

Newsletter Term 4 Wk 8 2019

Friday 6th December 2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Wow, where did 2019 go? It seems like just yesterday that the year 7 and 8 class were off to Otaki Forks for their Leadership camp and the year 5 and 6 class were off to El Rancho for their camp. That was in term 1!

2019 has been packed full of learning and fun. Our students are regularly packed into cars or buses so they can access a wide range of sporting, learning and cultural opportunities. This coupled with our excellent teachers and the visiting performers and experts who come into the school, certainly makes for a busy school day, week term and year- time flies by when you are having fun!

At the end of this year, 10 year 8's will walk through the school gates for the last time as PAUA students. I know that the time they spent at Pauatahanui School will have prepared them well for the next stage of their education. Thank you to our senior students for being amazing learners and leaders during their time at Pauatahanui School. It is always such a treat to hear how well the Pauatahanui School students are doing at college. I often brag to other principals about how self-regulated and independent the Pauatahanui senior students are. The couple of times I have been in to cover the class when Mrs Spencer has been away, I have honestly felt like they didn't need me in there. I will not take that personally, rather I will take that as an indicator of their success as independent learners.

Next year we will have a record 18 students in year 8 which is exciting. Obviously a significant increase in student numbers in a couple of areas of the school means a bit of a rethink around how we organise the school. We also have a bit of building work going over the summer break, so in 2020 the school will look a bit different than it did in 2019.

There have been a large number of successes and celebrations this year. This last Principal blurb is not long enough to cover them all but I would like to take the opportunity to mention a couple of things.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to Matt Stanley on his appointment to the Principal position at Churton Park School. Matt was the Deputy Principal at Pauatahanui School from the middle of 2014, until the middle of 2019 and taught predominantly in the year 7/8 area of the school. Thank you for all of your leadership, energy and work over the 5 years you were here. On a similar note a big Pauatahanui School welcome to Kate Excell who joined the staff team as Deputy Principal at the beginning of term 4.

Next, I would like to acknowledge the incredible Kapa Haka performance group. Matua Todd has been working with Pauatahanui School for more than 6 years. Every year we see the students grow in confidence, skills and man do some of the student's pukana send shivers down your spine! Our Kapa Haka group has come from nothing a few short years ago, to a group who can hold their own no matter where or to whom they are performing.

Lastly, I would like to mention a current student and a couple of past students who have had some recent success. Blake Miscall is a current year 7 student who won our Pauatahanui School senior school cross country. From here he then represented Pauatahanui School at the Parumoana cross country champs where he placed FIRST! From the Parumoana champs he then qualified to represent Parumoana at the Wellington Regional cross country champs where he placed 4th. This then qualified Blake to represent Wellington at the inter regionals that were held in Hanmer Springs. Blake came 8th in this race. An amazing achievement.

Cameron Judd left Pauatahanui School at the end of 2018 and is currently in year 9 at Aotea College. Cameron is a keen trials motorcycle rider. Over labour weekend Cameron went to the New Zealand Trials Championships in Hawkes Bay, Cameron competed in the Mini A Grade and finished with the National title for Mini A electric and overall Mini Champ on an electric trials bike.

Leah Moura is also currently a year 9 student at Aotea College who left Pauatahanui School at the end of 2018. This year Leah won the Aotea College Year 9 academic scholar award.

On behalf of the students, I would like to say a huge heartfelt thank you to the Board of Trustees and all of the staff and the wider community who work so hard to ensure that our Pauatahanui School learners are offered a curriculum that is broad and engaging.

Have a great Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all on the 17th December at our 2019 Prize giving.

Bradley Roberts
Principal

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS

Waikanae Pool

We are all looking forward to our day at Waikanae Pools next Wednesday. Thank you very much to all the parent helpers that are coming along we appreciate your support. A reminder to bring

- *Togs (Think sunsmart - Rash tops are a great option)
- *Towels
- *Goggles (if needed)
- *Sunblock
- *Morning tea and lunch (Tuck shop is not open)
- *Water bottle
- *Hat
- *Change of clothes (warm top)
- *Any medication (named and handed to the classroom teacher)

Prize Giving is on the 17th of December at 6:30pm

Plimmerton School Hall (please note the change of venue)

There is no parking available up the drive.

Yearbook

A group of student councillors have worked hard to create an amazing year book celebrating 2019. Our year 7&8 students will receive a free copy, for everyone else the book will be on display in the school office and can be ordered for \$7 a copy.

Our last day of school will be the 20th of December and school will finish at 12pm. All buses will be here at 12pm to take bus students home. Because we won't have a sausage sizzle on that Friday we will have one on the Thursday instead.

2020 INFO

Our class plan for 2020

We received a few great questions around the school organisation for 2020 and we want to add to the information in the last newsletter.

