

Kia ora koutou

First of all we warmly welcome to our school Ariana Bignell, Henry Loosley, and Braeden Smith who have all turned five years old and also Jack Lin who has recently arrived from China, joining the students in Te Awa. I hope you have a successful and enjoyable time at Paihia School. Nau mai piki mai haere mai ki a korua ki te kura o Paihia. Whaia te iti kahurangi ki te tuohu koe me te maunga teitei.

Today we had students participating in the Russell Wharf Swimming Sports Day. We are very proud of their achievements. A big thank you to the parents who accompanied us too. Thank you also to Mrs Williams for organising our participation once again.

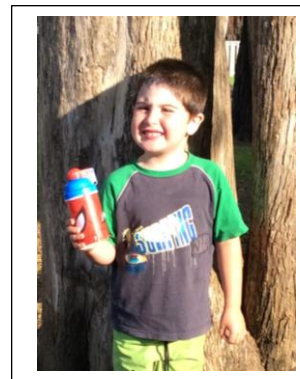
Every five years the Ministry of Education gives each Board of Trustees an allocation of money to spend on property. The Board of Trustees is required to ensure that the Crown owned school property is kept in good condition. If there are no major issues the money can then be spent on other property related matters. Our school will receive approximately \$200,000 in July of this year. The Board of Trustees are keen to find out what you think the money should be spent on within our school. Please write and or draw your ideas and return it to the box in the school office.

I hope you have been checking out the class blogs. There are some examples of student learning on most of them. I particularly enjoyed visiting Te Maunga blog where the students have introduced themselves. I am aiming to visit once a week and encourage you to do the same to keep in touch with the learning that is taking place across the school or within your child's class. Some senior students have their own blogs. The blogs can be accessed via our website www.paihia.school.nz or by visiting the website set up for our network of schools <http://www.kaikohokenetwork.co.nz> and click on Our Schools. A reminder that parents with students who are using Chromebooks can see all your child's work by going to the Paihia School Parent Portal at <https://parent-portal.appspot.com/paihia.school.nz>. You will need to put in your child's email address and a special password. It is that simple. Just let me know if you need this password.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Fun Family evening **today** at 5pm. There will be a free sausage sizzle. The pool will be open and games on the field. Our new learning environments will be open for you all to have a look. The evening is a perfect opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and catch up with friends. We look forward to seeing you.

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

Jane Lindsay
Principal



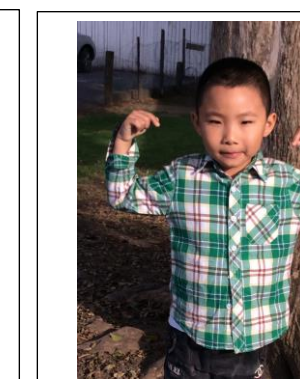
Henry Loosley, Te Awa



Ariana Bignell, Te Awa



Braeden Smith, Te Awa



Jack Lin, Te Awa

Important Dates and Events

Thursday 2nd March
Paihia School Fun Family
Evening **5pm today**

Friday 3rd March 2.30pm
Te Maunga assembly

Tuesday 14th March
Chromebook Parent meeting
5.30pm

Friday 17th March
Te Ngahere assembly
2.30pm

Friday 24th March
Te Moana assembly 2.30pm

Thursday 13th April
Last day of Term One

Monday 1st May
First day of Term Two

Check out our class Blogs:

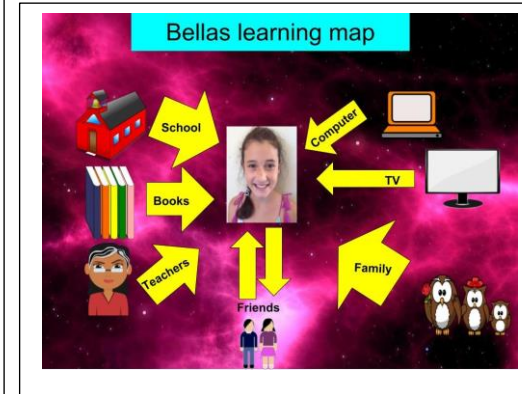
Teachers should be posting every week to keep you up to date with what is happening in the learning environment. Students would love to read your comments.

