Pāmapūria School Newsletter

Rātapu 17 o Mei, Sunday 17 May, Week 4 (of 11), Term 2, 2026.

KUPU MIHANA ~ MISSION STATEMENT: Whakakahangia ngā tauira ō enei ra, kia mau tuturu ai ki ngā wero a āpōpō - empowering today's learners to meet tomorrow's challenges.

MOEMOEA ~ VISION: ***Guiding Pāmapūria Learners to Thrive!***

PAMAPURIA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT): Our trustees are Sera Dephoff (Presiding Member/Chair), Sharon Mane, Ian Bamber, Mahalea Turnbull, Jonathan Mulholland (Staff Trustee) and Cheryl Bamber (Principal). We sincerely thank our Board for wanting to make a difference for our tamariki, community and staff of Pāmapūria Kura. If you have always wondered how a school runs and operates, the decisions around property, learning and achievement, where the money is spent and why, plus community involvement, please come along to one of our hui. It is a real eye opener for many and we promise we have a sense of humour throughout the hui 🙂

#pamapuriaproud #makingadifference #reallearningexperiences #guidingpamapurialearnerstothrive

~ Celebrating the learning and successes of our tamariki weeks 1-4, Term 2, 2026!

Day 1 of term 2, 2026 with a hakatau/welcome for new tamariki, whānau and kaimahi/staff



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Facebook Page - https://www.facebook.com/Pamapuria-School-140699616266120/
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Principal: Mrs Bamber on 4084 297 or 021-215 4586 - principal@pamapuria.school.nz

