

Kia ora koutou

We warmly welcome to our school Ruby McCall and Aisake Varani who join Te Awa. I hope every day is enjoyable and successful for you both. Nau mai haere mai ki a korua ki te kura o Paihia.

Yesterday Whaea Chrissy and I took eight students to the E-Learning Symposium. It was excellent! I am so proud of our students. They were unsure of what to expect as it was the first time for them to go to such an event for all of them so there were a few nerves. However, our students did a great job! Thank you Whaea Chrissy for organising this event and parents for your support.

Some of our senior students presented information about their learning plans and showing evidence of their learning. Learning plans are new to our students this year and allow students to set up their own day. This is allowing them to be in control of their learning and helping them to be organised and manage themselves independently. These are great skills for our senior students to have prior to secondary school. Their hand in sheets are a system for students to get feedback from their teachers about their learning without having to wait to see the teacher. This system provides maximum time for learning and moment in time, personalised teaching.

Others presented about their student led conferences and that they held at the end of last Term. This process replaced the traditional conference between the teacher and parent without the student. Students really enjoyed this because it gives them a chance to talk to their parents about their learning. Teachers were available for any parent who wanted to see them too. Students also talked about their goal setting so they know what to learn and show evidence of reaching them. All of the above allows our students to have their learning needs met at a personal level, feel in control, and develop independence. It allows teachers to be teaching exactly what each student needs and have more time for teaching.

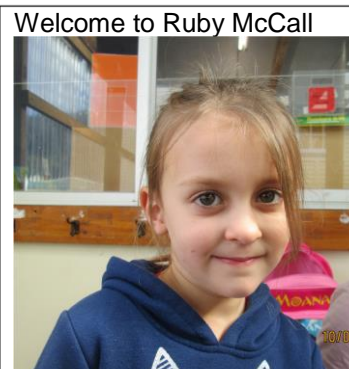
The third group of students presented Chapter Chat. The students read an online chapter book and then respond to comprehension questions. What the students really like about this programme is that other students in New Zealand are also reading the same book and they read and respond to each other's answers to the questions. Students like this because 'someone might say something that makes us think about it in a different way.' Not only are they practising their reading and writing skills, they are seeing what other students in other schools are thinking.

In the next newsletter I will share the collated results from the questionnaire I sent to Nga Motu and Te Ngahere parents about our innovative learning environments. Thus far, the feedback has been very positive. We are working hard to make Paihia School one of the best in New Zealand.

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

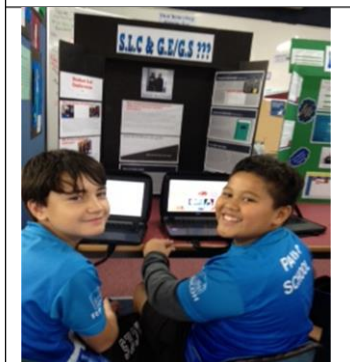


Welcome to Aisake Varani



Welcome to Ruby McCall

Photo's below of E-Learning Symposium



Important Dates and Events

Friday 11th August
Nga Motu Assembly 2:30pm

Friday 18th August
Te Ngahere Assembly 2:30pm

Wednesday 23rd August
Year 8 Orientation visit to Bay of Islands College

Friday 25th August
Te Awa Assembly 2:30pm

Monday 4th – Friday 8th September
Our Te Reo Maori week

Tuesday 12th September
Photo day

Friday 15th September
Cross Country

Wednesday 20th – Monday 18th September
Life Education van visiting

Monday 25th – Friday 29th September
Our Science week

Friday 29th September
Last day of Term Three

Dental Caravan

Dear Parents,
The Dental Van is still at Paihia School. I have appointments available should you wish to be present for the dental exam and /or treatment of your child, and if you have any questions regarding your child's Oral Health. Please remember that we also see Pre School children for their annual dental check-up. Phone me on 021 430 924 or email: ulrike@hauorawhanui.co.nz

Nga Motu



In Nga Motu, we have been looking at Wildlife Photographs, and writing great descriptions or stories.

“Help!” shouted the goldfish. “I’m trapped in the pelican’s mouth. Please help me,” she said.

The goldfish had a plan. The plan was to tickle the pelican’s mouth. The pelican opened his mouth. The goldfish flew out of the pelican’s mouth.

By Anika

Jump! I saw a pelican. The pelican was eating a fish. I said, “Shoo, shoo.” The pelican flew away. It opened its mouth. The fish jumped out. Splash!

By Ella-Jane

Stop Pelican Stop! The pelican looked in his mouth and saw the fish. The fish jumped but he couldn't get out. He was sad. So he swam around and around. He got sadder and sadder now. He tickled him. He sneezed out the fish.

By Ryan

Jump! The fish was swimming in the river and a pelican came to get a drink of water. Suddenly the pelican felt something splashing in its mouth. She opened her mouth. It was a fish!

By Azure

Whakatauki:
Iti te kopara kai, tarere ana te puhi o te kahika.

Even the smallest bird can fly to the top of the tallest tree.

Community Notices

Mumps Update

Mumps has arrived in Northland. We had our first locally-acquired cases last week. More are likely. As you will probably be aware, Auckland is currently experiencing several notifications of mumps per day. Mumps is also present in some Pacific Islands, especially Fiji and Tonga. Most cases in Auckland are in the 10-30 year age-group; the situation is likely to be similar here. Mumps typically presents with fever and parotid swelling, (lower jaw – upper neck) Two doses of MMR are 85% effective, so cases can still occur in fully immunised people. Those with mumps are most infectious from 2 days before the onset of swelling until 5 days after. MMR is free to anyone who needs it. If you or your child has not had two doses of mumps containing vaccine (MMR), or you are not sure, please contact your doctor for further information and catch up dose(s) if necessary. The vaccine is not given in pregnancy or in women who may become pregnant in the next four weeks. Your Public Health Nurse is: Phillippa Van der Pol
Cell - (021 46 10 18)
Freephone - 0800 537 43 42

Paihia Youth Club presents: "Theatre Sports" with Jan Hardley

Saturday 12th August 6pm to 8pm

*Paihia Memorial Hall (Back Rooms)
Come and have fun with some drama games
All welcome ages 9+ Koha \$2
Limited places contact Nikki Voakes to book on 021 054 1795*

Bubs Group

*Wednesdays 10am to 12pm
Paihia Memorial Hall (Back Rooms)
Cuppa and a chat
Contact Denise on 0273787348
\$2 Koha*