

Kia ora koutou

First of all a warm welcome to our new Board of Trustees - Ringa Dalton, Gavin Dreaver, Anthony Evans, Nicholas Madden and Kayla Taituha-Harrison. This is an important role in our school. Our staff representative remains unchanged and I thank Denise Hadwin for stepping up yet again. I trust our new Board will be as positive to work with and continue the great work done by our previous Board of Trustees - Ringa Dalton, Gavin Dreaver, Samantha Caldwell, Cameron Marshall and Wayne Smith. I sincerely thank them for all their time and commitment to our school. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Today we acknowledged the 50 years since the Te Reo Maori petition was presented to members of Parliament. We gathered on the court at 12pm and sang waiata together. This week, to acknowledge Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori all classes are working on their pepeha and visiting our Whare Te Waka Awhina.

We are holding our Cross Country day tomorrow. A big thank you to Mrs Williams for organising this once again. We will be leaving school at 11am and returning around 2.30pm. Thank you to those parents who can assist with transport. We are really looking forward to this event and seeing our parents and whanau join us to cheer our students on. Our PTA is running a sausage sizzle and bake sale to add to the occasion. Please support this small, hard working team of parents who are giving up their time in their already busy lives for our school and children. If you can spare an hour to help run the stall OR drop off some baking this would be **greatly** appreciated.

A message from the Pony Club - please do not park in front of Pony Club paddocks as access is required for horse floats tomorrow. There is ample parking at Bledisloe Park.

Please note there will be **no school lunches tomorrow**, even if Cross Country is postponed.

Students are busy making movies at the moment in the hope their one will be chosen to be presented at the upcoming Movie Festival. Our school is part of a network of schools and we are holding a combined Movie Festival at the Cinema in Kerikeri on Wednesday 21st September. There will be three screenings during the day for students from our network schools and then an evening showing at 6pm for parents and whanau. If you would like to attend the evening screening please let me know. Admission is a koha. Some students will travel by bus to see all the movies during the day. Your child will bring home a note about this on Friday.

The removal of the Covid Traffic Light system means that largely nothing changes at Paihia School. We will continue to follow our health and safety procedures such as ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, encouraging everyone to cough or sneeze into elbows and, most importantly, staying home if they are unwell, and getting tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Masks are no longer strongly recommended to be worn but it is an individual choice. Whatever people choose to do regarding the wearing of a mask (or not) it is to be respected at all times. Wellbeing is paramount.

Ka pai ou wiki. Kia kaha ki te korero te reo Maori.  
Nga mihi mahana

Jane Lindsay  
Principal

**Quote:**

'The road to success is always under construction.'

*Unknown*

**IMPORTANT DATES****New BOT takes office**

Wednesday 14th September

**Paihia School Cross Country**

Thursday 15th September

**Ki-o-rahi Tournament Years 5-8**

Friday 16th September

**Online assembly - Nga Motu**

Friday 16th September at 2pm

**Movie Festival**

Wednesday 21st September

**Inter-school Cross Country  
(TBC)**

Friday 23rd September

**Public Holiday - Queen  
Memorial Day**

Monday 26th September

**PAL Day****Online Assembly - Te Moana  
at 2pm****Last day of Term Three**

Friday 30th September