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PAKOTAI SCHOOL PANUI

24th October 2025 - Term 4, Panui # 1

Tena koutou katoa,

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 4. This term will be extremely busy and we will make sure to keep you updated here and via our facebook page. We have had a couple of new enrolments and this now puts our student numbers at 25. This is very pleasing for our school. We thank you all for entrusting us to provide the academic and social needs to your children. Moving on.

ERO

On Wednesday 15 October, ERO (Education Review Office) carried out an on site visit at school. All reports are positive and once they have completed their assessment of the visit, we will share what we can to you. I want to thank our staff for their tireless work to ensure that we are offering the best opportunities to our tamariki.

AWESOME

Attendance

It's nothing new to know that regular school attendance is one of the biggest predictors of a student's success. Every single day at school matters! The national target is for all students to be achieving regular attendance by 2030. What does this mean? This means all students being away from school no more than 5 days in a single term. Please ensure our tamariki are at school every day unless they are sick.

Zone Athletics @ Poroti

On Wednesday the 5th of November we will be travelling to Poroti School to participate in the Zone Athletics Day/Event. Permission slips will be sent home on Tuesday. Please complete the form and return to school by the due date which will be attached. We cannot take any student that we have no permission for, so, this is very important to complete. Whānau are welcome to attend the event to enjoy the day and support our athletes. More information about this will be sent home as it comes to hand. Stay tuned.



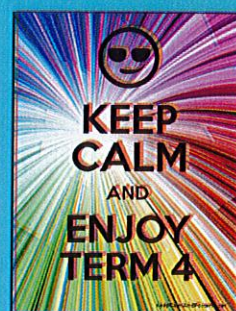
Te Oru Oru Trust

On Saturday 11 October, myself, Whaea Rosie, and Whaea Kiri attended the community hui held at the Te Oru Oru Recreation Centre. We participated in some first aid training and the community disasters action plan. Key contact people have been identified and will lead this kaupapa for the benefit of all communities/kainga in the Mangakahia Valley. Before leaving the hui, our school was kindly presented with a gazebo complete with sidewalls and our school logo attached. We are truly grateful to the trust and trustees for their kind koha to our school. We will cherish our new taonga and treat it with the utmost respect. There are no other words, thank you!

Important Dates

Term 4

Mon 6th Oct - Wed 17th Dec



Mon 27 Oct - Labour Day
School Closed

Thurs 30 Oct - Vision &
Hearing @ School

Thurs 30 Oct - Te Manawa Tahī
Hui

Wed 5 Nov - Zone Athletics @
Poroti

10 - 14 Nov - Assessment Week

Nov 3, Nov 17, Dec 1 -
Year 7&8 Technology @ M.A.S.

Tues 16 Dec - End of Year
Prizegiving & Reports Go
Home

Wed 17 Dec - Last day of
School/End of Term 4

REMINDER: LABOUR DAY MONDAY - 27TH OCTOBER 2025

Staffing Update

We are very sad to inform you that Whaea Connie has decided to resign from her position as caretaker of our school. Whaea Connie has other things that she is wanting to focus on and although we will miss her dearly, we support her in prioritising what is best for her. Whaea Connie has been taking care of our kura for approximately 4 years and we know that finding her replacement will be challenging. Whaea Connie will park her ride-on mower for one last time at the end of this term. On behalf of everyone in our school and community, thank you Whaea Connie.

Skool Loop App

We are pleased to announce that we will be launching the skool loop app before the end of the term. This is a free platform that is used by lots of schools nation-wide. You can use it to report absenteeism, download notices, book parent interview times, etc. Whaea Deniel is leading the roll out of this kaupapa and all communication about its use will be directed to and from her. A reminder that Whaea Deniel can be contacted at office@pakotai.school.nz or via the school's phone number, 09 4331727. Her current hours of work are Mon - Thurs 10 am - 2:30 pm. Effectively, these are the school's office hours that it is open.



Website

We wish to let you know that our school's website is now current and operational. Thanks to Skool Loop and our sponsors for supporting us to update our site. It is still in its early stages and we will do our best to ensure we keep the contents of the site as contemporary as possible. We look forward to the challenge of continuing to build it together. You can visit the site via the following link <https://www.pakotai.school.nz>



Facebook

A reminder that our class facebook page is only for the parents/guardians of the students at our school. We cannot accept friend requests from extended whānau and whānau friends. This is in place to keep our tamariki safe in these ever changing technological times. Our page is designed to communicate school happenings to the parents/guardians of our students only. If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me via my email address principal@pakotai.school.nz

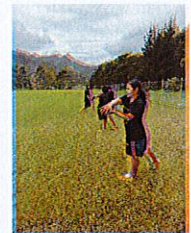
Lastly, I would like to thank you all for the tautoko you continue to give our school. We could not do anything without the part you, our whānau, play.

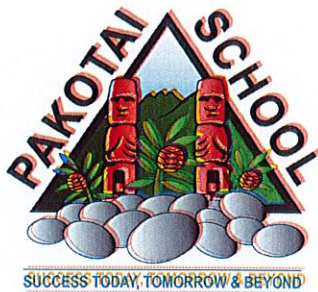
Nga manaakitanga,

Matua James

Learning Adventures

- Art with Whaea Molly on Friday.
- Athletics Training after second lunch on the field.
- Storytime with Whaea Kiri.
- Ngā Tuakana writing session.
- Ngā Teina writing session.
- Learning Through Play.





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29 October, 2025

Kia ora whānau,

Next Wednesday, November 5 we will be attending the Zone Athletics event held at Poroti School. We will be leaving school at 8:30 am and will be back to school by 2:00 pm. We will be travelling in private vehicles and we ask that parents please transport their child/ren to and from the event if possible.

A list of what our tamariki will need on the day will be sent home next Monday. Stay tuned, whānau.

Please complete the permission slip below and return to school by Friday October 31 (this Friday).

Ngā manaakitanga,

James Duke

Tumuaki

Zone Athletics @ Poroti School

I _____ (name) give permission for _____

_____ (name of child/ren) to travel to Poroti School on the 5th of

November for the Zone Athletics .

Please tick one of the boxes below to indicate if you can or cannot transport your child/ren on the day.

☐ I can transport my child/ren to and from the event on the day

☐ I cannot transport my child/ren to and from the event on the day

Signed _____

Date _____

