

# Newsletter Term 2

## Wk 6 2020

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

A huge welcome back to Pauatahanui School after all those weeks away. It has been great having all of the students back this week. A school is certainly not a school without the students.

Thank you to all the parents who became home educators while supporting our teachers to deliver programs of teaching and learning in a whole new way.

A big thank you also to the team here at Pauatahanui School who showed great professionalism and adaptability as they did all they could to connect and teach online. I was so impressed with how everyone embraced online learning and really outdone themselves with a range of live video streaming sessions and recorded videos. We have learnt a great deal over the past 9 weeks and while I am trying to avoid cliches, I know that as a school we will come out of this thing stronger. The large number of messages of support that I have been sent from the school community have been warmly received and passed onto the staff team.

While I am thanking people I would like to make a special mention of Kate Excell and Rene van Zyl who worked up at the school during level-3 with those students who had to come to school.

While the students have been learning from home there has been a huge amount of building work going on at the school. You would have seen much of the building progress in the Educa posts. I am very pleased to let you know that apart from some shelving in room 6a, all the classroom refurbishment work has been completed. The students love the renovated spaces and it certainly a nice feeling to be able to open the school with some fresh looking and smelling classrooms.

Now that the classroom refurbishment work is done we are in the middle of a roofing project. As I write this I can see 5 tradies on the Learning Centre roof. The flat section of roofing on the learning centre is being completely replaced. Once that is completed the roofers will move over to the Room 1,2 and 3 roof which is also being replaced.

Next Friday, 29th May, the school will be closed for instruction as we take the first of 2 teacher only days in 2020. I have had a couple of queries from parents about the timing of the teacher only day next Friday. The information below explains our rationale for not moving the day until later in the year.

The community was informed of the 2 teacher only days in the Term 1- Week 4 newsletter, along with a brief outline of the rationale for the days. During lockdown and level 3 there was no further information sent out to the community about the teacher only days as our focus was obviously elsewhere.

### Origin of the 8 Teacher Only Days

This link will take you to the MoE site where the 8 teacher only days that all primary schools are entitled to.  
<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/school-terms-and-holidays/accord-teacher-only-days/>

### Accord Teacher Only Days for primary settings

Arising from the recent employment agreement negotiations for the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement, the Primary Principals' Collective Agreement, the Area School Teachers' Collective Agreement and the Area School Principals' Collective Agreement it was agreed that any one principal or teacher is entitled to a maximum of 8 teacher only days.

These days are to provide teachers and principals with additional time to:



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Term Dates 2020

**Term 1**

Mon 3 Feb - Thu 9 April

**Term 2**

Tue 28 April - Fri 3 July

**Term 3**

Mon 20 July - Fri 25 Sept

**Term 4**

Mon 12 Oct - Tue 15 Dec

It is likely that 2 teacher only days will be scheduled during the 2020 school year.

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- Refresh and deepen their knowledge and practice around the local curriculum (within the context of the removal of national standards)
- Strengthen their understanding of the use of assessment tools for learning and teaching
- Respond to the recommendations of the education work programme in the Curriculum, Progress and Achievement (CPA) Report
- Familiarise themselves with curriculum work changes that will become available over the term of the collective agreements.

The day that we have planned for the 29th May addresses all of the points above and is an incredibly important part of our ongoing professional development and learning calendar. We feel that it is essential that we quickly refocus on the aspects of our strategic plan that will guide teaching and learning at Pauatahanui School. Part of the teacher only day will be spent with an external facilitator who will be working with the staff on the Learning Progression Frameworks in Mathematics- This had been booked way back in February and changing dates with a compacted year ahead was proving very difficult. There is no way we could have provided the PLD through the external provider during the lockdown or level three period.

**Build Back Better-** We absolutely acknowledge that there has been massive disruption globally to all aspects of normal life. I feel the team here at Pauatahanui School have done an amazing job of pivoting on the spot and doing all they can to deliver programs of learning online. The learning curve has been steep and we have all been working very hard both before lockdown, through the school holidays and over the 6 weeks of term 2. I feel that bringing the staff together sooner, rather than later will enable us to spend the time that is needed to explore how we can build back better. We will look at the things we valued that we lost and also the things that we value that we will keep as we come out of this crisis.

**Long weekend-** While I have not spoken to all school families, I do know that there are a number of families who are taking advantage of the first long weekend after a long period of travel restrictions to get away for 4 days by using the teacher only day on the Friday to travel. I have heard a few stories of duck shooting, heading to Nana's place in Blenheim and so on. When setting the dates for the 2 teacher only days this year the BoT deemed it appropriate and advantageous for the community to tag them onto a long weekend as this is a time when we see high rates of absenteeism.