- 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/>



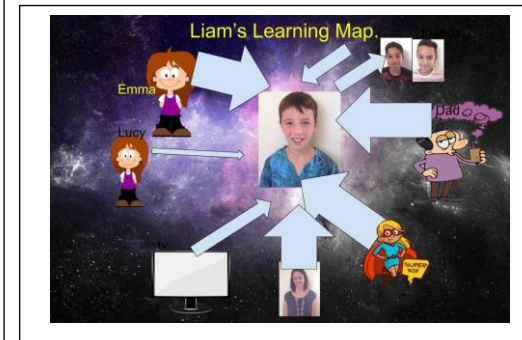
Writing from Te Maunga

This week in Te Maunga we have been creating our learning maps. Learning maps show how we learn, who helps us learn and what tools make our learning easier. Here are two examples of our learning maps.



Bella's Learning Map

These are the things that help me learn. My family help me a lot because they can teach me all the strategies for life. My friends help me learn and I help them learn. They can explain stuff that I don't understand. Computers help me learn because I can look things up which is very helpful. Teachers help you learn a lot because they already know all the skills.



Liam's learning map

My learning map helps me because Mum and Dad teach me a whole bunch of things and that's why they've got the biggest arrow. My sister Lucy has got the smallest arrow because she doesn't teach me a lot - she mostly tricks me, well she tries. My friends teach me a lot and I teach them a lot that's why they have got the arrows that are facing each other. My other sister Emma has the exact same arrow as my mum and dad because she helps me and teaches me the same as my mum and dad. My teacher has the some arrow as my mum and dad as well because she helps me learn a lot.

Health News

My contact details: 0800 53743 42 option 2 option 3 or 021461018
Phillippa van der Pol, PH Nurse

Mid North Mobile Ear Clinic
Outside St Johns, Williams Rd
20th March: 9.00am – 2.30pm

Sports Notices

Saturday Sport Registrations

It is that time of year again with **Saturday sport** beginning soon. If your child is in year 6, 7 or 8 and would like to play **Saturday netball** could you please let Mrs Williams know as soon as possible as registrations are beginning. If you want to coach or to manage a side please let me know. I will have information at the whanau evening tonight. Rugby registrations are also coming up. Any child who wishes to play **Saturday rugby** needs to let Mrs Williams know. All children who are aged 8 and over on the 1st of January will be playing tackle this year.

Girls Soccer

All girls aged 7-12 interested in learning some soccer skills - Walter Hagen will be running soccer skills sessions every Thursday afternoon at Paihia School from 4:30- 5:30pm. This is free and involves no Saturday sport commitment. It is a great way to build ball skills and have fun. Walter will be at the Whanau Evening tonight if you have any questions.

Paihia Football Club

Registration Rally at the Paihia Village Green
10am - 2pm Saturday 4th of March
ALL AGES WELCOME

Community Notices

Seaweed 25 Feb – 5 March
Free Community Guided Snorkel Day at Tapeka Point, Russell
Saturday 4th March 10am – 3pm
www.facebook.com/mtsct.emr
www.emr.org.nz

Children's Day at Copthorne Hotel Lawn at Waitangi

Sunday 5th March 11am – 2pm
Free activities include:
Ocean rides with Explore, flax weaving, bouncy castle, pony rides, face painting, pool swim...
\$2 sausage sizzle for the kids

Youth Club Starts Again

Saturday 11th March at 6.30pm
Paihia Community Centre
Contact Nikki Voakes on 0210541795

Ocean Swim 18th March

oceankids.co.nz
Kids 7 -12 years, 200 metres

Quote:

'It is okay not to know. It is not okay to not try.'

Unknown