

Kia ora koutou

Ko te mea tuatahi nga mihi mahana ki nga whanau mo ou pouritanga ki runga ia koutou. Nga mihi aroha ki a koutou. A message of love to those who have lost loved ones over the holidays.

Nau mai haere mai ki a koutou katoa ki te wahanga rua o te tau kura. Welcome to Term 2. I am happy we are back together ready for another enjoyable and productive term.

We warmly welcome to our school Heavenly Holmes and Savannah Collison who have turned five years old and join Te Awa, and Zaapharj Kaufiti who has moved from Auckland and joins Nga Motu. Also a warm welcome back to Kawenata Tito who has returned from Whangarei and joins Nga Motu. I hope every day is enjoyable and successful for you all. Nau mai haere mai ki te kura o Paihia.

The term has started well. The transition of students from Te Awa to Nga Motu has been very smooth. This week has already been action packed with lots of goal setting and learning, our Year 7 and 8 students went to Technology yesterday, kapa haka in the afternoon for the whole school - seniors on Tuesday and juniors today, and we are looking forward to Te Ngahere assembly tomorrow at 2.30pm.

It is good to see so many students return to school as soon as the holidays end. Attendance makes a big difference to student achievement. Similarly, arriving at school before the bell allows your child to feel settled and ready at the beginning of the day. If a child misses one day a week that is 8 weeks of missed schooling over a year - almost a whole term. If a child is ten minutes late every day that equates to 50 minutes a week and missing one and a half weeks of school over the year. Over their entire time at school that equals nearly half a year missed. That is a lot of lost learning time that their friends and classmates have experienced but a late child does not.

Check out the dates for special events. These include Maromaku Sports Day, Parent Interviews, Matariki and Whanau Celebration Day.

Tomorrow is the Westpac Chopper Appeal day. We plan to all wear red and yellow clothing and take a photo of us all on the helipad on our field. If every child brought a gold coin donation we could raise several hundred dollars for a very worthy cause.

I am excited about our term ahead. We are committed to a partnership with our whole school community. You are always welcome at our school, your school. Together we can make a difference for our tamariki.

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

Jane Lindsay



Heavenly Holmes, Te Awa



Savannah Collinson, Te Awa



Zaapharj Kaufiti, Nga Motu

Important Dates and Events

Friday 5th May
Chopper Appeal Day
Te Ngahere assembly 2.30pm

Friday 12th May
Te Maunga assembly 2.30pm

Monday 15th May
BOT meeting 5.30pm

Friday 19th May
Te Moana assembly 2.30pm

Friday 26th May
Te Awa assembly 2.30pm

Monday 5th June
Queen's Birthday - no school

Wednesday 21st June
Parent Interviews

Thursday 29th June
Whānau Celebration Day

Friday 30th June
Maromaku Sports Day

Friday 7th July
Last day of Term Two

Monday 24th July
First day of Term Three

LUNCH TIME TOMORROW

Our Year 7 & 8 netball team, Dolphin Divas are raising funds for their registration fees and uniform. You can have a day off making lunches and support our team.

Sausage sizzle - \$2
Ice cream - \$1

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/>

News from Te Ngahere – Technology Term Two

Year 7 students have been learning the routines and systems of the cooking room, and started with making muffins. Ezra – *“We had to ensure that we had the right measurements for our ingredients and the right consistency. We had to pick our ingredients from the food pyramid.”*

Year 8 students are back in the workshop and are designing and creating their own models.

Thomas – *“Noah and I are making a pyramid puzzle. We had to find a piece of wood shaped like a cube then we had to find the centre using a ruler.”*



Community Notices

Waka Ama

Waka Ama training will start on Monday 8th May at the usual time and place.

Skating

Friday night skating starts Friday 5th of May 6pm-8.30pm
Sunday skating starts Sunday 7th of May 2pm-4pm during School Term 2
Baysport Complex, Harmony Lane, Waipapa.
Bring your own skates or hire ours.
Entry \$6 Skate hire \$2.
www.northlandstingrays.co.nz

Fun Football Tournament

When: Saturday 6th May
Where: Bledisloe Domain, Haruru Falls
Time: 8.45am till 10.15am at the latest.
Approximately 3-4 games, 10 minute duration.
Players aged; 5 – 8 years are all welcome. Teams are 5 a-side. If you do not have a school team please come along and teams will be made up on the day.
Players will need;
- Footwear; boots/ shins or sneakers
- School sports uniform or a similar coloured t-shirt. (We do have bibs if there is a clash in colour)
Warm jacket or sweatshirt
- Water bottle
There will be a stall & BBQ available.

After School Care

Connections Paihia is thrilled to announce that we now have the go ahead to run our Mindfulness based after school program from Paihia School. The program will be run during the school term from Monday to Friday, 3 – 5.30pm at a cost of \$15 per day. For more information please contact Caele Ata on caeleata77@gmail.com or phone 0272111355.

PTA News

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th May at 10.40am in the Whare Kai.

The officers for 2017:
Taunaha Smith - Chairperson
Sarah Townsend - Treasurer
Debbie Ruawai – Secretary

If you are interested in being a part of our PTA committee, please feel free to join us at our meetings. They will be held more regularly now and notification of these meetings will be via our weekly school newsletter and social media. We welcome all new and old parents/whanau to our meetings. It is a great place to meet new people and find out what is happening in our school.

Quote:

‘The expert in anything was once a beginner.’