

# Newsletter 7

Wednesday 22 May 2019



**Pahoia  
School**

Kia ora tatou katoa,

With technology today, there are so different many ways and platforms in which to communicate messages and happenings between school and home. While only a few decades ago this was solely through the school newsletter or a series of notices, we now we have Facebook, the school website, our school app, emails, text messages, as well as the newsletter. We are hearing that people are feeling overwhelmed and even 'over communicated' to at times and we have been reflecting on this. In order to streamline some of our communication, from next week the weekly pod communications will be sent as one document on a Sunday evening around 7pm rather than as separate pod emails. This will contain a section with the school wide events for the week ahead as well as a section for each pod containing the specifics for these children and parents. Hopefully, everything that you need to know for the week ahead.

As mentioned in the email last week, I have been trying to keep you informed as to the developments around teacher negotiations with the government and possible next steps. In the recent meetings, both primary and secondary teachers voted overwhelmingly that the only option was to strike and this has been confirmed for Wednesday May 29. This will be the largest strike by teachers ever and is a clear signal from tens of thousands of teachers nationwide that our profession is facing a crisis that must be resolved.

The Pahoia School Board has carefully considered the availability of relief teaching staff, although with safety in mind, has decided that we cannot provide normal teaching services on this day and Pahoia School will need to close for instruction.

I understand that this is hugely disruptive for parents and students alike and I thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Nga Mihi,

Mike McKee  
Principal

## Parent / Teacher Conferences

Wednesday 5 June 3:15 - 6:00pm  
Thursday 6 June 3:15 - 6:00pm

To book a time with a teacher, please go to the School Interviews website:  
[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Use the Event Code: **5zhpr**

Your children's teachers will confirm through weekly notices which teacher you should book your parent / teacher conference with.

If is up to the individual parent / caregiver whether or not you child attends this conference with you.



## Upcoming Events

### Term 2

**Small Schools Senior Cross  
Country**

Tuesday 28 May

**School Closed for Instruction**

Wednesday 29 May

**New Families School Tour**

Thursday 30 May 9:00am (Hall)

**Queen's Birthday**

Monday 3 June

**Parent/Teacher Meetings**

3:15 - 6:15pm

Wednesday 5 June

Thursday 6 June

**Matariki Celebration**

Thursday 13 June

**Quiz Night**

Friday 28 June

 **SCHOOL  
TRUSTEE  
ELECTIONS**

**Nominations close  
at noon, this  
Friday 24 May**

**Community Assembly  
Kaimai sharing  
Friday 24 May**

**(Pie Day Friday)**

You can text your child's  
absence message to  
027 941 2639  
**BEFORE 9.00am**

## Around the School

### Principal's Awards Term 1 - Week 9

<b>Kaimai:</b>	Noah White, Isla Robins Mila Goodwin
<b>Waipapa:</b>	Maddison Raynel, Abhay Uppal Isaac Usher, Zdenek Hansen
<b>Aongatete:</b>	Jorja Kittson, Xanthe Jones Nate Racz, Kaylee Swift
<b>Tūhūa:</b>	Sophia Bourke, Jacob Bostock Isabel Shaw, Haylee Howarth Ethan Raynel

The lunch voucher winner was Xanthe Jones.

### New Families Tour of our School Thursday 30th May 9:00am

Welcome to the new families who have recently joined our Pahoia School learning community.

We would like to invite you to join us on this term's new families 'tour' of our school. We will be starting with an informal chat in the hall, followed by a tour of the school and ending with a cuppa in the staffroom.



### Pie Day Fridays

(Every assembly week starting Week 2)

Week 4 24 May  
Week 6 7 June  
Week 8 21 June  
Week 10 5 July



Order yours from the hall kitchen on Friday morning!

<b>Jumbo Sausage Roll \$4.50</b>	<b>Pie \$3</b>
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<b>Juicie \$1.50</b>	<b>Mini Ice Block \$1.00</b>

### Where's Wally Mr. Finnigan Now?

My learning at Marine Research is still going well. I am getting to be part of some really special experiences. I helped a team that was taking small tissue samples from Eagle Rays in the harbour. The study is to see if the harbour rays are more unhealthy than the open ocean rays, due to where they live and feed in and around a busy city and port. I have also been collecting ocean floor samples using a dredge to classify all the marine life in a specific area. Team work is really important in Science, and I have found that everyone works together and collaborates with all of the projects. See you soon.

Ka kite  
Mr F



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## Book Week Character Dress-Up Parade



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**Pink Shirt Day**



# Sports News



## Funsticks Junior Hockey Notice

There will be NO Funsticks on the 29 May, due to the teachers' strike. There will be a day added on next term to make up of the missed week.

Any questions please contact Maree Morton or Toni Morgan.



## Whole School Cross Country

This fun event held last Wednesday, involved jumping over hay bales, hills, mud, and running through our native bush. The students had a great time on the challenging run with the mud pit claiming a few shoes. Following our Cross Country, a selection of students will represent Pahoia School at the Small School's competition at Whakamarama School next week.

## The Amazing Race Te Puna Quarry, Friday 17th May

Two teams of six Year 5 and 6 students took part in this fun 'treasure hunt' event. The children were given a map, a passport, and challenges that they had to perform and finish in a given time frame.

A great day was had by all!



If you have any questions relating to school sport please feel free to email [sport@pahoia.school.nz](mailto:sport@pahoia.school.nz)

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Adult Category (13 and over) Create an artwork using any medium. If you need a little inspiration, an optional timber sheep cut-out will be available at the Atrium Gallery in June at a cost of \$5 each Entry \$5.00

Under 13 Category A sheep template for colouring/decorating will be available from the Atrium Gallery in June Entry Free

All artwork will be displayed in an exhibition in July with the option of having it for sale. **Winners will be chosen by the public and there are prizes!**

## After School Classes

4 week craft themed program from 3:30-4:30

Cost \$60 for 4 sessions (1 session per week)

Wednesdays 5 - 8 yrs of age Thursdays 9 - 13 yrs of age

**June theme is DECOUPAGE**

- Magazine strip silhouette
- A box
- Metal tape notebook
- Wooden initial of child's first name



Examples Only

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