



**PAEKAKARIKI SCHOOL**  
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Hi Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

**INFLUENZA A (H1N1) SWINE FLU**

The following extracts have been taken from information forwarded to us from **Dr Mark Jacobs, Director of Public Health**

“The focus of the Ministry of Health and the efforts of the Public Health authorities are very much on containing any suspected or actual cases of influenza A (H1N1) Swine Flu. Viruses and influenza in particular is readily spread by children. As a result it is likely that schools and early childhood services would be amongst the first affected when the swine flu virus starts to spread here.

Some basic measures will slow down the spread of viruses like influenza. In addition to potential school closure, these include basic but effective initiatives include promoting basic hygiene measures like very regular hand washing (before anyone puts anything in their mouths), students and staff covering their coughs and sneezes, and any staff or students with symptoms of possible influenza should stay home until they are well.

The Ministry of Health is preparing for the possibility of escalation and it is strongly advised that all schools and early childhood services to do the same.

If a school or early childhood service was directed to close it could happen very fast – students would be sent home at the end of the day and told not to return”.

The Key points here are that if the school is **directed** to close it will happen quickly. For the school to do this effectively we will need to have access to all families quickly. In view of this we would appreciate parents or caregivers informing us of any changes to their address, phone or cell phone numbers. We also need to update our emergency contact details. It is preferable that you nominate someone within the Paekakariki vicinity as your emergency contact.

At the bottom of this newsletter is a form to fill out if you need to let us know of any changes in contact details.

The school is geared up for any emergency. If in the case of a pandemic the school is closed for a long period of time we will be using the school website as a way to communicate with parents as well as providing continuing education for your children.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

We had a wonderful day and students put in a great effort. Thanks to all the supportive parents – there seems to be more each year. Letters will go home to the students who have been selected to run in the interschool cross country which is scheduled for next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Results will soon be posted on our website.

**ARBOR DAY**

Yesterday Room 7 took part in the Wellington Regional Council Arbor Day planting at MacKay’s Crossing. We had a beautiful day for it and planted at least 100 trees. We were rewarded with a tasty lunch so it was a good day all round.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Thanks for the support we had in selling the entertainment books. If there are any outstanding books out there would you **please** hand them back in or pay for them.

**ASSEMBLY**

Tomorrow Rooms 1 and 6 will be our hosts for the morning. Come and join us if you can.

**TEACHERS ONLY DAY**

Once again a reminder that school will be closed on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

**NETBALL DRAW 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Time	Team		Team	Court
8:30	Paek Whero	vs	Waik Rubies	Kapiti Coast Physio
8:30	RSS Incredibles	vs	Paek Kowhai	2
9:00	Paek Pango	vs	Waikane Tui	Mills Albert
9:00	Te Ra Pink Ps	vs	Paek Kakariki	Finman Services

**WEDNESDAY – BANKING DAY**

**FRIDAY LUNCHES**

**Pies: Steak & Cheese, Mince or Potato Top. \$2.50**

**Sausage Rolls: \$1.50**

**Wraps: Mince and Cheese or Butter Chicken. \$3.00**

**Pizza: Hawaiian: \$2.00**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- One of our school families need to find another home to rent as their house is on the market. Any number of bedrooms will do. If you can possibly be of help would you please phone Sandy 2927477 or 0272503285. Thanks.
- Pink Kathmandu aluminum drink bottle left in the team drink holder at the last Whero Netball game before Queen’s Birthday Weekend. If anyone knows anything about it please contact Maggie from Room 3. Thanks.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

**Student names:**

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**Parent/Caregiver 1:**

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**Address:**.....  
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**Home phone:**.....  
**Cellphone:**.....

**Parent/Caregiver 2:**

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**Address:**.....  
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**Home phone:**.....  
**Cellphone:**.....

**Emergency contact :**

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**Address:**.....  
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**Home Phone:**.....  
**Cellphone:**.....