

# Pakiri School

Week 3 Term 1 2025

Ngā mihi o te tau hou,

We hope you had a relaxing summer break and return to kura refreshed and ready to tackle another busy year ahead! The lovely Whaea Shiralee has joined the teaching staff at Pakiri School. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome her and thank those that have already popped in to introduce themselves.

With everybody's stationary here at school, we have quickly started our learning journey' - thank you parents.

## Important Events

25 February - Community BBQ/swim 5.30pm - 7pm

Come along for a shared BBQ to catch up with everyone, meet Whaea Shiralee, and have a swim. We will provide sausages, sauce, and bread. BYO kai and drinks.

10 March Cricket coaching from Northland Cricket Association

14 March - Interschool Swimming Y4-Y8 Rodney College Pool (ages at April 12 8 yrs +)

21 March Teacher only day (staff at Warkworth School for Maths PLD)

25 March - Rodney North Cricket Day - Centennial Park

25 March - BOT hui 5.30pm at School

26 March - Goal Setting Parent/Caregiver-Teacher-Child Conferences

11 April - Last day, Term 1

28 April First day of Term 2

**Attendance** - Attendance has a strong impact on connection, engagement, learning and consequently achievement. It is imperative that your child regularly attends school to make the most of the learning opportunities and experiences we provide. It is the MoEs (Ministry of Education's) expectation that a child attends school 90%+ a week, which equates to missing only one day a fortnight. This year, our attendance data will be collected daily by the MoE and if a pattern of absenteeism is identified, the North Auckland Attendance Service will be notified in order to offer support.

Also, a huge mihi to whanau for sending your tamariki to school with a full lunchbox, water bottle, and a hat! It's important to know our tamariki have what they need for the day. For ideas on nutritious lunches, check out [Lunchbox ideas - NZ Nutrition Foundation](#)



It is great to see everyone bring along their togs and towel every day. If your child has long hair, could you please make sure they have a hair tie or a swim cap, as it is really difficult to teach freestyle breathing with a mouth full of hair! Ingrid Carter will be here 2 days a week to support students learning to swim. Today we were working on breathing every 4 strokes and rolling onto our sides to breathe, while kicking.



As a part of our commitment to the safety and well-being of all our students, we kindly request that you update your contact details and provide a backup emergency contact person. A form was sent home with your child last Friday. This ensures we can reach you promptly in case of any urgent situations. Thanks to all those that have returned their updated contact details.

Eliahna And Rose started Manual at Rodney College today. They had a great first day and a big thank you to Ra for transporting them.



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Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

Andrew

