

Kia ora koutou

It was a very busy week last week and it ended with a highly successful Car Boot Carnival. Not only was a lot of money raised but a pleasant evening was had by all in the midst of our community. A big thank you to the main organisers Taunaha Smith, Debbie Ruawai, Sarah Townsend, Val Bignell and Karin Carlyon. A further thank you to the generous donations of raffle prizes from Greens Restaurant, Explore NZ, The Beauty Cave, Flying Kiwi Parasailing, Kingsgate, Maluhia, Aka Yoga, Bay Physio and Bay Beach Hire.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent consultation about property. Your ideas are much appreciated. A clear message from numerous people is that shade is a requirement. Also storage for bags and resources could be improved. The other item that several people identified was filtered drinking water rather than the town water. These are all great ideas. Some of the other suggestions by individuals were:- improve Whare Kai (wouldn't that be nice!), extending decks, bigger pool, improved parking, undercover walkways and restore our whare carving. These are all great ideas and I agree with them all.

A Board of Trustees member and I met with our Property Manager from the Ministry of Education this week. The Ministry of Education dictates the priorities for the money to be spent. In the first instance we must ensure all building and infrastructure is safe and sound, ie plumbing, electrical work, roofing, sewerage and drainage, lighting, heating, etc. We are currently getting a condition assessment report on all of these areas so we know where we stand. If these areas are in a good state we can then spend the money on things like shade, drinking fountains, wharekai and parking, etc. This is the way the Ministry of Education works. Fingers crossed we can make some of the improvements suggested through our consultation.

A big thank you to all those parents and whanau who returned their updated information form. Those that had done so went into a draw last Friday to win some Easter goodies. Jessica Morrison was our winner. If you have yet to return the form, it is not too late or if you have misplaced it just let Andrea know and she will send another one home. It is so important we have current phone numbers and emergency contacts with winter coming on. If your child is unwell or we have to close our school due to power cuts or flooding I am sure you would want to know - we rely on up to date information.

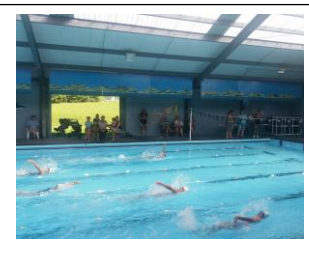
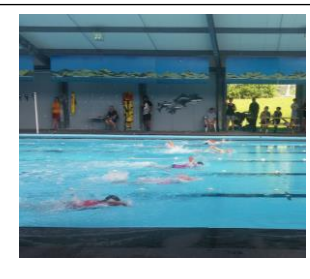
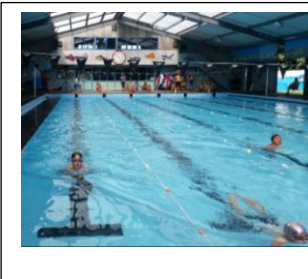
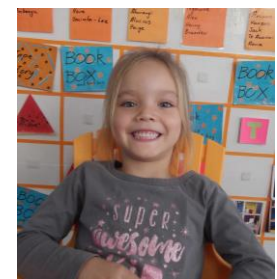
Last week our local Rotary gave each Year 4 student a dictionary to keep. We are grateful for the ongoing support given to our children in this way.

I would like to encourage every child, with adult support, to check at home if there is a school hat, school T-shirt or lost library book or reader belonging to Paihia School. We would be very grateful if they are returned. Check under the bed, in cupboards and drawers. There will be a small reward for everyone who returns something.

A big congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Weetbix Tryathlon on Sunday. Thank you to the PTA members who worked for many hours to support the event. This Saturday a number of our students will be participating in the Waka Ama Regatta. I am sure our students will do their very best.

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

Jane Lindsay
Principal



From left: Aimee Archer who joined Te Awa, students competing at the Inter School Swimming Competitions on Friday
Below: Nga Motu students enjoying camp activities last week at Cooper's Beach



Important Dates and Events

- Friday 7th April
Te Maunga assembly 2.30am
- Monday 10th April
BOT meeting 5.30pm
- Tuesday 11th April
PTA meeting AGM 10.00am
- Thursday 13th April
Te Awa Assembly 2.30am
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/>

PAIHIA SCHOOL PTA NOTICE OF AGM

Tuesday 11th April 2017
10.00am
In the Whare Kai



Writing from Nga Motu

I like the slide. It is fun. When you go down the slide, you hit the grass.
Kayne

The slide was a little bit scary and I was confused when it was my turn. I gave it a try. When I hit the bean bag it was fun. I kept having fun. I went super-fast down the slide and on the kayaks.
Bailey

Remember the time when we went to the beach and we put a flag in the sandcastle and then we went for a walk. After that we had a break. That was camp.
Hohepa

Remember that time when you had to sit at the top of the huge water slide and push off so you could zoom down to the bottom. That was camp.
Tiana

Remember that time when we went to the obstacle course and you tried your best on the net because it was really steep and scary. You were climbing and went again on the tight rope this time. That was camp.
Jamie

Remember the time when you slid on your stomach across the black plastic sheet. That was camp.
Vontayze

Remember that time when you were holding the hockey stick as tight as you could on the slippery wet mat. The mat was as slippery as you could imagine. That was camp.
Maya

Remember that time when you played slippery hockey and you fell down like ten times. That was camp.
Aston

Remember that time when you were so hungry that you ate that lovely yummy hokey pokey ice cream then you felt like you were in heaven!! That was camp.
Aaron



Community Notices

TVNZ ONE BREAKFAST SHOW
Live from Waitangi for the waka festival this Friday morning – **WE NEED A CROWD!!!!** – get your 30 seconds of fame! **6am - 9am**
Paddlers - midgets and adults - we will have the wakas there - and TV NZ would love you to be having a paddle in them as well!
Come on down and join us by the Waka Shelter at Waitangi Treaty Grounds from 6am Friday morning. Come and have some fun paddling in our waka, see the magnificent trophy Anthony Dunn has carved for the festival. Live crosses on the hour and half hour.
Free sausage sizzle for getting you there so early!

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
Saturday 8th April at 2pm at Hobson's Beach
Free for children accompanied by parent or caregiver. Trowels and brushes provided.

Family Easter Crafts and Fun
Sunday 9th April 3.30pm to 6pm
Paihia Community Centre (Back rooms of Memorial Hall)
Please bring a plate for a shared meal
Contact Val Mack for more information on 0275 402 520

Otehei Bay Easter Family Fun
Saturday 15th April 2017
Kids activities start from 11.45am :-
Easter egg beach dig, sandcastle competition, three legged race, chocolate egg and spoon race, sausage sizzle 2pm – 3.30pm, plus island walks, kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, and more. Project Island Song fund raiser.
Book your ferry ride now at the Explore Paihia Office.

Easter Egg Hunt at Waitangi Treaty Grounds Monday 17th April
10.30am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm

Paihia Waitangi Kindergarten is having an Open Day
Where: 26 Te Kemara Avenue, Waitangi
When: **28th April 10.00am - 2.00pm**
Come and play, bring your whanau, and discover just how good your local kindergarten is!
Free Grocery Hamper Prize Draw and Sausage Sizzle. Everyone Welcome.

Bay Beach Hire
Bike rentals and service
Ph: Dan 09 402 6078 or 021 189 4204 to discuss your needs.

Quote:

'You make a learning by what you get. You make a life by what you give.'

Winston Churchill