



HAERE MAI
WELCOME TO
PAKARAKA SCHOOL



Enrolment Information 2026

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ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

We provide a great choice for parents looking for a nurturing and holistic educational environment for their children.

OUR VISION

To encourage and maintain enthusiasm for learning

OUR VALUES



Be Kind

We prioritise kindness as a fundamental value. This means fostering a supportive and inclusive community where students feel accepted and valued for who they are.

By promoting kindness, our school creates a positive atmosphere where children can thrive emotionally, socially, and academically. Teachers, staff, and students alike are encouraged to treat each other with empathy, respect, and compassion.

Be Sensible

Sensibility is key to navigating the complexities of growing and learning. This means emphasising the importance of making wise decisions, considering consequences, and exercising critical thinking.

By promoting sensibility we instil a sense of maturity and self-awareness in students, preparing them to make informed choices both inside and outside the classroom.

Teachers encourage students to approach challenges with a sensible mindset, seeking practical solutions and demonstrating responsible behaviour.



Be Honest

Honesty is the foundation of integrity and trust.

This creates an environment where students feel safe to express themselves authentically and to take ownership of their actions.

By upholding honesty as a core value, our school cultivates a culture of accountability and integrity, fostering personal and academic growth.

Teachers and staff are expected to lead by example, fostering honesty as a value among all our students.



OUR TEAM

Our caring teaching and support staff play a pivotal role in creating excellent learning opportunities tailored to the needs of students.

Our teachers are qualified professionals who are committed to providing a high-quality education that aligns with both the local holistic curriculum and the New Zealand national curriculum. By integrating local context into the broader framework of the national curriculum, students are offered a well-rounded educational experience that is both relevant and engaging.

Staff:

- Patricia Simeon – Principal
- Geraldine Pinao – Deputy principal Kaiako middle school
- Larissa Bergman – Kaiako junior school
- Bridie – Kaiako junior school
- Briar – Kaiako senior school
- Fiona McNab – Classroom release teacher
- Chris Foster – Release teacher
- Gemma Vesey – Administrator
- Gavin Maddox – Grounds Keeper
- Kiani Awa – Teacher-Aide
- Audrey Sergent Teacher-Aide
- Aisla Menefy Teacher Aid



Supported by:

- Maxine Cates Literacy Support
- Matua Mark Resource Teachers of Learning & Behaviour
- Public Health Nurse Team – Nurse Philipa
- Ngati Hine Health Trust
- Ngapuhi Iwi Social Services –
- Mana Ake – Manaia
- NDHB Dental Caravan
- Life Education Trust Caravan

Our Governing Board

Rakesh Pinao, Christianne Reigger, Fiona Murray, Marcus Powell, Denise Anna, Fiona McNabb

Board Meetings

School Board meetings are open to the public to attend. Dates and times are available by contacting school office.

School Policies

All school policies are managed online via Schooldocs, go to:

<http://pakaraka.schooldocs.co.nz> The username is: **pakaraka** Password is: **learning**



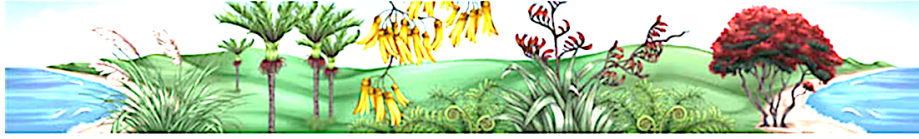
Pakaraka School

Biography - Your child and whanau -

Child's Name:	Date of Birth:
1. What has prompted your interest in Pakaraka school for your child's education?	
2. What hopes and aspirations do you have for your child and for your whanau coming here?	
3. What skills and support could you (or whanau) offer the school ? (If you are unsure, please let us know. We have lots of opportunities to help with our Seed to Table programme, supporting festivals and events and school outings, helping with school working bees and becoming a parent representative on the School Board.)	
4. What illnesses has your child had? How old were they and what were the reasons?	
5. What big changes, accidents, falls, shocks or traumatic experiences has your child experienced?	
6. Who lives in your child's home and who are the important people in your child's life?	
7. Does your child engage in the following? And if so please state	
Sports programmes or private lessons:.....	
Musical instruments played:.....	
8. What languages does your child speak?	
9. How much TV does your child watch on average?	

None	Less than 1 hour per day	1 hour per day	2 hours per day	3 hours per day
	4 hours per day	5 hours per day		
10. How much time does your child spend using computers, gaming consoles, tablets etc. On average?				
None	Less than 1 hour per day	1 hour per day	2 hours per day	3 hours per day
	4 hours per day	5 hours per day		
11. What do you think are your child's gifts, special interests and strengths?				
12. What are your child's particular needs in the learning environment?				
13. How do you meet challenging behaviour at home?				
14. What are your routines around school/ Kindergarten/ECE at home?				
15. What else would you like us to know that is important to your family that could help us to support and welcome you to the school?				
16. Specific medications and health management				

Meet with Teacher..... Date:.....



