



Nau mai haere mai, Greetings | Tena Koutou | Talofa Lava | Malo e Lelei | Namaste | Ni sa bula | Noaia'e mauri | Fakalofa lahi atu | Kia Orana | Asalam Alykum | Ni Hao | Konnichiwa | An Nyung Ha Sai Yo | Nay Ho | Goeie Mōre | Привет



From the Principal

Welcome back to the start of an exciting year of learning, friendships and challenges for your child.

STAFFING

We welcome new teachers Mrs Vicki Vaevae and Miss Phoebe Hawe in the senior school, Mr Eruera Abraham in the middle school and Mrs Rewa Vowles, Mrs Rinloo Danny and Miss Brooke Neale in the junior school.

We welcome back Mrs Libby Slaughter in Term 2 and Mrs Antonia Burton in Term 3

Office Staff

Welcome Mrs Kristina Mahoney who joins us as our new Office Executive.

Learning Support

We would like to welcome Miss Raneth Gramaje who is new to our team this year. Raneth is highly qualified in the area of Learning Support and Autism.

We have 13 Learning Assistants at Pakuranga Heights who support students across the school in classrooms and specifically with literacy and numeracy. The intervention programmes we use currently are:

- Quick 60 literacy intervention
- English Language Learners Programme
- Reading Recovery
- Patch Play and Talk to Learn Oral Language programmes
- SPRING into Maths support
- Reading mileage support.

Our Learning Assistants are: Mrs Chris Heaven, Mrs Michelle Alexander, Mrs Jean Wilkinson, Mrs Liz Watene, Mrs Bronwyn Bowden, Miss Nooriah Sayed, Mr Rob Findlay, Mrs Jo Horne, Mrs Coralie Buchanan, Miss Raneth Gramaje, Ms Jacqui Gaillie and Ms Lisa Chadderton.

Student Support

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, first and foremost the classroom teacher is your first point of contact. If you are still concerned please see the team leader or Mrs Margaret Walker whose responsibilities include behaviour and learning needs. If you have any concerns regarding health, custody issues, special needs, or require support with attendance or behaviour issues, please make an appointment with Mrs Margaret Walker. For questions on the curriculum or assessment, please make an appointment with Mrs Sue Kandasamy.

PROPERTY UPDATE

The Senior Playground

As well as being fun, the playground will be able to provide children with physical challenges.

Security Cameras

Security cameras were installed around the school to help deter vandalism and burglary.

Interactive Technology Upgrade

This has taken place in Rooms 12 as the projector has been replaced with portable interactive technology. We have also invested in 50 new chrome books (laptops)

Tissue Dispensers – Promoting Healthy Habits

These are in every room to help with kids with runny noses to help reduce the spread of coughs and the dreaded flu.

Grounds and Office

Thank you to Mr Mears for ensuring our school looks attractive, clean, tidy and safe. Mr Mears takes great pride in what he does and this is evident in the lovely school environment he maintains for the community.

Thank you to our office staff of Kristina, Toni and Arianne who have been working hard to ensure a smooth start to the school year. If you have any questions regarding stationery, uniforms or payments please see our friendly team.

New classrooms

Completion date is still on track for end of Term 2.

Lighting

We have replaced all our old lighting with LED' lighting.

What are LED bulbs?

LED stands for Light Emitting Diode and technically LED lights are not bulbs. LEDs don't even have wire filaments, like a lightbulb does.

How is LED different from incandescent?

When we talk about a "regular lightbulb" we mean an incandescent bulb. These bulbs have filaments that glow, producing both heat and light when energy flows through them. LED's, on the other hand, have electrons that flow to create photons – light we can see. Photons generate almost no heat.

Do LEDs save energy?

Although the incandescents had a good run, we suspect they'll soon be obsolete. The simple fact is that YES: LEDs use much less energy. Diode light is much more efficient, power-wise, than filament light. LED bulbs use over 75% less energy (<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/save-electricity-and-fuel/lighting-choices-save-you-money/led-lighting>) than incandescent lighting. At low power levels the difference is larger. Bright LED flood lamps use only 11 to 12 watts while creating a light output comparable to a 50-watt incandescent.

SUNSMART

School sun hats are compulsory during Term 1 if the children are playing outside. The school provides free sunscreen in all classes.

SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

It is expected that all students wear the correct school uniform. This includes hats, trousers etc. Thank you for your support.

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Last week we spent two full days planning the year ahead and sessions on first aide as well as team building activities.

Fintan Kelly
Principal



TRAFFIC AND SAFETY TIPS

To alleviate traffic congestion during peak times, we ask that you follow these tips when picking up or dropping off your children:

- Use the pick up/drop off zone to do just that, no stopping or leaving your vehicle in this zone
- Move to the front of the drop off/pick up zone before your child exits the vehicle
- Drivers are not permitted to turn right when exiting the drive through
- Ensure your children exit the right side of the vehicle and walk along the footpath to the pedestrian crossing
- Please refrain from making u-turns during busy pick up and drop off times
- Do not park in neighbouring driveways

Please abide by the clearway zones and yellow lines. These traffic laws are in place for you and your child's safety

The safety of your children is important to Pakuranga Heights School and we ask parents to be courteous and

respectful to other drivers at all times.

The church opposite the carpark has kindly offered parking at the rear as an alternative for drop-off when school park full - **please note that this is one way only, please enter on the right (looking from the school) and exit from the left.**

BEGINNING OF YEAR PARENT-TEACHER PARTNERSHIP INTERVIEWS

Wednesday, 20th February: 2.00pm - 7.00pm

We invite you to meet your child's new teacher on Wednesday, 20 February 2019 for a ten minute interview.

The purpose of this interview is to get to know more about your child and how they have settled in, and talk about ways of making this a successful year of learning for them.

Academic achievement will be shared in term 2 at the three-way conference when teachers will have current assessment data.

Please book a time through the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (<http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>) using the code **YXSPG** or book through the office.

School will close as usual at 3pm but if you want to pick your child up at 2.00pm that is fine.

Parents/guardians have been notified of this event via email, Facebook, and newsletter. If you have not received notification of this event via email then please update your contact details at the office or with your child's teacher.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE/HAMBURGER DAY - alternating Fridays

Our Sausage Sizzle/Hamburger days starts again on Friday, 15th February with Sausage Sizzle then alternates every Friday between Sausage Sizzle and Hamburger Day.

Sausage Sizzle

Beef or chicken sausage on bread with tomato sauce (optional) \$2.00

Hamburger Day

Beef or chicken hamburger \$3.00

Lemonade Ice Block \$2.00

To avoid queues in the office, orders can be made online through www.kindo.co.nz (<http://www.kindo.co.nz/>),. Orders are open online until Friday mornings at 9:00am or you can order at the office on Friday morning between 8:30am to 9:00am.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Signmee is our preferred online means of communication between school and allows our school to create and send online forms that can be filled, paid and signed by parents without the need for printing and returning. Here are a few things we use Signmee for:

- Newsletters
- Excursion forms
- Medical forms
- Notifications and updates (including **emergency** notifications)
- Sports events
- School events

KINDO is our electronic payment system where our families are able to make payments at any time of the day for their child's/children's trips, school donations, fundraisers, sausage sizzle/hamburger days and various other extra curriculum activities.

To sign up to **Signmee** and **KINDO** please visit the following websites:

www.signmee.com (<http://www.signmee.com/>)

www.kindo.co.nz (<http://www.kindo.co.nz/>) or follow the link <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?&shop=Pakuranga%20Heights%20School> (<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?&shop=Pakuranga%20Heights%20School>)

If you have any queries or require assistance please contact the school office on PH: 576 9209 or email: office@pakurangaheights.school.nz.

ABSENCES

When your child is absent please inform the school office by leaving a message on PH: 576 9209 or emailing office@pakurangaheights.school.nz. If your child is absent for 3 days due to illness a medical certificate is required and a copy given to the office staff.

LATENESS

If your child is late (arriving after 9:15am) they must sign in at the school office on the tablet. If your child has an appointment and will arrive late to school please notify the school office.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

Primary schools very much depend on this voluntary donation that equates to approximately 60 cents per child a day to provide each student with access to additional high quality resources such as:

- Computers, laptops, digital cameras, digital projectors
- Additional support programmes
- Online learning environments
- Reading resources
- Maths equipment, for example calculators and maths games
- Art supplies
- Physical education/sports equipment
- Musical instruments
- School productions
- Library books

While our school is very well resourced, to continue to provide a quality education it is necessary to generate additional income to maintain and extend the programmes and resources at Pakuranga Heights School. We raise income, for example, through the hiring of our school facilities, our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and applications to various funding agencies, for example, ASB Trust.

