:

A print out of all your contact details and your emergency contacts will come home with your child next Monday. Could you please take the time to go through these details, correct or add if necessary and send the form back to the office if changes need to be made.

Drop off and pick up:

Pick up:

Can we please ask that you do not drop your children at school before 8.30am unless they are attending sKids. Teachers use the time before 8.30am to prepare for the day so children are not actively supervised before 8.30am.

Drop off:

Pick up is 3.00pm or near this time unless children are attending sKids or they are on a school bus which leaves school at 3.30pm.

A friendly reminder that the turning bay outside the school is a place to turn around and to pick children up who are waiting there. It is not a place to park and leave your car and walk up to school. Thank you to those who use this space appropriately. We also need to be considerate to our local businesses and neighbours and not park over their driveways and parks designated for their customers.

Ngā mihi

Caine Webster - Principal

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