Acknowledging our Rangatahi -

R1 (Y0-2) with Whaea Sinéad

Arielle and Precious



Potiki and Tiare



Billie

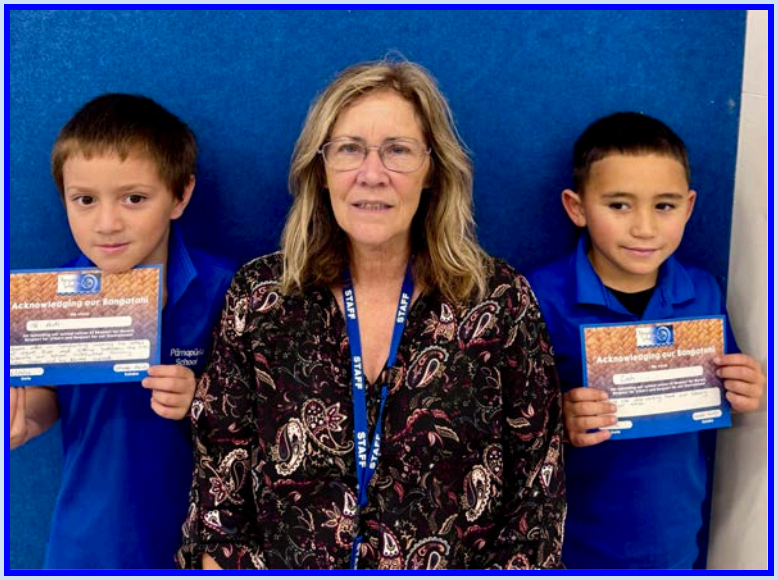


R2 (Y2-3) with Whea Mandy

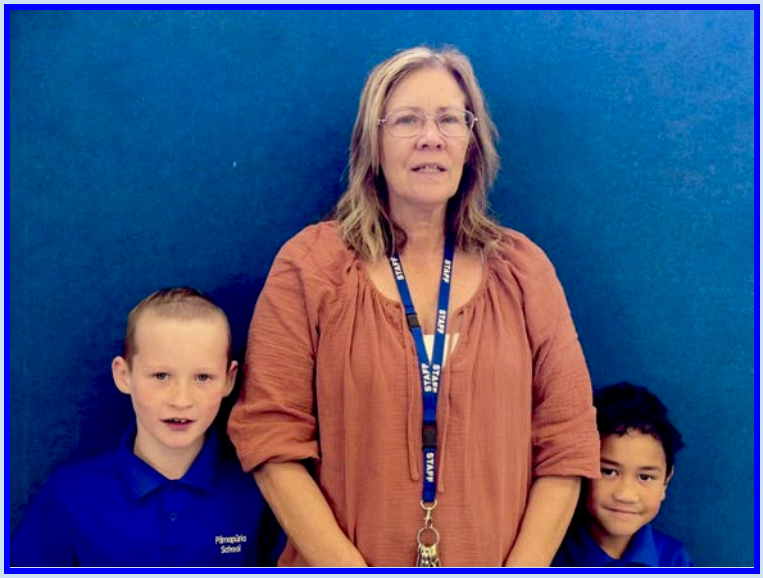
Freya and Catora-Jane



Te Ariki and Cash



Haretana and Raewyn

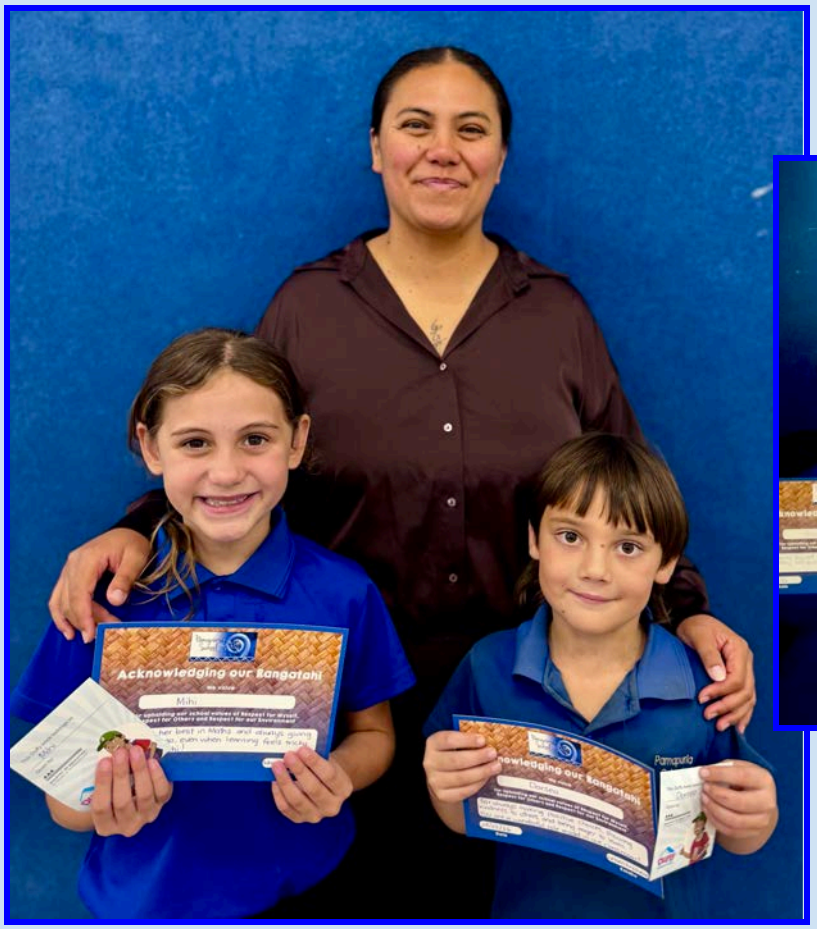


R3 (Y3/4/5) with Whaea Anahera

Zara-leigh and Jahvarn



Mihi and Darsea

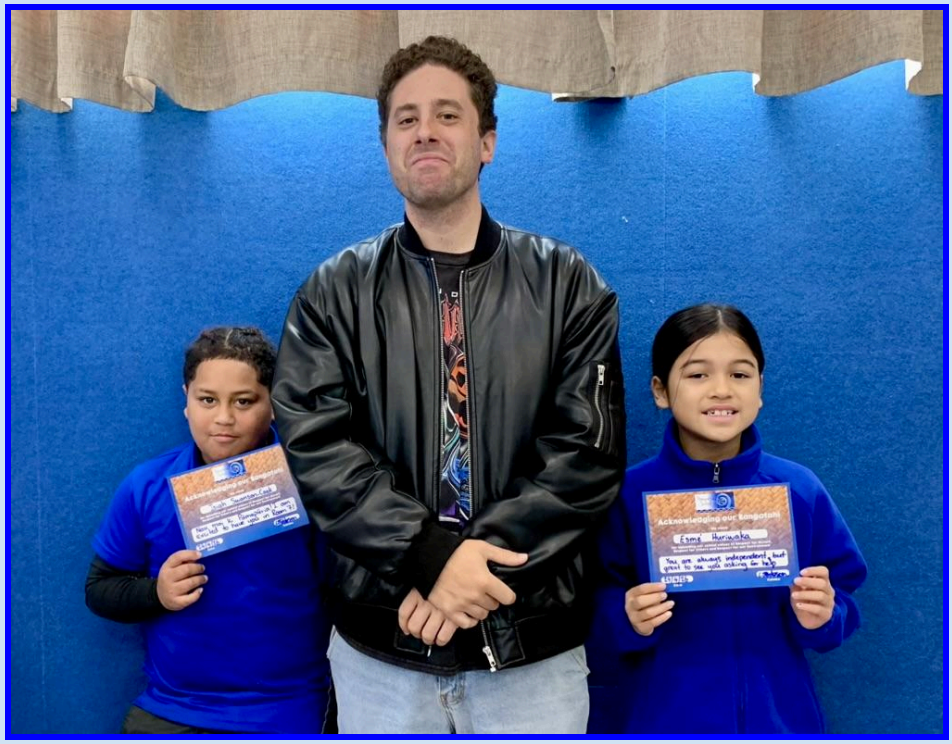


Prisayus and Ivory



R7 (5/6) with Matua Liam

Isiah and Esme



Kahukoti and Jaxson



R6 (7/8) with Matua Jono

Rylee (absent) and Troy



Coletin and Meela



Justin and Kimi-Rose from R7

Jessie from R6



Principal Awards with Mrs Bamber

Serenity-Lee and Niskyla



Ahorangi & Prisayus



Jahvarn and Arielle



Serenity-Lee and Anahera



New Kaimahi/Staff



Whaea Nikki is our Kai Co-ordinator responsible for cooking and serving delicious kai to our ākonga/learners. Everyone is loving the school lunches and we are super stoked to see the Government has extended this kaupapa through to the end of 2027!!!



Whaea Tarns is our new kaiawhina/support staff in R1 with our new entrants and year 1 ākonga/learners.

Navy visit



We were blessed to have Tamzin Bamber and Maia Hayward-Morey join us for assembly on Friday 24 April. They were up visiting for ANZAC day, which was the following day and took the opportunity to share a little bit about their life in the navy. Including push ups with the boys!!



Netball - our Y1/2 Pāmapūria Ponies - they play at 0930 every Saturday morning





Netball - our Y3/4 Pāmapūria Pixies - they play at 0900 every Saturday morning





And our superstar netball coaches!



Rugby

A few of our tamariki play for Kaitaia and some play for Pirates and these are always held on Saturday's, just like netball. Here is the draw for the next 2 weeks. The team that is mentioned first on the left hand side, is the host for that game.

Week 4 23/05/2026

Te Aupouri	Pirates
Te Rarawa	Awanui
Kaitaia	Panguru
Eastern	Waipapakauri

30/05/2026 – No Rugby due to Kings Birthday.

Week 5 06/06/2026

Awanui	Pirates
Panguru	Te Aupouri
Eastern	Te Rarawa
Waipapakauri	Kaitaia





Dental Caravan

Our lovely dental therapists have advised that while they are here onsite, they are happy to book in any pre-schoolers, any student who goes to school or anyone who is home schooled because their aim is to see as many tamariki as possible. Please pop in to see them face to face in the dental caravan, outside of the office.

Helpful hints for fuel consumption

If you haven't got the Gaspy app yet, you might want to look into it https://www.gaspy.nz/ it is New Zealand's original gas finding app that tells you where the cheapest fuel is in your area. The newsletter below has some helpful tips.

