

# Newsletter Term 3

## Wk 10 2024

Kia ora e te whānau.

### Pāuatahanui School Communication & Engagement Survey

This year we switched to using the Hero platform as our main way of communicating with the community. We are interested in your thoughts on how effective this has been as well as asking for feedback on communication in general. It would be fantastic if you are able to complete the survey so we can get an indication of how we are doing and where improvements are needed.

[Pāuatahanui School Communication & Engagement Survey](#)



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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### School Disco

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the disco last night. The kids had a fun night even though the weather was terrible outside. Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to help make the event successful. The disco was a fundraiser which contributed to the costs of the Whireia camp. I am pleased to announce that the profit from the disco was \$2136 - **THANK YOU!**





## Inter-Regional Cross Country:

Pieta Sarniak-Thomson and Anna Thompson represented Pāuatahanui School and the Wellington region at the Inter-Regional Cross Country competition yesterday at Harcourt Park in Upper Hutt. It is such an amazing achievement for the girls to qualify for the event and they should be very proud of their placings as there were some very talented runners competing. Pieta placed 12th out of 38 and Anna placed 21st 38. Congratulations on your efforts girls.



## Teacher Only Day:

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, Monday 14th October (first day of term 4) will be a teacher only day. This teacher only day has been provided the Ministry of Education for schools to work on implementing the refreshed curriculum. On this day we will be working with Jill Symonds a facilitator from Learning Matters and we will be focusing on teaching writing using a structured approach similar to how we already teach spelling and reading.

## School holidays:

I hope everyone has an enjoyable end of term break and you manage to spend some quality time together as a whānau. Term 4 is shaping up to be a busy term, especially with Lamb and Calf Day just around the corner.  
Take care.

Ngā mihi  
Caine Webster - Principal  
[principal@pauatahanui.school.nz](mailto:principal@pauatahanui.school.nz)

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Just a reminder, there is still time to nominate yourself or someone else to be a parent representative on the Board of Trustees.

- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 12.00** Nominations close
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** Voting papers will be issued
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** Election Day (voting closes at 4.00pm)
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** counting of votes. (this is later than election day to allow for postal votes to arrive)
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** New Board members take office.

If you have any questions about the election process, please get in touch with the school office.

## FROM THE OFFICE

At last week's junior assembly the following students were awarded with a certificate: Belinda, Heston, Lochlan, Laura, Felix, Jaxon, Cara, Wren, Hazel, Stan

Congratulations. Well done!



## Junior Touch

If you are interested in playing touch next term, please [click this link](#) and fill out the form. Any questions, contact Kayleigh Peach - [kayleighp@pauatahanui.school.nz](mailto:kayleighp@pauatahanui.school.nz)

**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  
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improve confidence & reduce anxiety around these roles.  
No experience required!



## LAMB AND CALF DAY

### **Lamb and Calf Day update:**

The countdown is on! 5 weeks to go!! The crew is doing amazing work behind the scenes, and there are a few important updates below.

Thank you to those of you who have signed up for a job/s for L&C Day! There is still time, so check out the link emailed out to see what jobs are available. Or email Mandi at [volunteers@lambandcalfday.co.nz](mailto:volunteers@lambandcalfday.co.nz)

### **Raffle:**

Today your child/ren will be given a raffle book with 20 tickets to sell! The tickets are \$3 each and there are some impressive prizes.

There are spare books, so please let the office know if you would like extras. The more books we sell, the more money we will make for the school, so please encourage your child to contact whānau members, friends, or work colleagues!

### **Jumble and Second-Hand Clothing Drop offs:**

Goods we are looking for are second hand clothing, no holes or obvious stains, and toys like books, puzzles, games, soft toys, dress ups, ride on bikes, baby toys, accessories. Please only drop off goods in good condition and games and puzzles only if they are complete.

Drop off details:

Sunday 6th October 4pm - 5pm

Wednesday 16th October 5pm – 6pm

The gates to the school grounds will be opened so that you may drive straight up to the football field for drop offs.

### **Non-perishable items for hampers:**

Next term we will be asking for donations please for the hampers used in the quick fire raffle. Anything non-perishable will be gratefully accepted! Examples are (but not limited to), food items, oils, 'smellies', toiletries, vouchers, hair and skin care.

### **Ring animals :**

If you'd like to bring your animal to Lamb and Calf day and enter in the animal ring, please head to the website. Here is the link! <https://lambandcalfday.co.nz/ring-animal-entry/>

We will have a meeting with the committee Tuesday 1st October 6.30-7.30 in the staffroom. All welcome



Have a lovely holiday!

**LAMB & CALF DAY**  
**PĀUATAHANUI SCHOOL**  
**SAT 2<sup>ND</sup> NOV 10AM-2PM**

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# Room 3+4



This week we enjoyed reading the story 'Goldilocks and the three bears'.



We wrote stories, used the story to look at measurement/volume, made porridge, wrote recipes and more!







