

Kia ora koutou

First of all, we warmly welcome to our school Elise Archer, Aimee Archer and Tihei Takimoana, who have turned five and join Te Awa. A warm welcome also to Ataahua Smith-Edmonds, who has come from Auckland, and joins Te Maunga. 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 he maunga teitei.

I am so proud of all the students who participated in our Tryathlon on Friday. Many had never been in such an event and needed to have courage and determination. They are all champions in my eyes. The conditions were perfect. Once again, I would like to acknowledge the time and organisation that Michelle Williams put in - thank you so much on behalf of us all. There was a great turnout of parents too. It was really nice to hear your supportive comments. Thanks to all of you who cheered the children on, helped to direct children, and especially the parents who stood in the water for all that time! Every child who crossed the line was given a muesli bar thanks to Steph Godsiff. To add to the day Waitomo Service Station generously donated ice creams. There was one for every child. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity. What a great school. What a day!

Friday was a good opportunity for students to prepare for the Weetbix Tryathlon taking place this Sunday at Waitangi. Our PTA are helping - for which we get paid as a group and the money goes towards our school. I hope you can come along, be part of the event and support our students and school at the same time. Please ring Taunaha Smith on 0211600168 to let her know you are helping. It only requires a few hours of your time on Sunday morning.

Nga Motu returned safely from Coopers Beach camp yesterday afternoon. I was so excited to see them all. The camp was a great success. I commend Ms Hadwin, Mrs Cameron and Mrs Williams for organising this experience for our children. Everyone had a great time. They particularly enjoyed the water slide, plus kayaks, slippery hockey, adventure playground, trampoline, sandcastle building, etc. I would also like to acknowledge the parents who stayed for the whole camp - thank you so much. Without your support, we cannot provide these experiences for our children. I am sure lifelong memories were made.

This week all students are having lessons from qualified surf lifesavers. They are learning surf life saving techniques, and how to be safe around the water at the beach. This is such an important message for our students. Our Year 6, 7 and 8 students spent the whole day at the beach yesterday. Thank you to the parents who provided supervision. Today all our juniors will have lessons in our whare. On Friday, Te Maunga and Te Moana will spend the morning at the beach with the lifesavers.

Also on Friday, we have students representing Paihia School in the Inter-school Swimming Competition being held at Kawakawa. I am sure they will return champions.

The parents of Nga Motu are holding a Car Boot Carnival tomorrow from 3.30pm - 6.00pm. Only \$10 per car boot. There will be food, raffles, activities and entertainment. I look forward to seeing you. What a week!

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

Jane Lindsay
Principal



From left: Ataahua Smith-Edmonds, Te Maunga; Elise Archer & Aimee Archer (absent) and Tihei Takimoana, Te Awa
Below: Paihia School Tryathlon held last Friday



Important Dates and Events

Wednesday 29th March –
Friday 31st March
Surf Life Saving and Beach
Safety lessons

Friday 31st March
Inter-School Swimming
Competition at Kawakawa

Friday 31st March
Nga Motu assembly 2.15pm

Friday 31st March
Paihia School CARBOOT
CARNIVAL 3.30pm – 6pm

Sunday 2nd April
Weetbix Tryathlon

Friday 7th April
Te Maunga assembly 2.30am

Monday 10th April
BOT meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 12th April
PTA meeting 10.40am

Thursday 13th April
Te Awa Assembly 2.30am

Last day of Term One

Monday 1st May
First day of Term Two

Be in the draw for an Easter treat!

If you want a chance to win the drawn prize, then tomorrow, Friday is the last day to return your Student Record Sheet showing that you have checked the student contact, medical and other details that we hold for each child enrolled at Paihia School.

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/>

Paihia School Tryathlon – Te Maunga

Franky Sefton

On Friday the school did a tryathlon at Paihia School and Ti Beach.

First of all Miss Williams spoke to us about the track. We were all listening to her.

Next we walked down to the beach. We had a bucket to put all our stuff in. Next we raced to the water and did a swim. We were sort of cheating.

Then we ran up the beach like a sports car and started to run. We ran from the beach to school, and slipped our shoes on and grabbed a bike.

Later on we had to walk our bikes for a little bit. We did two laps of the field. I was zooming. Then we got a prize!!! It was a shiny chocolate bar.

In the end I was so exhausted I could have fallen asleep like a slow sloth in a tree. Everyone got dressed and then we had some lunch and an ice block. Then we were cheering for the little kids. Then it was time to go home. I loved it. I hope the school will do it again. I felt like an engine with no fuel.

Bella Ata

On Friday Paihia school had a tryathlon. I was wishing I hadn't gone to school. I was sitting on the court when I had just realised Mrs Williams had started talking so I listened.

"First of all we are going to walk to the beach, then we will start the swimming, then run back to school, hop on a bike and race. Then we are done," she explained. Secretly I really didn't want to do it but I had no choice.

Mrs Williams had a little talk to us about the course. In no time we started the races. First Te Ngahere went. It was so hot in the boiling sun watching them in the water. Second Te Maunga (my class.) Because I didn't go for a bathe in the sea I had to run ahead of the girls, some of them didn't think it was fair. "I feel like a flat tyre," I said to myself while I was running. We just kept running as fast as we could to get back to school.

I grabbed my bike put on my shoes and placed my helmet on my head. I got down to Whaea Becks but something strange was happening. I couldn't pedal so I looked down and realised that my chain had fallen off. I felt like a sad puppy because I had to dash all the way across the field. It was so hard but I was happy because all my friends were cheering for me.

At the end I felt like a balloon that had been deflated. That changed quickly because we got a muesli bar. It was amazing. We got to have an ice cream from the Whare Kai. I got a Finding Dory one. We got to have some fun then back in the classroom. What a busy day.

Kingston Ngapeka

Last Friday our whole school had a tryathlon. We walked down to the beach then we zoomed back to school. Next we put our shoes on and we cycled around the field two times. Then we finished the tryathlon. In the end I was very sweaty.

CARBOOT CARNIVAL THIS FRIDAY CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers to help on the day
Donations of **home baking** for cake stall
Donations of good **quality items** for 2nd hand stall
There are still spaces for **stallholders** (at \$10 each)
Raffle tickets are still for sale at the office or at the event - \$2 each or three for \$5

Tsunami siren testing

This weekend Sunday 2 April 2017
Sirens will sound twice – firstly at 9.20am for 10 minutes and again at 10am for just 30 seconds.

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Sports Notices

NETBALL

Any Year 3, 4, 5 girls or boys interested in netball this year, we will have a meeting and run-around after school this coming Wednesday 5th April.
Years 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 register interest with Mrs Williams please.

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

Easter Roller disco

8th April from 6 – 8pm at Baysport

Waipapa

\$8 entry includes skate hire
\$6 entry with own skates – cash only

Treasure Dig for Kids

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

Saturday 8th 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 17th 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

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Quote:

*'If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.'*

African Proverb