The junior school teachers will work together as a team and within that, the classes will work as two collaborative hubs. The year 2-3 classes will collaborate together and the year 1 and year 1-2 class will collaborate together. Rochelle Kearney will be our year 1 teacher, Maddy Bain will be the year 1-2 teacher. Jade Ahrens and Sarah Taylor will be our year 2-3 teachers.

The year 6/7/8 classroom teachers are Maria Breuss McBride and Melissa Davis. Becky Spencer will be providing release for this hub.

Reports will go home on the 17th with students' new classes for 2020. We will be having a transition time for new classes on Wednesday the 18th.

Here are our term dates for 2020



**PAUATAHANUI
SCHOOL**
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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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Leavers forms

If your child is leaving Pauatahanui School at the end of this year, please remember to fill in a Leaver's Form. Please also make sure all school property has been returned (e.g. library books, text books, sports uniform, trophies), that any medication that's been stored in the medical room is picked up and any outstanding accounts are paid.

Scholastic Books

These have arrived. If you are expecting a big order, can you please drop off a bag in the office.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS



On the 4th December 2019 a crew of boys and girls went to Regional Athletics.

The team included:

Boys team: Blake, Teddy and Jimmy

Girls team: Saskia, Dani and Sofia

We all went to Newtown Park in Wellington. We met at the bus bay at 7:25am and left at 7:30am.

The boys went in one car and the girls went in another. When we got there we gathered around the Parumoana team and we got together at 8.30am and started to warm up at 9:00am And started the events at 9:20am. When we got there we had a look at the schedule for the events and we all went to our events.

Teddy represented Paramoana for: Year 7 200m Sprint, Relay

Jimmy represented Paramoana for: Year 6 High Jump

Blake represented Paramoana for: Year 7 1500m, 200m Sprint, 100m Sprint, Vortex, Year 7 Relay, Year 8 Relay

Sofia represented Paramoana for: Year 6 Quoits

Saskia represented Parumoana for: Year 6 High Jump

Dani represented Parumoana for: Year 6 800m

Over all we all had an amazing day, really happy with the results. Blake got placed 4th in the 1500m run. Everyone else did very well. The day finished at 2:40pm and headed home.

By Teddy and Blake

TAINUI HUB

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Tainui hub and this week we have enjoyed writing about what we could do to solve the problem of Santa being stuck up the chimney.

One gloomy dark, night I woke up to a sound that was like "Ho, ho, ho" and then I went to wake up my family. Then my dad lifted us all onto the roof so we could look down the chimney. And then we all had a giant surprise. In the chimney was Santa so we slid off the roof. But first we asked what he was allergic to. Santa said "dogs!" and when we were in our house dad got my dog and then dad carried my dog up onto the roof and held him over the chimney. It did not work because Santa forgot he stopped being allergic to them so we had to push Santa through!

Rosie Colbert

"Help! Help! Get me out of this chimney!!!" Said Santa. "Oh girls, oh boys none of you are going to get any toys tonight." So Santa rang two of his elves to help get him out of the smelly and dusty chimney. When the elves arrived one of them went into the house, the other one flew up to the chimney with its magic. One sat on Santa's head, the other pushed his bum up and just as he was about to come out of the chimney one of the people put on the fire and pop went Santa. He was free!

Riley Styles

Once upon a time Santa was delivering presents and then when he was going down the chimney Santa got stuck. I woke up. I saw Santa. He was so stuck. So my dog woofed and woofed and Santa was free and we all celebrated Christmas.

Charlie Giles

KAWHIA HUB



Kawhia's Weta hotel

In technology the big idea in Term 4 is to play and create.
We had a lot of fun designing our weta hotels and making our
prototypes with cardboard.

Mr Roberts helped us a little bit to make a
REAL one with wood, plastic and screws. We're going to attach
it to a tree down in the forest area at school. We wonder how
many wetas will crawl inside?



"Our weta house is so
the wetas are safe and
warm."

Kaia Room 8



"We are going to put it on a tree so the wetas can climb in it
and be cosy."

Jack Room 8

"We made a weta hotel so the wetas
don't get wet."

Nate Room 7



"We made it out of wood so the rain
doesn't get inside."

Charlie Room 7

RAUKAWA HUB

Raukawa Hub have finished off their construction projects and the children made such wonderful things! We have also written fantastic instructions about how to use the tools- please enjoy this wonderful example from Therese.



How to use a saw!

What you need:

- *A person

- *a saw

- *piece of wood

- *table

- *clamps(2)

- 1.First get a table and put it down on the floor with the legs at the bottom.
- 2.Get a piece of wood and put some hanging off the table.
- 3.Get out your clamps and tighten one to one side and the other one to the other side.
- 4.Put your on the wood so it doesn't move.
- 5.Now grab your saw and put it on the wood where there are spikey bits.
6. Also hold onto the handle.
- 7.Then go backwards and forwards a couple of times.
- 8.Finally start doing smaller backwards and forwards.
- 9.Keep going until the wood comes off.