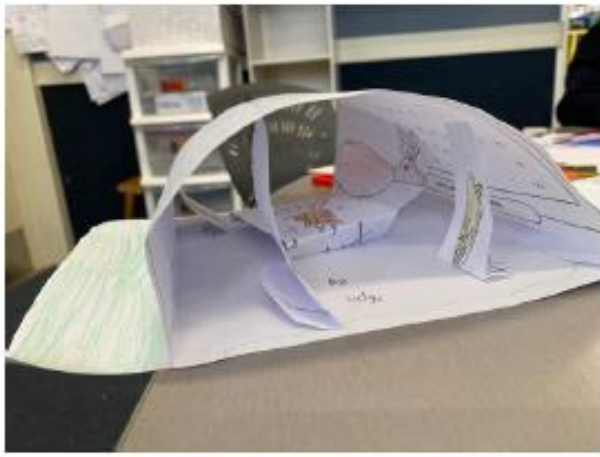


After reading *The Wild Robot*, Room 1 and Room 5 went to Pāuatahanui Light House Cinema to see the movie on release day. It was an awesome experience seeing the story come to life and seeing our favourite characters.

The book and the movie inspired lots of art, writing and creative thinking.











*Raukawa*  
**SWIMMING  
LESSONS**



OUR SWIMMING  
LESSONS AT  
PLIMMERTON SCHOOL  
HAVE BEEN LOTS OF FUN.



THE FINAL WEEK ON  
MONDAY WAS EXTRA  
SPECIAL, AS WE  
FOCUSED ON LIFE-  
SAVING PRACTICES IN  
SURGING WATER,  
CLIMBING INTO, AND  
EXITING A BOAT, AS WELL  
AS MOVING THROUGH  
WATER IN LIFE JACKETS.



WE PRACTISED THE  
'GROUP HUDDLE' TO  
KEEP WARM, HOLD ON IN  
A LINE OF PEOPLE, AND  
MOVE IN ONE DIRECTION  
ALTOGETHER.



A BIG THANK YOU TO  
OUR COACHES FROM  
SWIM SCHOOL.







BEACH

SEAWEED MOVING AROUND.  
 SEA URCHIN PROTECTING ITSELF FROM  
 PEOPLE SHELL BEING STOLEN BY A BIRD.  
 STINGRAY LOOKING FOR FOOD.  
 GRASS BLOWING AROUND IN THE WIND.  
 DOLPHIN SWIMMING BACK HOME.  
 SHARK HUNTING FEROCIOUSLY.

BY TOM

**Food Webs ...**  
 Producers flourish  
 healthily  
 Consumers consume  
 hungrily  
 Prey stalks sneakily  
 Predators spy watchfully  
 Decomposers devour  
 daily  
 The cycle continues!

Shared Rm 6



JUNGLE...

PRODUCERS EATING THE  
 NUTRIENCE FROM THE GROUND .  
 CONSUMERS GETTING ENERGY  
 FROM EATING THE PRODUCERS.  
 PREY THRIVING WITH A BUSH TO  
 CATCH THE CONSUMERS.  
 APEX PREDATORS CHASING THE  
 PREY AROUND LIKE A BLACK  
 PANTHER.

BY MAX



SPECIAL HABITATS

DECOMPOSERS PROVIDE ENERGY  
 CONSTANTLY  
 PRODUCERS MAKE OXYGEN  
 BEAUTIFULLY  
 CONSUMERS GRAZE SLOWLY  
 PREY TEAR FOOD CRAZILY  
 PREDATORS THRIVE HUNGRILY  
 AND THE NECESSARY CYCLE  
 CONTINUES

-KEVIN

Room 6

HABITATS

Room 6 has continued to focus on habits, their ecosystems and related food chains. we have learnt about food chains start with producers, then are eaten by consumers, which often have consumers that include prey and predators.

We now know that decomposers are an important aspect of this cycle.

Enjoy our poems.

FOODWEB

PRODUCERS BREATHE SILENTLY  
 CONSUMERS NIBBLE  
 DAINTELY  
 PREY SOAR QUIETLY  
 PREDATORS DEVOUR  
 SUCCESSFULLY  
 TPO PREDATORS TEAR  
 VICIOUSLY  
 DECOMPOSERS MAKE THE SOIL  
 THE CYCLE CARRIES ON!

BY MIA

FOOD WEBS  
 PRODUCERS PROVIDE ENERGY  
 CONSTANTLY  
 CONSUMERS MUNCH DAINTELY  
 PREY STALK SILENTLY  
 PREDATORS CAPTURE  
 SUCCESSFULLY  
 DECOMPOSERS CONSUME  
 RAPIDLY  
 THE CYCLE GOES ON!

-JESS





# Whitireia and Raukawa BASKETBALL



This term in we have been lucky to have had basketball coaching for the Years 5-8 students.

We have learnt to dribble, pass, block, defend and shoot.

We particularly enjoyed the games that helped us practise these skills. As a result, you may observe us playing basketball during break times.



Thanks to Kiwi Hoops - the organisation that provided this opportunity.







# Tom Abercrombie and BNZ Kiwi Hoops filmed at our school!



Every Wednesday, Coach Josh comes and teaches us basketball skills. Because we are so awesome, Sky Sports came to film a session with the Year 7&8 classes. We got to meet with Tom and even shoot some hoops with him. It was an awesome morning. Keep an eye out for us on Sky Sports during the upcoming basketball season!



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