



Newsletter 3

Reaching new heights together
Whāia te taumata tiketike kia kōtahi ai tātou

4 April 2016

From the Principal

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Thank you for your patience during our major building work. The result of this work means we will have eight refurbished classrooms, four new classrooms and an opportunity to maximise the new outdoor spaces once the old buildings are removed.

Removal and replacement of classrooms will start after the Easter break. Two classrooms and the old music room will be readied for final removal which will take place during the next school holidays. The classrooms on the field will be moved into the middle school area to replace the old classrooms also during the holidays.

The senior classrooms are now benefiting from heat pumps to ensure they stay cool during the remainder of summer and warm in winter. Classrooms across the school will also be getting new furniture to replace old and worn out desks and tables.

Student Safety

We want to encourage and grow student ownership around safety.

Clearway Signs on Udys Road

Many of you may recall we previously had signs outside the school indicating clearway times and areas. This helped not only with traffic flow but the safety of all students and families.

These were removed when the school crossing was upgraded and have only just been replaced. Please ensure you abide by the new signs to ensure the continued safety of our children.

Upcoming events

7 April	Senior swimming make-up
8 April	Senior swimming last day
12 April	Crazy hair day
15 April	Hot Diggity Dog
15 April	Last day of term 1

Assemblies

8 April	Full school assembly
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Board of Trustees

5 April	Board meeting
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Please use the school crossings

We strongly encourage all students and parents to use the school crossings. Besides the obvious safety issues, it is also respectful to the student patrollers and staff are giving up their time to ensure your child is safe.

Our staff have witnessed a number of close calls when students and parents fail to use the crossing, please help us keep our community safe by modelling the correct use of the crossing and encouraging your child to do the same.

Walking School Bus

The walking school bus programme is in the final stages of completion. A special thank you to Miss Christina Kneebone, Mrs Adele Saville and Vicky Mailei from Auckland Transport for their efforts to make this a reality. This is scheduled to be fully functioning by the end of Term 1 with four different walking buses operating.

Travelwise

Mrs Adele Saville took four students to the Travelwise course in Papatōetoe facilitated by Auckland Transport. The students and Mrs Saville worked collaboratively discussing the issues and barriers we have at Pakuranga Heights School

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around road safety at both our zebra crossings. The Travelwise group will work throughout the year with Mrs Saville to present ideas at values/team/full school assemblies and then implement these practical ideas to keep our children safe when travelling to and from school.

Cool Schools- Peer mediators

The Cool Schools Peer Mediation Programme is a whole school programme for Primary and Intermediate Schools that teaches essential life skills for peaceful conflict resolution. It is suitable for all members of the school community; students, teachers and parents. The skills taught empower individuals to build positive, caring relationships with others especially when conflict arises over differences.

Teachers have been teaching the Cool School Lessons during Term 1 to build students' understanding on what is conflict and how to deal with it in a positive way. Also what is mediation, and the skills a mediator must have.

In Term 2 students can apply to be mediators and Miss Christina Kneebone will train the students. They will then start their playground mediating role.

Physical Education- Health and Well-Being

Sport's gear is now being issued to students by the monitors at lunch time. Extra sport's equipment out at lunch time keeps students busy and active having a positive flow on effect with behaviour and general well-being.

Reading Resources

The school is investing \$25,000 in new readers this year. Each book costs between \$12 to \$15 so we will be upgrading the way we manage these resources to reduce the amount lost or damaged. If you find any school readers that may have fallen behind the bed, bookshelves or under car seats please return to your child's teacher or the office.

facebook

Thank you to the families who have "liked" our school Facebook page. If you haven't already, please do so. We update this regularly with updates, notices and details of school events.

We have received great feedback about the increase in communication this year, and Facebook is one of our main portals. Also please check you are receiving our newsletters via email and checking our school website for events each week.

Fintan Kelly
Principal

Notices

Crazy Hair Day

One of our students has organised a Crazy Hair day at school on Monday where he will also Shave for a Cure to raise funds for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand. Shave for a Cure is Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand's signature fundraising event and Lachlan has been liaising with his class teacher and the principal to bring this cause to your attention. All you have to do is send your child to school in mufti with a donation to support this cause.

Tuesday, 12 April

Lunchtime activity



Out of Uniform & Crazy Hair Day!
Gold Coin Donation

Students who participate in the Out of Uniform/Crazy Hair Day are asked to make a gold coin donation (to be collected during 1st period). Money raised from this event will be donated to the Leukaemia Foundation.



