

Pakiri School



KO TAHI TE HĪKOI WHAKAMUA (FORWARD TOGETHER)

8 May 2024 Week 2 Term 2

Kia ora whanau,

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. We hope that you had a fantastic break and are refreshed and ready to tackle the new term. This term promises to be filled with more exciting opportunities, new challenges, growth, and learning. As we begin Term Two, let's set our goals high and strive for excellence in everything that we do. We have a very busy term, so please keep up to date with the events posted in the newsletter and on Skool loop.



Our new field is open, YEAR ROUND! Chloe thanked Mike from Tuff and Drainage for their mahi. Later that day, I received a text from their general manager saying “Hi Andrew, your kids just about had Mike crying with happiness. Thank you so much”. It was super to see all the students enjoying themselves playing rugby, soccer, and tag.

We would like to welcome Nui, TJs younger brother, to Pakiri School.

Education in New Zealand:

Education in New Zealand has received a lot of press recently and has been raised as a core focus of the Government. In my view, in relation to education at Pakiri School, as well as at the kura I have previously taught at; Education has been, and will remain, a core priority. Outstanding staff prioritise the learning and well-being of all children. Reading, Writing, and Maths are focused on, with regular review and discussion on students' learning and needs.

Cell phones have always been banned from school. Just to reassure you, Pakiri School has structured literacy and mathematics teaching at all year levels, as well as a vast array of engaging learning activities for all children, with the aim of meeting the dynamic and differentiated needs of learners across the school. We will maintain our learning direction, which meets the needs of all tamariki and the expectations of the government, with continued and regular review.



Dawn Service at Wellsford
Pakiri School Wreath Layers

During the school holidays, I spent three days of non-stop conversations on innovative leadership that left me inspired and empowered. It was a chance to immerse myself in a dynamic environment where I witnessed a dazzling array of groundbreaking leadership models. It enabled me to sharpen my focus and help shape my thinking for the future of learning and education at Pakiri School and learning about transformative leadership.

Nga mihi aroha,
Andrew

What's coming up

16 May Thursday	Auckland Writer festival Year 5-8 (9 Students)
	Tabloid sports at Tomarata School Year 1-4 (10 Students)
21 May Tuesday	Tree planting day Whole school
29 May Wednesday	Rural Principals Conference in Wellington
5 June Wednesday	Book or Movie Character Dress-Up Day
13 June Thursday	Soccer/Hockey (Y5-8)
28 June Friday	MATARIKI DAY

6 June Thursday NZSTA Conference in Wellington

Trees for Survival Planting Day – you're invited!

Grab your gumboots and a spade and come join in to help plant the wonderful native trees that the students have grown this year. It's an inter-generational fun day and you will be helping in a small way, to restore Aotearoa-New Zealand's native environment.

Planting Day Tuesday 21 st May, Rain Date Wed 5 th June
Site Address First house on left J Greenwood Road off Pakiri Rd.
Follow the planting site signs to find the correct driveway

Format for the day

Meet and greet. Usually 9.30, but depends on school arrival time
Safety briefing for ALL adults and students
Walk together to tree planting site
Review of planting area and demonstration of the planting technique
Lunch provided around 12.30 – 1:00pm. Then, wash the muddy spades and finish for the day. Children return to school

What to bring

Practical comfortable clothing – showerproof jacket / hat / garden gloves / boots/footwear that have a good grip and are okay to get quite muddy
Sunblock - lets be optimistic!
BYO favourite spade if you have one
Change of dry clothes / bag for muddy gear
Bottle of water and a snack to keep your energy up!

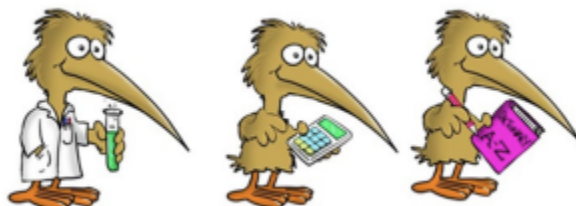
Board Update

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 14 at 5.30pm.

2024 Kiwi English, Mathematics, and Science Competitions

The University of Canterbury is, once again, offering Years 5 and 6 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. Students can enter in one or more subjects. Each competition will provide parents/caregivers with an individual student report of



their child's overall performance. The supervised online tests will take place in the last three weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. Please contact your child's teacher for a registration form; you can also consult the CAM website <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/kiwi-competitions/> for more information.

This term we have restarted the 'Garden to Table' programme. The students have been split into a junior and senior team, where each fortnight they get to plan, build and construct our new garden beds. We aim to have them planted up by the end of the term and start the cooking in term 3.

What is Garden to Table?

Garden to Table is a nationwide charitable trust. We enable schools and kura throughout the motu to deliver, embed and sustain impactful food education. Through our curriculum-linked food education programme, we take learning out of the classroom, and empower Kiwi kids to grow and cook their own fresh, seasonal, and environmentally sustainable kai.

How does the programme work?

Garden to Table sessions happen regularly throughout the year, with some tamariki working in the garden and some working in the kitchen. Tamariki observe the changing seasons and full food cycle and how planting, harvesting, and cooking change to reflect seasonality. At the end of each session, the garden and kitchen teams come together to share kai with their teachers and volunteer helpers.

If you would like to be involved as a volunteer, please make contact with Andrew.

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