

Tena koutou e hoa ma – Greetings everyone

As mentioned last week, we already have lots of things to look forward to this term, not the least of which is the school camp we are hoping to hold in week 7 or 8 (somewhere between the 17th and 26th March). As soon as I have the dates confirmed I will let you know. At the moment the plan is to have all of the children camp out at Urupukapuka Island for two nights (Wednesday and Thursday) with the juniors staying at the cabin site at Otehei Bay and the seniors in tents at Urupukapuka Bay. We quite often find that the youngest children in the school become a little anxious when we talk about camp so please reassure them that they have the opportunity to take part in something exciting but it is not compulsory. More details soon.

Cultural Performances

Today our Kapa Haka group will be performing on the village green to entertain the visitors from the Pacific Jewel moored out in the harbour as I write this newsletter. They will also be performing when the Queen Mary arrives on the 5th March.

On the 23rd February the whole school will travel over to Kerikeri to attend a performance at the Centre called ‘Snake and Lizard’. The performance costs \$5 per child and the transport will cost about \$9 however, the PTA will help with some of the cost and we will help with some as well but we will need to ask you for a small contribution of \$4 for each child please.

Farewell Nikki Simmonds

Tomorrow we say Farewell to Nikki as she embarks upon one of life’s most rewarding journeys...parenthood. Nikki is taking a year’s maternity leave and will be back at the start of next year. There will be a morning tea here at school at 10:40 am for those of you who would like to come along and wish her well.

Music Tuition

Music lessons will begin again next week. If you are continuing with the lessons please complete the slip below and return it to school by Monday. New students are welcome – the cost is the same as last term (\$7 for guitar and recorder lessons with children in groups of three and \$14 for piano lessons on an individual basis.) Because we have to employ our tutor based on the number of students participating, we will invoice you at the beginning of each term so you can get the fees to us as quickly as you can. We won’t be able to make adjustments if students are absent, however we will make sure that catch-ups are done if that becomes necessary.

Swimming sports

We will hold our swimming sports on the 10th March with the postponement date being the 12th March. More details soon.



Junior Swimming Timetable

The Juniors swap their swimming times each week in Term One.

	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9
1.30 – 2	Rm 5	Rm 3	Rm 4	Rm 5	Rm 3	Rm 4	Rm 5	Rm 3	Rm 4
2 - 2.30	Rm 4	Rm 5	Rm 3	Rm 4	Rm 5	Rm 3	Rm 4	Rm 5	Rm 3
2.30 – 3	Rm 3	Rm 4	Rm 5	Rm 3	Rm 4	Rm 5	Rm 3	Rm 4	Rm 5

School Banking

This is just a reminder that the ASB have a student banking facility here at school. Please ask if you would like some more information.

David Rogers
PRINCIPAL

Date	Event
13 th February	Mayoral Challenge Bike Ride Kaikohe
17 th February	Go By Bike Day
21 st February	Mayoral Challenge Bike Ride Kerikeri
23 rd February	Snake and Lizard Performance at the Centre
10 th March	Paihia School swimming sports (postpone 12 th March)
14 th March	Kids Triathlon Onerahi
17 th – 19 th or 24 th – 26 th March	School Camp at Urupukapuka Island

PTA News

Thank you to all of you who came along to the PTA meeting on Tuesday. We had a fantastic turnout and a very productive meeting. It was awesome to see so many new faces!

This year the PTA is aiming to set up a group of “helpers” for all those who are unable to attend meetings but who would still like to be involved in helping out with various fundraising activities where and when they can. We will email all the meeting minutes so that they keep up to date with what is happening. If you are interested in becoming a PTA “helper” please send your email address to Karen Younger at akyounger@slingshot.co.nz.

We are in the process of organising our School Gala Day. A date is yet to be confirmed but will either be the 20th or 27th of March. More information will follow but in the meantime please bring in any QUALITY GOODS you would like to donate to the school for our White Elephant stall. These can be left in Room 0 at school. Be sure to ask your friends, relatives and neighbours if they have anything to donate also. Everything we receive will help to support your school!

PAIHIA AFC

Soccer Registration

Thursday 18th February @ Paihia School

4 – 6pm

Come and have a kick around and get excited about soccer for this “World Cup” year!!

Players wanted 5 – 17 years

Any interested managers/coaches, enquiries, please ring Karen Younger on 09 4025200.

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I would like my child(ren) to have music lessons and agree to the fees as outlined below.

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 (Name of child/ren) (Instrument)

Signature of Parent/Caregiver.....

Instrument	Term One (6 lessons)	Term Two (10 lessons)	Term Three (10 lessons)	Term Four (8 lessons)	Total
Piano	\$84	\$140	\$140	\$96	\$460
Guitar	\$42	\$70	\$70	\$48	\$230
Recorder	\$42	\$70	\$70	\$48	\$230