BRAVE IT SHAVE IT
Support Lachlan Coyle (Year 5) taking place at the middle school courts @ 11:45

Please join us to raise funds for those living with a blood cancer or a related blood condition.

Second Hand Uniform

Pakuranga Heights School will no longer sell second hand uniform on your behalf. If you wish to donate items to the school, they can be given to either the office for spare clothing or to families in need. If you wish to sell your old school uniform, please use Trademe or you can email what items you have to office@pakuarangaheights.school.nz and they will be advertised in a new section in the newsletter.

Cultural Evening

Thank you to all of our families who came and enjoyed our cultural festival. We were thrilled with such an amazing turn out. We are all so proud of our students, performing in front of such a large crowd and so proud of themselves. A fantastic night celebrating some of our many cultures at our wonderful school.

Thank you to the parents who made costumes, supported Kapa Haka, ran the BBQ, drinks and ice cream stalls, helped to organise the lighting, stage and sound, and then packing up at the end of night plus much more.





Staff Profile

Mrs Deanne Williams

Kia ora, my name is Deanne Williams. I have the pleasure of teaching the incredible students in Room 21.

This is my very first term at Pakuranga Heights School and I am truly enjoying each day, getting to know the wonderful children and staff.

The school has a clear focus in developing a love of learning which is evident in the happy and focused children I see each day. I feel honoured to be part of this.

I have been privileged in having the opportunities to follow my many passions and have a Bachelor of Science degree (maj: Biological and Anthropological Science) and a Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching from the University of Auckland.

I have been a teacher for the last eight years, at all year levels from new entrants through to year eight and have enjoyed coaching soccer, cricket and swimming and being part of a science option.

I have come from South Africa and have lived in Auckland for 19 years (still supporting the Springboks!). I live with my husband of eight years and two young, energetic boys, Luka aged four, and Owen aged one. They take up most of my free time with soccer and discovering treasured beaches, parks and playgrounds around New Zealand. My interests include watching all kinds of superhero movies, baking cheesecakes and swimming.

In my classroom, I work hard to provide a positive and caring learning environment in order to develop relationships with them and their families. I aim to create independent and critical thinkers that absolutely enjoy learning.

I look forward to the amazing journey ahead at Pakuranga Heights School and thank you all for this opportunity.

Nga mihi maihoa.



Celebrating Excellence

The Windmill Farmer

One blustery, bone rattling autumn day a windmill farmer planted tiny green windmill seeds.

Then the windmill seeds grew and grew each and every day he watered them. Then a big ball of goldness came out to play.

As the days passed the sky got darker and colder. More gigantic grey pillows filled the sky. Wind rushed by as if it was in a hurry. The windmills spun faster and faster.

A couple of days later this all got out of complete control. The windmills spun like they had never spun before. The weather vane twisted and turned this way and that. The farmer hurriedly jumped outside avoiding any contact with bits flying around. The windmills... snapped off. BANG, CRASH, SNAP...

The farmer's heart was broken, everything was destroyed. The windmills were gone and so was his heart. It started snowing.

Later on there were windmills everywhere. They grew and the farmer saw and he was overjoyed.

By Narcaea

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Community Notices

Pakuranga Library is holding some fantastic activities these school holidays all about 'Telling Tales'. Come and join us from the 18th to the 28th of April for puppet shows, Franken toys, a scavenger hunt, fairy tale mystery, Lego and so much more.

Visit Pakuranga library for more information or contact us on 09 576 5269.

Howick Children's and Youth Theatre

HCYT School Holiday Programme – nine days of art, craft and drama activities.

\$25 per child per day. Drop-off can be from 8am – programme runs from 9am – 3pm.

Please phone 537 4943 or email us on hcyt@xtra.co.nz for more details.

Te Tuhi Centre for the Arts

One-day art programme (for ages 7 - 12 years)

A one day drawing and painting workshop with step-by-step guidance. Children will discover how simple shapes can be used to draw more complex forms and then with acrylic paints they will transform their drawings, learning painting tips and techniques along the way. Fun and focused.

Thursday 21st April 10.00am - 3.00pm, \$45 Te Tuhi Centre for the Arts

Bookings essential: email eion@eionbryant.com, or phone 4836703 for further details

Icon Trampoline Club is running a Holiday Programme on Friday 29th April from 10am-3pm. Come and learn Trampolining from the experts on Olympic Trampolines for just \$50. For enrollments or more information email icontrampoline@gmail.com or phone 256-0433.



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BREAK-AWAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

APRIL 2016

Have fun, strengthen your swimming skills and learn to keep yourself and your mates safer around water. Previous water experience not required.

