

Kia ora koutou. First of all we warmly welcome to Paihia School our new student Kanzas Wilson who has turned five years old. I hope you 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.

We are excited about the year ahead. While there are changes to learning environments teachers and teacher aides are focussing on accelerating student achievement in reading, writing and maths. Our results from 2016 show:

Reading: We did not reach our target of 85% at or above. At the end of 2016 66% were at or above the National Standard for Reading. In Term One 30% of students across the school were below the National Standards however by the end of Term Four 2016 18% were below. Progress was made.

Writing: We did not reach our target of 85% at or above. At the end of 2016 64% were at or above the National Standard for Writing. In Term One 30% of students across the school were below the National Standards but by the end of Term Four 2016 18% were below. Progress was made. Writing was an area where a group of 71 students from all classes and year levels were monitored closely throughout the year. The table below shows the achievement of this target cohort. While we have not reached our target 94% made progress. Of these children 35% made accelerated progress of between 1.5 and 3 years progress.

2016	Well Below	Below	At	Above
Term 1	51%	42%	7%	0%
Term 4	7%	48%	43%	2%

Maths: We did not reach our target of 85% at or above. At the end of 2016 63% were at or above the National Standard for Maths. In Term One 31% of students across the school were below the National Standards and by the end of Term Four 2016 17% were below. Progress was made.

Our Board of Trustees will set the targets for 2017 at our meeting on Monday. I can assure you we will all continue to do our very best to raise student achievement, particularly our Maori and senior students. We have a comprehensive plan with a focus on being culturally responsive, promoting student self-directed learning, plus highly effective teaching practice and learning environments.

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

Jane Lindsay  
Principal



Kanzas Wilson



All students in Nga Motu were present at school yesterday.  
Well done! Attendance is so important.

### Important Dates and Events

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Nga Motu assembly 2.30pm

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
BOT meeting 5.30pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Te Maunga assembly 2.30pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
Russell Swimming Sports

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Paihia School Fun Family Evening 5pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2.30pm  
Te Awa assembly

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Chromebook Parent meeting 5.30pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Te Ngahere assembly 2.30pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Te Moana assembly 2.30pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Last day of Term One

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
First day of Term Two

### Health News

Phillipa van der Pol is our Public Health Nurse. She will be starting regular weekly visits to school next week. More information to follow. She can be reached on 0800 100 643.

### Writing from Nga Motu

We have been learning about who we are and where we come from. We interviewed our parents to find out some interesting things about ourselves.

I was born at Kawakawa Hospital in 2010. My name is Yazmin Karena Valentina Dalton.

I like being in the Bay of Islands because I am close to the beach and close to my cousins. My mum is from Taupo and my dad is from Whirinaki. I like living in Paihia because I can walk to school.

My name is Ayanda. I was born in Kawakawa hospital. I like living in the Bay of Islands because my family is here. My dad is from Africa and his dad is from Zimbabwe. My family likes going to other countries.

My other family members live in Guernsey, Auckland and England. I like the Bay of Islands because there are good swimming holes. My dad chose my name. I was born in Kawakawa and I was one week late. My full name is Archie Colm Jonathan Sefton.

My name is Samantha Hazel Moyle. The rules in my family are to be polite, use your manners and do your best. Some of my ancestors came from Wales, England, Sweden and New Zealand. We like living in the Bay of Islands because there are small schools, beaches, nice weather and a good lifestyle. For fun my family likes to go out for lunch, go fishing, camping and dancing. I was born at 0230 on the 3rd of September 2009. I was nearly born in the car!

### Friday Night Skating

6 - 8.30pm through school term  
Baysport Complex, Harmony Lane, Waipapa.  
Bring your own skates or hire ours.  
Entry \$6 Skate hire \$2.  
[www.northlandstingrays.co.nz](http://www.northlandstingrays.co.nz)

### Concert at the Station

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
3pm onwards in the Workshop (big green shed at Kawakawa Railway Station.)

### Ocean Swim 18<sup>th</sup> March

[oceankids.co.nz](http://oceankids.co.nz)  
Kids 7 -12 years, 200 metres

### Check out our class Blogs:

Teachers should be posting every week to keep you up to date with what is happening in the learning environment. Students would love to read your comments.

Te Awa -

<http://psnikkis.blogspot.co.nz/>

Nga Motu -

<http://psngamotu.blogspot.co.nz/>

Te Moana -

<https://pstemoana.blogspot.co.nz/>

Te Maunga -

<https://pstemaunga.blogspot.co.nz/>

Te Ngahere -

<http://pstengahere.blogspot.co.nz/>

### 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:

*'Though nobody can go back and make a new beginning... Anyone can start over and make a new ending.'*

By Chico Xavier