Fuel prices aren't the only thing affecting what drivers spend each week. Some of the biggest costs come from everyday habits most people barely notice.

With many Kiwis watching fuel costs more closely right now, small changes behind the wheel can make a real difference over time.

Short trips from a cold engine

Quick drives are surprisingly inefficient, especially before the engine warms up properly.

Speeding on the open road

Higher speeds use noticeably more fuel. Even easing back slightly can help a tank last longer.

Underinflated tyres

Low tyre pressure creates more resistance, making the engine work harder and increasing fuel use.

Carrying extra weight

Roof racks, tools, and unused gear all add up. More weight = more fuel burned.

Filling up at expensive locations

Some stations can be significantly more expensive than others nearby, which is why checking before you fill matters more than ever.

The good news? None of this requires major changes. A little planning, smoother driving, and regular tyre checks can all help reduce fuel spend over time.

Pink Shirt Day 2026

Speak Up, Stand Up, Stop Bullying! Kōrero mai, kōrero atu, mauri tū, mauri ora! This day is ALWAYS about reducing bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting kura, workplaces, and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive.



School Policies available online to look at and review/make recommendations

We use SchoolDocs for all of our school policies and procedures, please go to https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/ and search for our school using the button (top right). Our username is; **Pamapuria** Password; **respect** Whānau can regularly review and comment about our policies, if you feel changes may need to be made. From

the home page, click ‘current review’ and click on the link to the policies shown below. Read the information about that policy then click ‘start your review’. **Term 2 Review Schedule:** Daily School Bus, School Swimming Pool, Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC), EOTC Governance Roles and Responsibilities and EOTC Risk Assessment and Management.

Key words in Te Reo Māori that you might see in our communications

Mane or Rāhina is *Monday*, Tūrei/Rātu is *Tuesday*, Wenerei/Rāapa *Wednesday*, Tāite/Rāpare *Thursday*, Paraire/Rāmere *Friday*, Hātarei/Rāharoi *Saturday* and Rātapu *Sunday*. Mei *May,* Hune *June.* Whakatau *informal welcome.*

Tamariki *children*, ākonga *learners*, kaiako *teachers*, kaiawhina *support staff* (anyone who is not a teacher), kura *school*.

