

Kia ora koutou

First of all we warmly welcome to our school the following new students and their whānau – Imogen and Astin Lee-Phillips. A warm welcome back to Julian Bentley and Alexsi Apiata too. It is always such a pleasure to have students return to our school. I hope you all have a successful and enjoyable time at Paihia School. Nau mai piki mai haere mai ki a koutou ki te kura o Paihia. Whaia te iti kahurangi ki te tuohu koe me te maunga teitei.

Although this week is short it is a busy one. All students had swim safe lessons on Tuesday. The life skills are essential, especially in the Bay of Islands. Knowing how to be safe in and around water is the difference between life and death. I encourage you to ask your child what they did and learned with Tracey.

Today our Chromebooks arrived. All Year 4 students got their school-owned Chromebook and all Year 5 students got their own, brand new Chromebook. This was an exciting day. Thank you to all the parents who joined us in the whare this morning. A big thank you to those parents of Year 5 students who have completed the Purchase Agreement and paid the \$40 deposit.

The summer weather has been just great - hot and sunny...until today ☺. All students have been given a sun safe hat to wear at school. These are kept at school. The hats are blue and have Paihia School written on them. Please check at home to see if your child has accidentally taken theirs home last year as we are missing a small number. Students are expected to look after their school hat. If they do not take care of it this year they risk being asked to pay for a replacement. The hats are numbered and every child has been allocated a hat.

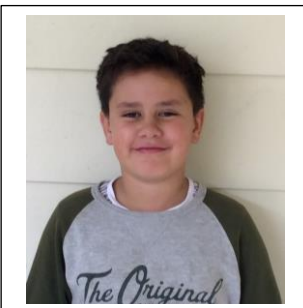
During the hot weather it is also important our children have plenty of water to drink. We really encourage all students to bring a bottle of water every day. These can be kept with them in class so they can drink whenever they are thirsty, not just left in their bags for morning tea or lunch.

Students are enjoying their new furniture and learning environments. Every learning environment had the opportunity to purchase new furniture at the end of the year. The exception to this was Te Maunga. The students of Te Maunga with their new teacher are currently preparing a list of modern furniture that we will purchase this term. Feel free to check out any of the new learning areas. We will be having a Paihia School Fun Family Evening on Thursday 2nd March. The rooms will be open for you to have a good look at that time also. We hope you can join us.

NB. We have kept the content of the newsletter from last week, as we have so many children still returning to school.

Ka pai ou wiki koutou katoa. Ka kite.
Have a great week everyone.

Jane Lindsay



From left: Astin, Imogen, Julian and Alexsi

Several pupils represented Paihia School at a book launch at the museum last week. The books are part of a series for children about the early history of New Zealand.

Important Dates and Events

Thursday 9th February 10am
Chromebook Roll Out Day

Friday 10th February 2.30pm
Nga Motu assembly

Friday 24th February 2.30pm
Te Maunga assembly

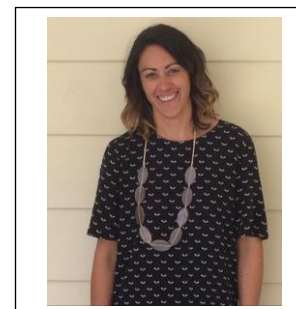
Thursday 2nd March
Russell Swimming Sports

Thursday 2nd March
Fun Family Evening

Friday 3rd March 2.30pm
Te Awa assembly

Thursday 13th April
Last day of Term One

Monday 1st May
First day of Term Two



Becks Newton



Ricardo Pereira
Apologies for last week's error!

STAFF, ROOMS AND CLASSES

2017 Team

Mrs Jane Lindsay	Principal	
Mrs Chrissy Smith	Teacher Years 6/7/8	Te Ngahere
	Deputy Principal	
Mrs Sarnia Pou	Teacher Years 6/7/8	Te Ngahere
Mrs Becks Newton	Teacher Years 4/5	Te Maunga
Mrs Diane Neumann	Teacher Year 4	Te Moana
Miss Denise Hadwin	Teacher Years 2/3	Nga Motu
Mrs Michelle Williams	Teacher Years 2/3	Nga Motu
Mrs Anne-Maree Cameron	Teacher Years 2/3	Nga Motu
Miss Nikki Simmonds	Teacher Year 1	Te Awa
	Assistant Principal	
Andrea Sim	School Administration Officer	
Shirley Kingi	Librarian / Teacher Aide	
Te Moana/Te Maunga		
Alisha Takimoana	Teacher Aide - Te Awa	
Brigitte Sharp	Teacher Aide - Nga Motu	
Gina Kilmister	Teacher Aide - Nga Motu	

STATIONERY

Your tamariki have been sent home with a stationery list. We have a full range of stationery available at the school office. If you wish to purchase it elsewhere that is fine as long as the books and lines are similar. Thank you to the many parents who have already purchased stationery. This is very supportive of your child's learning.

LUNCHES

This year lunches will only be available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We order healthy sandwiches and filled rolls from the local bakery. Fruit is also available.

SWIMMING

Swimming caps are available for sale at the school office – \$3 each. Students have already started swimming. All classes go swimming each week. Please ensure they have togs and towel in a plastic bag. We expect all students to swim - our pool is a salt water, solar heated pool. If your child is not well enough to swim on a given day, please send a written note to your child's teacher. Given that we live in the Bay of Islands, we believe swimming is a life skill that all our children need.

SCHOOL HOURS

08.55am to 10.40am	Classes
10.40am to 11.20am	Morning Interval
11.20am to 12.50pm	Classes
12.50pm to 1.30pm	Lunch Interval
1.30pm to 2.55pm	Classes
3.05pm	First bus departs
3.35pm	Second bus departs

Quote:

*'You will never have this day again.
Make it count'*

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