Teacher only days 2020

29th May Teacher Only Day with the following Monday being Queen's birthday

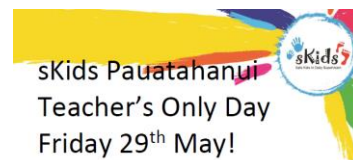
23rd October Teacher Only Day with the following Monday being Labour Day

We completely understand that there are some members of the school community who will be returning to work and who will be busy. There are also a considerable number of parents who are still working from home and will be doing so for the next couple of weeks. The feedback from some of these families is that the teacher only day next Friday works better for them as they will not have to arrange for or pay for child care on this day. If we were to shift the day to later in the term or year then all we are really doing is moving the date to when potentially more parents will have to arrange care for their children.

### **On-site SKiDs program.**

I have spoken with the manager of SKiDs and they will be offering a day program for those parents who require child care for the day, or part of the day. More information about this just below in this newsletter.

I hope this sheds a bit of light on why we have decided to stay with the 29th May. Feel free to give me a call if you have any further questions or comments.



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ingrid@skids.co.nz**NOTES FROM THE OFFICE****Sausage sizzle**

Unfortunately we couldn't complete our term 1 sausage sizzle and everyone who had prepaid for the whole term will have missed out on three weeks and now have a credit with the school. We are planning to schedule some sausage sizzle days once we are further down the alert level scale and are able to share food again.

If you have prepaid, we will hold your money for these days. If you would rather refund, please email Manuela [office@pauatahanui.school.nz](mailto:office@pauatahanui.school.nz)

**Juicies**

Every Thursday the seniors are selling juicies to fundraise for their 2020 camp. Juicies are \$1.50 each. The students handling the juicies will be wearing gloves and sanitising their hands before and after the sale.

**Lost and Found**

Before the lockdown there were a couple of bikes left up at school. Robbie has locked these up in the garage. You or your child can pick them now up.

We have:

- A girl's pink scooter and helmet
- A girl's red rocket bike and helmet

**Movin' March**

Unfortunately, Movin' March was also cut short due to the lockdown. If your child still has any Movin' March passports, please get them to drop these off at school (before Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May), so we can send them in. Every passport is in the draw for some spot prizes.

## 2020 Kiwi Competitions

The University of Canterbury is offering our students the opportunity to participate in the KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum.

The competitions are open to all Year 5-8 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. There will be certificates and prizes up for grabs. We will send out more information at the beginning of next week to all our families with children in years 5 – 8.

## 2020 Kiwi Competitions

Certificates and prizes awarded

Online competition for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary students

Ask your teacher for details and entry form.



Kiwi Science Competition



Kiwi Maths Competition



Kiwi English Competition

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The competition will run during the first 3 weeks of Term 3.

Register Now!  
[www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/)



## SPORTS NEWS

### Kelly Sports @ Pauatahanui School

We are fortunate to have Ashleigh and Adam from Kelly Sports to run a Fitness Fit programme across the whole school for 5 weeks. This is a programme designed to provide some exercise options within Level 2 parameters and for the kids to get moving. We are looking forward to the first session on Tuesday.

### School Cross Country Postponed

School Cross Country and the following Parumoana, Regional and Inter Regional Cross Country all will be postponed. Dates are in the process of being confirmed and will be communicated when we are in a position to do this.

## TAINUI HUB

## Room 3 and 4

Room 3 and 4 have been missing our dress ups as they have gone home to be cleaned! On Friday we had a dress up day where we wore a dress up from our home. We got out all our recycling and made some amazing creations. Check out our photos.



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## Whitireia News - Term 2

On Monday we welcomed back many excited students to school. Some were a bit nervous but all were wanting to catch up with their friends in person rather than on a zoom meeting.

Students were allocated seats and Level 2 procedures explained. Here are some images and comments from Room 10 about this week.

"On Wednesday, Mrs Davies made an amazing, Amazing Race to do. We were all grateful - our favourite thing was the minefield. Thank you Mrs Davies."

"It was a bit awkward not hugging everyone but it was good to see our classmates again."

"We have done so many amazing and fun things since coming back to school such as making our 3D shapes."

"As we settled in we readied for the changes upon us, little did we know that the week would be full of surprises."

"This week has been interesting because we have all shared what we did in lockdown."



## RAUKAWA HUB

## Room 5

Room 5 have really enjoyed coming back to school and learning together again in our newly renovated classroom!

Ryder- *I've liked coming back to school because I liked doing the triangle art.*

Mackie- *I like seeing my friends.*

Riley- *I like having our desk groups.*

Therese- *I like being at home but I also like being at school to see my friends and my teacher.*

Fletcher H- *I like doing the hurdles at PE and our new classroom.*

During our distance learning Mrs Sarniak-Thomson taught us some cartooning and we created some amazing cartooning self-portraits this week in class- look at these awesome examples!





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A woman with long brown hair, wearing a bright pink long-sleeved leotard, is captured in a dynamic dance pose. She is barefoot, with her right leg extended forward and her left leg bent behind her. Her arms are raised, with her right arm extended upwards and her left arm bent. The background is a dark, solid color, and the floor is a light, reflective surface. The text "PLIMMERTON SCHOOL OF DANCE" is overlaid in the center in a white, sans-serif font. Above this, a list of dance styles is provided, and below, the school's website and a statement about inclusivity are shown.

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