

Tena koutou e hoa ma – Greetings everyone

Welcome back for the third term. We hope you all had an enjoyable time with your families over the last couple of weeks.

While we make sure we work hard to keep students progressing in all areas of the curriculum, this term we want to do some more work promoting achievement in maths. We have had a look at where our strengths and challenges are, and have set up some programmes in maths, like we do in reading, for students who could benefit from some extra input. We think it is a good idea to keep looking at areas we know we can make a difference in and work hard to help our children attain high levels of achievement.

Because we are a 'Place of Learning' one of the really important things we can do as a school is to show our students that learning doesn't ever stop. Many of you are engaged in continuing education through universities and polytechs so you will be aware of what I am talking about. Likewise, our staff (all of us) are continually updating knowledge, skills, understandings and strategies to make sure we do the best for our students and get the best out of them. Teachers and teachers' aides are attending professional development on an ongoing basis to meet this end. Some of the PD happens locally, and some happens further afield in places such as Auckland and Wellington. When our staff members get the opportunity to go further afield, we try and arrange for them to have a look at what is happening in other schools around the country. This is a great way to make sure we are at the front of the pack in terms of our learning and teaching programmes and it is also a great way to keep excited about the things we can do for our students at Paihia School.

Earlier in the week I sent a form home to confirm the arrangements for our Values / Churches programme. I've had around 100 responses back so I still need the rest please. Our first topic is 'Honesty'. This unit will run for four or five weeks and then our next unit will be 'Being Responsible'. The honesty unit will deal with concepts such as truthfulness, integrity, reliability and trustworthiness. Our 'Being Responsible' unit will cover things such as making choices and facing consequences, rights and responsibilities and the such-like. We would love to have you come along and have a look at what is happening so please feel welcome to join in whenever you are able.

Coming Events

Date	Event
28 th July	Mobile Ear Clinic
2 nd August	Powhiri for new students and families (9:00am)
25 th August	Fire Show (Fire safety for children)
3 rd September	Paihia School Cross Country
10 th September	Southern Bay of Islands Cross Country at Waikare
24 th September	Last day of term

Lost Property

We are holding a great volume of clothing left lying about the school at the end of last term. Please come and ask at the office if you are missing items from home.

David Rogers
PRINCIPAL

**Whangarei Mid-Winter Arts Festival**

This will take place during the weekend of 30 July to 1 August, after the school holidays. Check out the website www.mwaf.co.nz to find out more. There will be some lead up activities during the school holidays if you are interested.

Learn to Swim at Kawakawa

Swimming lessons are starting up on the 21st of July for the duration of Term Three. Call Tracy on 09 4076642 or 021 407665 or email boiswim@xtra.co.nz.

The cost is \$65 for ten weeks or \$100 for twice a week.

Kerikeri JMB Netball Draw for 24th July

Team	Arrive @ Courts	Court	Game	versus
Paihia Dolphins	12.20pm	7	12.50pm	Ecostore
Paihia Steelers	1.05pm	4	1.35pm	Royal Rubies
Paihia Allstars	2.35pm	4	3.05pm	Jaguars

Please note change of times – all games played in the afternoon due to Kerikeri High School's Senior Ball.

Paihia AFC Soccer Club AGM

This will be held on **Tuesday the 27th of July** at the Waterfront Apartments in Paihia. The agenda is to establish an Incorporated Society. Come along and learn about the Paihia Soccer Club, have input into the long-term vision, or just enjoy a fun social evening. Please support your club! Drinks and nibbles will be served. Contact Judith Harrison on 0274402608