

Kia ora koutou

First of all we warmly welcome to our school Jayda and Aaria Hauraki who have moved from Auckland. Jayda joins Nga Motu and Aaria joins 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 he maunga teitei.

A big thank you to those of you who were able to come along to our Family Evening last Thursday. It was lovely to see parents and whanau once again. The classrooms were open and many parents took the opportunity to check out the new environments and speak to their child's teacher. Comments were positive. We are committed to working in partnership between home and school. If you have any concerns at any time please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or myself.

I look forward to seeing parents of children new to Chromebooks (not school owned) at our meeting on Tuesday 14th March from 5.30pm - 6.30pm in Te Ngahere (Rooms 6 and 7). Students need to attend the meeting with you too. This meeting is primarily for parents and whanau of Year 5 students in Te Maunga and any other parents whose child is in Te Ngahere who have not attended such a meeting as held in 2016. The purpose of the meeting is to share with you how the Chromebooks are being used, how you can support your child in using them for learning and the kawa of care. A big thank you to those parents and whanau who are actively paying off their child's device. This is helping your child prepare for secondary school and their future.

Our next whole school event is a Paihia School Tryathlon. This will take place instead of our usual swimming sports. We are keen to have this sooner rather than later before the weather gets much cooler. At this stage we plan to have it on Friday 17th March subject to the weather. A letter about this will be sent home next week to inform you of the full details.

A big thank you also to those parents and students who have contributed to ideas for improving property within our school. The suggestion box is still available in the office. The Board of Trustees will consider all suggestions and work with the Ministry of Education to prioritise projects. This will be a lengthy process and any changes will not occur before July.

Speaking of property, it is due to the extensive fundraising done by our wonderful PTA that we have a senior playground. This is used every day by our students and after school by many local children. Our PTA Chairperson, Taunaha Smith is keen to get our PTA up and running for the year. There are some great fundraising opportunities coming up within our community such as the Weetbix Tryathlon (the weather cannot be worse than last year!) plus a Waka Ama Festival. Some of our students will be involved in both of these events so it makes sense for our PTA to be part of it. There some great ideas for projects too such as shade for our playgrounds. Taunaha would love to **see you at our first PTA meeting for the year at 10.30am on Wednesday 15th March in our whare kai**. The meeting will last less than an hour. All parents are welcome - new and old. Don't be shy - come along and join a great team of parents of Paihia School. He waka eke noa.

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

Jane Lindsay
Principal



Jayda and Aaria Hauraki



Paihia School swimmers at Russell

Important Dates and Events

Friday 10th March
Nga Motu assembly 2.30pm

Tuesday 14th March
Chromebook Parent meeting
5.30pm

Wednesday 15th March
PTA meeting 10.30am

Friday 17th March
Northland Cycle Challenge visit
7.45am – 9.15am

Friday 17th March
Tentative date for Paihia School
Tryathlon

Friday 17th March
Te Ngahere assembly 2.30pm

Friday 24th March
Te Moana assembly 2.30pm

Thursday 13th April
Last day of Term One

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 Nga Motu

Kapa Haka at the Village Green
We went to the town and we sung to the people. I got exhausted. It got hot in the sky. The people gave us some money because we were singing loud. We need the money for the camp and I can't wait to go on the water slide and to see the rooms and the lounge.
Poet

Doing Kapa Haka
We went in town and we sang to the people. I heard the money drop in the container. We had to sing to some more people. We had to sing all over again. I felt happy. Then we went back to school and we went in class. I felt happy because we got some money for our school. I hope Mrs Williams shares the money for the camp. I liked it. Do you know why? Because it was fun!
Ondreous

Today I went to the Village Green. I was shy when I was singing. We got heaps of money and we got American money. We need money so we can go camping for two nights and go on the big water slide and the big playground. At camp we get to sleep on the bunk beds and go kayaking.
Fern

Kapa Haka at the Village Green
At Paihia School our class went to raise money to go on camp by singing songs. I felt embarrassed but it was fun. Soon we had alot of money. Our teachers were telling us to sing louder. We sang and sang. We are excited to go on camp. After we were exhausted. We were proud of ourselves. Then we went back to school and finished school work. It was fun and amazing. I liked it. I wondered how much money we had. I was proud of our class and impressed. I loved it and enjoyed it a lot.
Maya

Nga Motu will be having a camp meeting to discuss our upcoming camp at Coopers Beach.

It will be held in Nga Motu at 5.30pm on Tuesday 14 March. Please bring along your fundraising ideas!

Health News

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

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

Sports Notices

Saturday Sport Registrations

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 her know as well.

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.

Football Muster Day & Bay of Islands Schools U8s competition training session for all volunteer coaches and players (4 – 15 years.)

Date: Saturday 11th March

Venue: Bledisloe Domain

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

All bring: Drink bottle, hat, school t shirt (optional), warm jacket, plate to share.

Community Notices

Paihia Sea Scouts and Cubs

This is an active fun group, based in Waitangi.

Cubs is on Tuesdays from 5.30pm to 7pm. Cubs are year 4 to 6.

Scouts is on Thursdays from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Scouts must be year 7 to 10.

It is for boys and girls. We welcome new cubs and scouts so if you are interested in joining or would like to know more details please call Steph on 021 122 9307.

Youth Club Starts Again

Saturday 11th March at 6.30pm

Paihia Community Centre

team games and sausage sizzle

Contact Nikki Voakes on 0210541795

Ocean Swim 18th March

oceankids.co.nz

Kids 7 -12 years, 200 metres

Opua Regatta & Gala Sunday 19th March

10am – 2pm

Quote:

“Do not confine your children to your own learning, for they were born in another time.”

(Chinese Proverb)