

Tena koutou e hoa ma – Greetings everyone

Nga mihi ki a koutou i te timatanga o te tau hou. Haere mai, haere mai haere mai. Welcome to all of you who are returning this year and welcome also to all of the new families to our school. We are looking forward to an exciting year in 2010.



Already we have an action packed calendar for this first term, beginning tomorrow with several events involving our students at Waitangi. We will all be going down to the Treaty Grounds during the day, beginning with the juniors heading off shortly after school begins. Notes have been sent home with students who may be involved in the ‘out of school time activities’ such as the Breakfast TV filming at 6:45am and Kapa Haka later in the afternoon. During the day the children will be involved with games and activities and the Kapa Haka group will be performing at 11:00am and at 2:40pm on the stage next to the waka house. I will be escorting four students who are heading out onto the HMNZS Canterbury for the middle part of the day. I am sure they

are excited about getting a closer look at one of our naval vessels.

If you are able to spare some time, please come along and enjoy the day with us.

The children have settled quickly into the learning and routines in the various classrooms. We have nearly 170 students already so the school is a hive of activity. The following is a staff list for your information.



David Rogers	Principal	Barbara O'Connor	Teacher Room 5 Year 2
Dairne Fitzpatrick	Deputy Principal Room 1 Year 7-8	Doris Davies	Teacher Room 4 /0 Year 1
Nikki Simmonds	Assistant Principal Room 5 Year 2	Andrea Sim	Office Administrator
Diane Neumann	Special Education Coordinator all levels	Veronica Potae	Teacher Aide
Adam Hogg	Teacher Room 2 Year 6-7	Ania Moore	Teacher Aide
Denise Hadwin	Teacher Room 7 Year 5	Karen Younger	Teacher Aide
Jo Coxhead	Teacher Room 6 Year 4	Shirley Kingi	Librarian / Teacher Aide
Michelle Williams	Teacher Room 3 Year 3	Glenys Rossell	ITC / Teacher Aide
Anne-Maree Cameron	Teacher Room 4 Year 1	Grant Whautere	Caretaker

All of our staff are here to help make Paihia School a great place for children and their families. Please come in and talk with us at any time you need to.

ERO Report

I've had a look at the draft report from the Education Review Office. In this draft report, the ERO have been very complimentary about the school and about the input you have in to making it the place that it is. When the report is confirmed by the ERO I will publish the ‘Letter to the Community’ so you can have a look. Well done everybody!

Coming Events

Date	Event
30 th Jan	Maromaku Trail Bike Ride 9am – 3.30pm (ph 4434756, 4334890)
9 th February	PTA meeting
9 th February	Mobile Ear Clinic
21 st February	Mayoral Challenge Bike Ride Kerikeri
14 th March	Kids Triathlon Onerahi

David Rogers
Principal



PTA NOTICE BOARD

The PTA will be meeting next Tuesday 9th February at the Kingsgate Hotel at 7.30pm. We have lost several members at the end of last year and we would love to see some new faces there. It is very informal and always a good excuse to get out of the house! Joining the PTA is a fantastic way to meet other parents at school, (especially for any new families) and to have lots of fun.

Included with this newsletter is information on a programme the PTA introduced last year called ‘‘Give Me Five.’’ Please take time to read this and return it to school with your child. It encourages you to help at school with various activities that interest you. We understand that all parents and caregivers are extremely busy with work and family commitments, so this programme gives you the opportunity to be involved with your child’s education with only a small amount of your time required. The more parents we can get involved, the easier and more enjoyable it makes it for everyone else!

Karen Younger
PTA Chairperson