

Kia ora koutou

First of all we warmly welcome to our school Te Awanui Milner who turned five years old this month. I hope you have a successful and enjoyable time at Paihia School. Nau mai piki mai haere mai ki a koe ki te kura o Paihia. Whaia te iti kahurangi ki te tuohu koe me te maunga teitei.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the current contact information we have regarding your child/children. It is essential that we keep records up to date so we can contact you in the event of an emergency such as an injury sustained by your child or closure of the school. Please read it carefully and make any changes if necessary. We ask that all forms be returned so we know what is actually up to date. Please sign the form so we know you have seen it - even if there are no changes. All returned forms will go into a draw to win some Easter goodies. The draw will be done at assembly on Friday 31st March.

Our students did a thorough job of cleaning up the beach last Friday. I cannot believe the number of cigarette butts we picked up. The other main type of rubbish was glass. Our students all had rubber gloves and rubbish bags were supplied. It was great to be out in our community.

There is an air of excitement in Nga Motu as camp is getting closer. Thank you to those parents who have already paid, and to those who are able to attend the camp. Without support from parents and whanau such learning experiences would not be possible.

**The parents of Nga Motu are holding a Car Boot Carnival next Friday 31st March from 3.30pm - 6.00pm. What a great opportunity to have a tidy up around home and make some money at the same time. Only \$10 per car boot. There will be food, raffles, activities and entertainment. SPREAD THE WORD. See you there.**

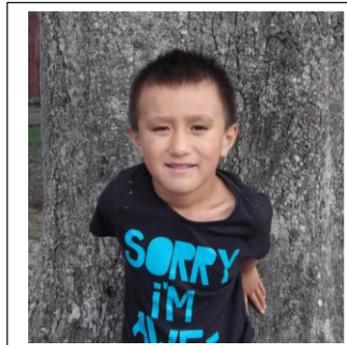
We have an ever-growing collection of lost property. This is kept in a blue wheelie bin outside the library during school hours. Please feel free to search through and retrieve lost items of clothing. I am sure the clothes would be happy to be reunited with their owners.

A reminder that students are able to order healthy sandwiches and filled rolls three times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I have noticed some students going to the shops before school - the choices they make are not always healthy ones.

**We are having our Paihia School Tryathlon tomorrow starting at 11am. It would be great to have as many parents and whanau as possible supporting this event to ensure our athletes are safe - especially crossing the road. We need road marshals for our seniors. They will be swimming at the beach, running back to school and biking around the school field. The juniors will do their tryathlon at school after the seniors, so will start around midday. The event will be finished by 1pm. As explained in the note sent home yesterday - this is not a competition. I hope you encourage your child to step outside their comfort zone and give this a try. A huge thank you (yet again) to Mrs Williams for organising this event. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Williams because the many and varied sporting opportunities that are provided for our children at Paihia School are mainly due to her. I thank you for your time and passion. Our students, staff and I look forward to seeing lots of parents and whanau at the Paihia School Tryathlon tomorrow. Please make sure you have sent the signed permission slips back to your class teacher.**

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

Jane Lindsay  
Principal



Te Awanui Milner



Students got creative with natural objects found during the beach clean-up last week.



### Important Dates and Events

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
PAIHIA SCHOOL TRYATHLON  
11am

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

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March -  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Nga Motu Camp at Coopers  
Beach

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Surf Life Saving and Beach  
Safety lessons

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Nga Motu assembly 2.30pm

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Paihia School CARBOOT  
CARNIVAL 3.30pm - 6pm

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Weetbix Tryathlon

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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://pstemauanga.blogspot.co.nz/>  
Te Ngahere - <http://pstengahere.blogspot.co.nz/>



### Writing from Te Moana

#### My Giant Pumpkin

Last year in November, I planted a teeny tiny pumpkin seed. It was my aunty's dream to grow an enormous pumpkin. First, we gave it lots of fresh water and didn't give it special fertilizer as it was growing in a vegetable garden.

Once it started to get big, we gave it a shock with some special fertilizer. We had to make sure it did not go rotten on the wet ground and had to turn it around each day. But one day the vine began to rot and my pumpkin as round as the orange sun snapped off.

I heard about a pumpkin growing competition at Mitre 10 in Whangarei, and so the big bright pumpkin was put onto a trolley, as it was as heavy as a baby elephant. We carefully cautiously packed it in the car. It looked so funny with a car safety seat belt around it.

On competition day, we entered our round red pumpkin and, "Hey Presto!" we won with the hugest, heaviest, humongous pumpkin weighing 34 kilos. I won an amazing garden pack of goodies.  
*Jade Reihana*



### Limericks

#### The Clown

There once was a clown who went bang,  
Who loved to make symbols clang clang,  
He thought he could sing,  
But made our ears ring,  
He juggled and joked but never sang.  
*Angela Roberts*

#### Troy

There once was a boy called Troy  
And he had a silly young son called Roy  
And Troy's son had a toy called Buzz  
And his mate's name was Duzz  
Then Roy had a son called Moymoy  
*Nikara Holmes*

#### My Poor Greedy Cat !!!

There once was a cat who was fat,  
His cool name was cool greedy cat,  
And he slept on a couch,  
Who said at night ouch,  
At night he always got a rat.  
*Breeze Te Kura*

#### The Silly Clown

There once was a clown with a frown,  
The very heavy crown make him frown,  
He frowned so deep,  
That he fell asleep,  
Snoring so loud he woke the whole town.  
*Kaitlin Clark*

### 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*  
The next clinic in Paihia will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### Sports Notices

#### URGENT NETBALL

All girls wishing to participate in Saturday netball need to let Mrs Williams know urgently as the season will be starting soon and registrations need to be put in shortly. Future Ferns programmes will be running for children in years 1-5, teaching skills and playing a game at the end. Year 6-8 girls will play in the normal Saturday competition. Some parents have already put their hands up to coach and manage sides but we always need more helpers so if you think you can help please let me know.

#### SOCCER

All girls aged 7-12 years who would like to learn some soccer skills and have some fun: Walter will be running a girls-only soccer skills session TODAY after school from 4:30-5:30pm. This requires no Saturday games and is just a fun way to keep active with your friends, have fun and learn some skills!

### Community Notices

#### Treasure Dig for Kids

Archaeology Week at Museum of Waitangi  
Free for children accompanied by parent or caregiver

#### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm at Hobson's Beach

Unearth your finds using archaeological tools like trowels and brushes, and you get to keep whatever you dig up. Trowels and brushes provided.

#### Easter Egg Hunt at Waitangi Treaty

**Grounds** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm  
Hunt for colourful plastic eggs and trade them in for chocolate.

#### Holiday Surf Programme

Free for 11 - 17 year olds - suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers.  
17-21 and 24-28 April. Limited spaces, email to book [surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz](mailto:surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz)

#### Youth Club

This Saturday  
6.30 - 8.30pm  
Bay of Islands Community Centre (Back Rooms of Memorial Hall)  
Contact Nikki on 021 054 1795  
Sausage sizzle and chocolate game.

### Quote:

*'Coming together is a beginning.  
Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success.'*

By Henry Ford