

Kia ora koutou  
Winter is certainly making itself felt. He makariri.

It was a busy long weekend in the Bay of Islands. What a great place to live.

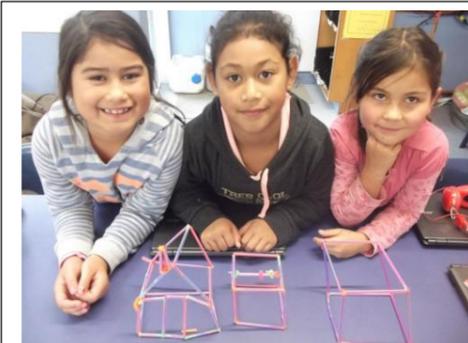
I have had numerous students sent to my office this week. They have all been sharing with me their success in reading or writing. It is so nice to be celebrating student success and seeing accelerated progress at Paihia School.

This term the focus for inquiry is celebrations. Students will be visiting the Waitangi Treaty Grounds and museum as part of Matariki on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. We hope you can come along to learn with us and provide supervision. We are also planning to have a special Whanau Celebration Day on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Please keep this date free. The day will start early for those who want to go and see the Matariki stars then have breakfast together. We will be planting trees along the fence line and doing some artwork together for our whare. We are also planning to have a shared lunch together of food that represent our families or cultures during a celebration. We are embracing all cultures within our school this year during the time of Matariki. It is going to be a busy and fun family time together.

Please note the change to the date for Parent Interviews. This year we would like to have students being part of the process - after all they are the number one stakeholder. Students will be able to talk about what they are learning and where to next. They are looking forward to sharing their learning with you. Teachers will be available to speak with you. You will also receive a written report about what your child has been learning, what they will be learning next and how you can support your child in reading, writing and maths. Please note that some students in Nga Motu may have already received a report this year due to their second or third anniversary at school.

It is a joy to see so many students involved in sports training every Thursday afternoon after school. I would like to acknowledge the parents who give up their time to train and transport our children. Without your support our children would not have this opportunity. Thank you.

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



Te Moana have been learning to create 3D nets using straws and pipe cleaners. We had to count sides, vertices, corners and faces as well as learn about parallel sides so that our shapes were rigid.

**Important Dates and Events**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
Te Ngahere assembly 2.30am

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Nga Motu visit to library  
11.20am

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
Nga Motu assembly 2.30pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Nga Motu Assembly 2.30pm

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Class visits to Waitangi Treaty  
Grounds and Museum

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Whānau Celebration Day

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Maromaku Sports Day

\* Please note changed date\*

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Parent Interviews

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Last day of Term Two

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
First day of Term Three

**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/>

**Lucky Book Orders**

Orders are due by Tuesday  
20<sup>th</sup> June

**Writing from Te Ngahere Are Innovative Learning Environments Better for Teaching and Learning?**

I am writing to tell you my opinion about the school environment and learning. In my opinion it is better because you have access to two teachers and you know what you want to learn and when you want to learn it. The kids get more learning buddies to work with and we get much more help from the two teachers.

In the big classrooms we get lots of places to work quietly or lots of collaborating around the classroom with other kids. You get more help from kids and kids give you help too.

The learning plans are also a good learning tool because then we know what to do in the day and our day is planned out so we don't have to ask the teacher and sit on the floor for them to talk and waste our learning time. The workshops are good because the teachers are teaching you what to do if you don't know it so the kids go to workshops so they know what they need to learn. The teachers know what we need to learn because they can see it from our Ican tests that we did last term.

Now I've stated all my reasons and I hope you know what I think about the learning environment and what I feel about it. The environment is amazing as it is right now and it is fun to work in. *Izaiah*

I think that Innovative Learning Environments are way better for our learning because we can work with older students and have more room for learning. You can also work to higher levels. It's way better for learning.

You can sit anywhere you want to work instead of having to sit on hard ugly chairs that you have to stay on for the whole year. There are different selections of people to go to for learning. You can go to workshops that you need to learn which are writing, maths and reading. WE EVEN GET COMPUTERS! (Now that is just amazing.) Anyway, why go and sit on the mat for at least 20 minutes, wasting your time on stuff you already know? (ZZZZZ.) It's just wasting your time when you could go to a workshop of your choice and choose what to learn.

You even get two amazing teachers, a teacher aide and three different year levels to help you in class when you get stuck on things like, maths, reading, writing, spelling and much much more.

These are some of the reasons why I think innovative learning spaces are better for our learning. *Ava*

Hi my name is Kiana, and I am going to talk to you today about how innovative learning is better for teaching and learning, and I think it's magnificent. Firstly, we have chromebooks that are better than paper and pen. I love using chromebooks because we get to find things out that we never knew about, and we get to do reading and writing on a chromebook. HOW COOL IS THAT?

Secondly, we get to choose what workshop we get to be in. The teachers aren't the ones that put us in the workshop. We do it in our Ican or we have a reading test. I love having workshops because it makes me more and more smart (I think). The reason we do workshops is because we need to catch up on the learning.

Thirdly, we have a koha kitchen that we use in our class, and whenever somebody has no food they can just make some lunch. So the kids won't go hungry and they will get more energy.

All of these reasons are why I think that innovative learning is better for teaching and learning. I never want it to change. *Kiana*

**Sports Notices**

**Kerikeri Netball Centre Games recommence on 10 June 2017 with Junior Round 1 Finals.**  
[www.kerikerinnetballcentre.co.nz](http://www.kerikerinnetballcentre.co.nz)

**Grass Roots Football Week 5. 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Paihia vs Opuā  
Kawakawa vs Oromahoe  
**Week 6. 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
Paihia vs Kawakawa  
Oromahoe vs Opuā

**Fun Football Tournament 25<sup>th</sup>?**  
Judith Harrison  
0274402608

**Soccer for Girls Fun games to develop your skills.**

Walter Hagen is offering this activity again this season. Held on Thursdays in the Paihia School field, from 4.15pm to 5.00pm. Girls aged 7 -12 years are all welcome.

**Community Notices**

**Skating**

Friday night skating: 6pm-8.30pm  
Sunday skating: 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](http://www.northlandstingrays.co.nz)

**After School Care at 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](mailto:caeleata77@gmail.com) or phone 027 211 1355.

**Mobile Ear Clinics Paihia at St John's, Williams Road**

**This Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 9am-3pm**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 9am-3pm (holiday clinic)

**Jan Hutchinson**

Specialty Clinical Nurse  
Mobile Ear Clinic Mid North  
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[jan.hutchinson@northlanddnhb.org.nz](mailto:jan.hutchinson@northlanddnhb.org.nz)

**Keep Our Kids Warm**

Students in Nga Motu are collecting warm winter clothes (jackets and sweaters and beanies, etc.) and blankets on behalf of The Bald Angels Charitable Trust. Bring them to the classroom please.

**Quote:**

**'There is no path to peace. Peace is the path.'**

**Ghandi**