Mon 18, Tues 19, Wed 20, Thur 21 April

- * Glen Innes Pool & Leisure, Glen Innes
- * Lloyd Elsmore Pool & Leisure, Pakuranga
- * Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa Pool & Leisure, Mangere
- * Parakai Springs, Parakai

9.00am - 2.30pm daily (*Pakuranga 10am - 3pm)

FREE! includes lunch

Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-in basis. Registration essential.

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For more information and to register:
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MON 18TH - FRI 22ND APRIL 2016



Mon 18th Apr

Mexican Fiesta
9am-12pm \$5
Come Dressed as a Mexican
Arriba! Arriba! Andale, Andale!



Tues 19th Apr
Bookings Essential

Auckland Stardome
10am-1pm \$15
How's the view up there??



Wed 20th Apr

Fear Factor
9am-12pm \$5
Oooo Yuck!!!



Thurs 21st Apr
Bookings Essential

Devonport Tunnels
9am-12pm \$5
Exploring by Torch Light



Fri 22nd Apr
Bookings Essential

Skateland
9am-12pm \$10
Let the Good Times Roll!

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Howick Primary School - 40 Willoughby Ave, Howick

<p>Morning 7.30am-12.30pm</p>	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>Introductory games, team banners, team building challenges & Super Science Bottle Rockets</p>	<p>ESCAPE ROOM SURVIVOR</p> <p>'Outsmart, Outtaugh, Outfun'</p> <p>Work in your team to complete lots of fun activities.</p> <p>Capture the Flag</p>	<p>Trip Day Kelly Sports and Cure Kids FUN DAY TRIP (travelling to Ponsonby Intermediate)</p> <p>Come along & support Cure Kids & have heaps of fun!</p> <p>Bouncy Castles, Water Relays, Sports Activities, Fun Games and more.</p>	<p>Wicked Wheels Day</p> <p>Bring your bike, skateboard or scooter & helmet!</p> <p>Races and Obstacle Courses.</p> <p>Chalk Drawing Comp.</p>	<p>Super Hero Fun</p> <p>Super Hero Shakes</p> <p>Make your own super hero mask</p> <p>Super Hero Training Obstacle Course – how fast can you complete the course</p>
<p>Afternoon 12.30pm-5.30pm</p>	<p>KELLY SPORTS Olympic Games</p> <p>Relays, Throwing Competitions, Sprints, Bean bag throw, Football shootout, World Cup Catching comp and more</p>	<p>KELLY SPORTS Favourites</p> <p>Monsters, Dodgeball, Run the Gauntlet, Rapid Fire, Force Back and more</p> <p>All in Tag</p>	<p>cure kids</p> <p>Additional cost \$15</p> <p>Don't forget to bring a big packed lunch, drink, raincoat, sunhat & change of clothes</p>	<p>Minute to Win It!</p>  <p>It's amazing what you can achieve in these 60 second challenges!</p>	<p>Dodgeball Extravaganza</p> <p>Play all your favourite Dodgeball games plus lots of new ones!</p> <p>Finish with an awesome Kids v Coaches game</p>
<p>Morning 7.30am-12.30pm</p>	<p>ANZAC DAY</p>  <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	<p>KELLY SPORTS Boot Camp</p> <p>Keep fit and healthy with fun and challenging exercise routines! Then make some yummy energy bars.</p>	<p>Trip Day SKATELAND MT WELLINGTON</p> <p>Music, Lights, Games & Races all on Rollerblades or Rollerskates</p> 	<p>KELLY SPORTS Got Talent!</p> <p>Show off YOUR incredible talents! Make yummy edible microphones and Hollywood stars</p>	<p>Ninjas!</p> <p>Find your Ninja name, make a head band and go through the Ninja training school!</p> 
<p>Afternoon 12.30pm-5.30pm</p>	<p>NO PROGRAMME</p>	<p>KELLY SPORTS Ball Sport Extreme</p> <p>Give a whole lot of ball sports a go and learn new skills and games. Football, Rippa Rugby, Basketball and T-ball</p>	<p>Additional cost \$15</p> <p>Don't forget to bring a big packed lunch, drink, raincoat and sunhat. You can bring your own rollerblades or rollerskates too if you have them</p>	<p>World Cup Cricket</p> <p>Rapid Fire Non-stop cricket Big Bash Comp</p> <p>Sports Ball Magnets</p>	<p>Ninjas cont...</p> <p>Have fun with more challenges and games, make sushi and ninja stress balls.</p>

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