Matariki Games in Taipa - Thursday 25 June

Rooms 3, 6 & 7 have each entered teams of 10 tamariki into the annual ki-o-rahi tournament and you will be receiving more information about this, as they receive it from Te Rarawa. We will transport them all out at 0900am in our 2x kura vans that can take 24 tamariki, and some staff vehicles with the rest of them. As usual their kura lunches will be provided and sent along with them, they just need morning tea snacks and a large drink. They also need black shorts and a kura sports shirt that kaiako will get for them that morning. Their shirt needs to be handed in when they return back that afternoon. It is always awesome to have whānau support on the day, so if you can help out please let your kaiako know.

Matariki Event here at kura - Wednesday 01 July

This will be in week 11 and will be our last week of kura for term 2. We haven’t finalised the details yet but we will keep all tamariki here at kura, like we have done previously. Kaiako will have some activities/games arranged for them. The board of trustees would like to meet with whānau at 4pm and go over what the new curriculum assessment and progress markers look like, and what they actually mean before we hand over the mid-year report for your ākonga. More details will come out closer to the time.

Attendance

Please remember that the Ministry of Education is pushing attendance and research has shown that great attendance gives tamariki the best opportunity to learn and thrive. If they are away, we need to know as soon as possible so we can give our school lunch numbers to the kitchen by 0930 at the very latest. We also need to put a reason into our attendance system, otherwise tamariki will be marked as truant. You can pop a message into the class chatgroup, use our skool loop app, call and email the office to let us know thanks.

Upcoming Important Dates & Events:

Term 2, 2026

- *Wk5* - Wenerei 20 Mei (Wednesday 20 May) - Hearing and vision testing 0900am
- *Wk* 7 - Friday 29 Mei Long weekend at the end of this week for Kings Birthday.
- *Wk* 7 - Mane 01 Hune - Kings birthday public holiday so no kura on this day.
- *Wk10* - Taite 25 Hune - Some tamariki from Rooms 3/6/7 at Matariki Ki-o-rahi games in Taipa
- *Wk11* - Wenerei 01 Hūrae - Matariki event here at kura and reports will be handed out.
- *Wk11* - Paraire 03 Hūrae - Last day for term 2, then 2 weeks holiday

Term 3, 2026

- *Wk1* - Mane 20 Hūrae - First day back for term 3 with a whakatau in the hall 0930 for any new tamariki, their whānau and kaimahi.

Birthdays!

Hari rā whānau for last week Haedeez



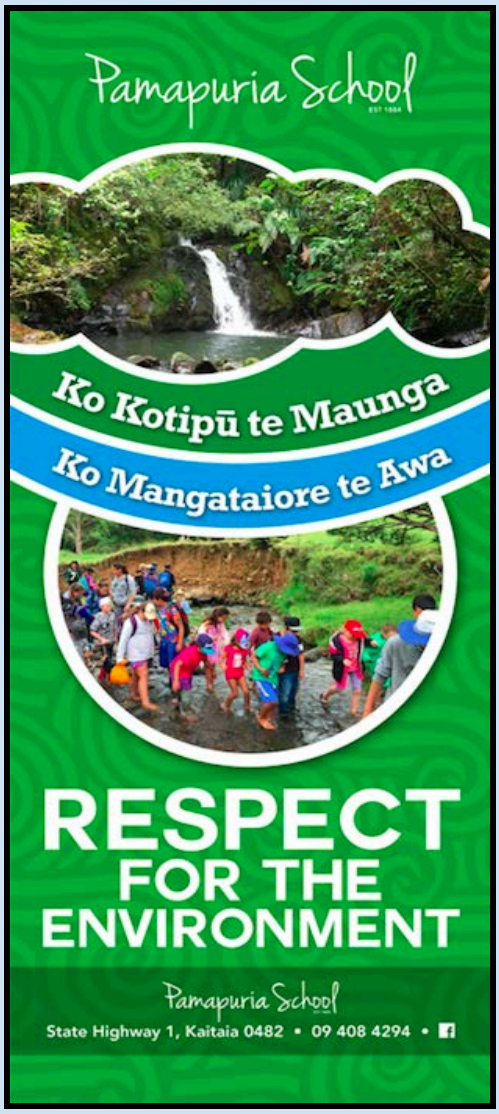
Contact details for kaiako

If you would like to contact the teacher of your ākonga/learner, please see the following emails.

Whaea Sinéad in R1 (Y0/1)	sinead@pamapuria.school.nz
Whaea Mandy in R2 (Y2/3)	mandy@pamapuria.school.nz
Whaea Anahera in R3 (Y3/4)	anahera@pamapuria.school.nz
Matua Liam in R7 (Y5/6)	liam@pamapuria.school.nz
Matua Jono also in R6 (Y7/8)	jonathan@pamapuria.school.nz







Ngā mihi e te Whānau!