Now you know how to use a saw!!

By Therese

WHITIREIA HUB

EOTC week *year 7&8*

MONDAY

THE LONG HIKE

On Monday, Room 9 went to Battle Hill and walked the Puketera loop. Through the tunnel and past Transmission Gully, we were tired ten minutes into the walk!

Once we got through the tunnel we had to walk through the paddock area, and at the bottom of the bank there was a river we had to walk through, it was freezing, some people just jumped over it to the other side, and some people didn't mind and walk right through the river in their shoes which got soaked, but it was so nice at the end of the walk because the river was so nice and refreshing on the nice sunny day so we just got to cool down in the river. We got to have a snack at the river, but then we realised that there was a big hill we had to climb. We didn't know what to make of it but we had to climb it! We got to stop at an area to have food, but I think we were all about to faint. We weren't even half way!

It was a nice hike because we just got to walk and talk with our friends. The hill was really steep and it was so hot so that made it even harder but at least we had some shade from all the pine trees surrounding us. It went on and on for ages, when we went around each corner we were wondering has it finished yet? But no it wasn't over, we stopped a few times to wait for each other and that's when some of us had a drink of water.

There was a big patch of mud that we had to walk through but one of the boys lost his shoe in the mud, and one of the other boys went looking for it in the mud. The next stop was what we thought was the top but wasn't actually, there was a sign and it was called Blow Fly Road, Isn't that funny?

After the big patch of mud, we took a turn to the right and we walked for ages until... we Finally reached the top of the hill, there were amazing views we could even see the South Island, when we reached the top we sang the Pauatahanui song. We were all relieved when we finally got to walk back down because it was soooo much easier than walking up. When we got to the bottom we were very tired and most of us just collapsed, then Mrs Spencer played some music from her speaker, the boys played cricket and most of the girls went to the river and we looked at the eels, then it was finally time to go back to school.

TUESDAY**YACHTING AND KAYAKING**

On Tuesday Room 9 was dropped off by our parents to the train station. After catching the train we walked for 2km to Oriental Bay. 😞 😞

Once we got to the Oriental Bay Yachting Club. We were split into two groups, one went yachting and one went kayaking and stand up paddle boarding (after a safety talk, of course.)

Group one got to go yachting first.

After putting on all the wet weather gear (we felt ridiculous!), we were split into two groups. We were then shown how to get onto the boat and shown around it. We were told it could never flip but when it got to the bumpy bits it sure felt like it could!

After everyone having a turn at steering and getting really wet it was time to swap, group two went yachting and group one went kayaking.

If you were in group one for yachting you were doing stand up paddle boarding first then if you were in a group two for the yachting you were put in the kayaking group.

After getting very wet, cold and uncomfortable we had to swap on the water we all had different ways to swap some people just jumped in/fell in, some just belly flopped onto the other board and then others did it strategically by having the person in the kayak hop onto the board with them then almost at the same time the person on the board hopped onto the kayak. It was really hard to swap.

But before and after we swapped we all got to do an obstacle course on both boards. Then we all paddled back to shore and hugged dry ground.

After all that we headed back to the train station and back to our parents.

WEDNESDAY**MASTER CHEF**

Every Wednesday Room 9 goes to Tech at Plimmerton School but this Wednesday we came back from Tech and did a Master Chef challenge we all got into 6 groups and were told what we were going to make.

Sausage rolls. FUN!



We were all given the ingredients.

That contained:

- Herbs \we brought our own

Equipment

- A bowl
- Rolling pin
- An oven tray (from home)

Ready, set... BAKE!!!

The pastry was hard to work with it was crumbly and sticky after a while.

Now for the sausage we had to squeeze the sausage out of its casing. Each group had five sausages.

FRIDAY**POLICE MUSEUM**

After our long week we had a trip to the Police Museum.

When we got there we sat down and looked at the old uniforms and the new uniforms. Then we got split up into two groups, one group went to a fingerprinting workshop where they learnt how to take fingerprint samples. That's what forensic scientists do. Group two did a detective activity around the Museum.

After group one finished we got together and swapped.

Sadly our time came to an end at the Museum. We packed up and went for a walk to the lagoon to have some more fun after a long week. We ate our lunch and then played on the playground while we were waiting for the parents to come and pick us up and take us back to school.

THANK YOU TO....

- Mrs Spencer for organizing EOTC week for Room 9
- Parents and family, that helped with transport and supervision
- The people that put up with us at the:
 1. Yachting club
 2. Police museum
 3. Parliament

We couldn't have done it without all of you!!!

And a BIG thank you to Mrs Excell for trying our nasty food!

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