We also ask parents to contribute a donation of \$125.00 per child per annum.

The school donation qualifies as a donation for tax purposes and consequently families are able to recoup 33% (\$41.25) of the donation through the Inland Revenue IR526 claim form (<http://www.ird.govt.nz/forms-guides/number/forms-500-599/ir526-form-claim-rebate-2016.html>).

Methods of payment

- Kindo, our online payment system which is directly linked to our student management system
- One-off deposit or direct debit (of the full amount or part payment) into the school bank account (details below)
- Payment by cheque/cash/credit card at the school office (either of the full amount or partial payment)

School Bank Account details

Account Name: Pakuranga Heights Board of Trustees

Bank and Branch: ASB, Ti Rakau Drive

Account Number: 12-3056-0055768-00



Upcoming Events

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| 12 February | Swimming Starts Rms 12,13 |
| 13 February | Swimming Starts Rms 14-20 |
| 14 February | Swimming Starts Rms 21,22,23 |
| 19 February | Swimming Rms 12,13 |
| 20 February | Parent Partnership Meetings, Swimming Rms 14-20 |
| 21 February | Swimming Rms 21,22,23 |



House Captains

Introducing our 2019 House Captains. Over the next four editions of our newsletter we will introduce to you our 2019 House Captains and Sports House Captains.

Hi my name is Cindy and I am one of your 2019 Weka House Captains and Head Girl.

My hobbies and interests are reading, maths, watching YouTube, dancing to pop music and playing netball for Pakuranga United netball team. I really want to dedicate this year, 2019, to being the best year for everyone to achieve their goals in either sports or school. I want everyone to show and earn Kindness, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility in or out the school, have fun and enjoy!



Hi my name is Tyler, and I am one of the Piwakawaka House Captains for 2019!

I like to play lots of sports in my own time and play a lot of games. I like to achieve my goals out of school and in school. I have been a peer mediator and rugby player for the school too. My goal is to get all the students to be kind to each other and respect one and other. I want every student to do the bee values as well. I hope you enjoy 2019.



Hello my name is Adam and I'm a Tui House Captain for 2019!

I want to be a responsible and respectful House Captain and achieve a lot this year.

My interests are playing with my friends and pretty much having a good time.

What I want to achieve this year is to organise some competitions on the field, make school fun and to help improve teacher student communication. I think 2019 is going to be a blast.



Hi my name is Aariz and I'm your Kea Sports House Captain for 2019.

My interests and hobbies are sports, which i will definitely help everyone with so you can stay fit and active. My other hobbies are music, gaming, watching netflix and to keep everyone smiling. I like to play music and sing with my grandpa, dad and uncles. I'm hoping to make this year fun and exciting for all the people in the school. I have lots of ideas for our school like house competitions and lunchtime activities. Let's see if Kea can get the most house points, which will be challenging but fun.



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PAKURANGA GIRLS BRIGADE

For girls aged 5 years and over - come and join the fun and friendship of Girls' Brigade.

We offer a range of activities that encourage and grow girls in a safe friendly environment.

We meet Wednesdays at Trinity Methodist Church, 474 Pakuranga Rd. Juniors from 6.00-7.30pm and Seniors from 6.30-8.30pm.

Phone Shirley Peat 537-4077 or email dspeatnz@gmail.com

AFTERSCHOOL MANDARIN LESSONS 学中文

There is a Mandarin class for kiwi students to join (both native or non-native Chinese speakers). In this Wednesday class (3:15pm-4:45pm at school, or other days), the students will learn to listen, speak, read and write. Everyone is welcome throughout the year.

You are welcome to contact joyzh18@gmail.com or 02102226208

欢迎报读我校的课后中文班。我们招收不同程度的学生，每周三放学后，(3:15pm-4:45pm).也可安排其它时间，地点就在校以前的图书馆，欲了解更多详情，请联系如下电话或微信号：**02102226208**或**aknz2468**(可说中英文)