Education outside the classroom consent form within 30 KM radius.

During the course of this year, there will be opportunities for us to have education outside the classroom within a 30km radius of the school.

The closest maybe the farmers paddock adjoining our school (this does not involve crossing any roads) that we will use for discovery learning, exercise, environmental education etc.

There may also be school trips to other areas local to our schools (such as in Kawakawa or Kerikeri)

For any activity involving higher levels of risk or any form of water activities we will always send out a consent form specific to that activity.

Parents and whanau will always be notified of any trip that involves us leaving the school and travelling in vehicles.

Please complete the following regular excursion consent form (one per child) And return it to child/children's classroom teacher as soon as possible

30 KM radius travel consent form.

I _____ give consent for my child /children; _____

To participate in local activities and a travel within 30 km radius of school. I understand the school will inform me of school trips and relevant information will be sent home when there are water-based activities involved and/or travellers further field.

I understand that if my child/children compromise their own or other individuals safety, I will collect him/her/them from the venue at my own expense.

Also, I give permission to staff to administer first aid treatment if required and make appropriate decisions on my behalf of the occasion arise.

Parent name_____. Contact telephone number_____

Emergency contact number Parent cannot be contacted_____

MEDICATION / MEDICAL ALERTS

Parent signature_____. Date_____



Permissions; media and welfare



We love to share what we do with our school community and from time to time post pictures of our students involved in some of our amazing school activities. Please complete this permission form for publishing photos and emergency safety.

I give permission for my child to be photographed / videoed while enrolled for use in internal documentation including their personal portfolio.	Yes		No	
I give permission for my child to be published on public social media Including Facebook and Instagram.	Yes		No	
I give permission for my child to be published on the private Parents Facebook group.	Yes		No	
I give permission for my child to be published on the website and any other advertising material.	Yes		No	
I give permission for sunscreen, arnica, icepacks, band aids to be applied to my child.	Yes		No	
I agree that my child may be taken to a safe place in the event of an emergency. E.g. emergency evacuation point, civil defense centre, hospital, doctors.	Yes		No	

My Child's name _____

Caregiver/parent signed _____

Name: _____



Stationery

We supply high quality stationery that meet our curriculum standards for all students.

You will not need to source your own stationery as all stationery is kept at school to distribute to the children in class as needed throughout the year.

Stationery contribution costs for 2026 are set at \$60

Payment can be made through School Payments at Kindo.

It is quick and easy to make payments

Our school is using Kindle which lets you pay for everything your child needs online and one place.

mykindo.co.nz

To create an account

- 1. Visit my kindle.co.nz or scan the QR code.**
- 2. Create an account**
- 3. get it all done online.**



2026 Term Dates

TERM 1	Thursday February 5th	Thursday April 2nd
TERM 2	Monday April 20	Friday July 3rd
TERM 3	Monday July 20	Friday September 25
TERM 4	Monday October 12th	Thursday December 17th



Attendance

Hours open for instruction. 8:30 -2:30

Every day attendance is compulsory under New Zealand Law and we encourage you to do your utmost to get your child to school every day. Our learning programmes build on the lessons of the day before and regular attendance is the best way to support learning achievement and to develop and maintain good social connections at school.

Your child's safety is first and foremost so the school needs to know if your child is to be away and that they are OK.

Whānau are expected to:

- **Notify the school as soon as possible if their child is going to be late or absent; call, leave a message or text the school by 8:30 a.m.**
- **Arrange appointments and trips outside of school hours or during the school holidays, where possible**
- **Work with the school to manage attendance concerns**

Sickness

If your child is unwell please arrange to care for them at home as childhood illness can be very contagious and rest is best.

School Bus Service

The free bus zone covers Hautapu road to Pakaraka. Between Moerewa and Kawakawa there is a charge. Ring Clarkes to arrange bus transport 094040096



Listening to your Child with Balance



When children come home with complaints or say "I didn't learn anything today", "We never do maths", "Johnny was mean to me today" this can often be just their way of letting off steam or seeking connection.

It is not necessarily a request for you to step in.

You can acknowledge their feelings with warmth - "That sounds hard. Perhaps tomorrow will feel different"- without making too much of it, or rushing to raise it with the teacher. Try not to ask every day "Well today did you learn anything? Did you do maths? Was little Johnny kind to you today?"- as this can unintentionally make the child feel they must keep repeating a story to keep your attention and connection.

Remember that the teacher is already aware of the dynamics in the classroom, and is holding your child's needs in their care.

Please make contact with your child's teacher if you have concerns.



Dress Code



Rationale:

Kids need to be kids, not little adults.

At school we; garden, play sports, mold clay, paint and do a wonderful range of outdoor activities and your child's comfort and safety are a priority when it comes to dressing for school.

SunSmart clothes that cover your child's shoulders and midriff are required and these will offer sun protection.

Wide brim sunhat rather than caps protect their faces.

Sunscreen is highly recommended all year.

Swimming is not optional but an essential part of our curriculum, please send swim wear and a towel to school every day during the swimming season.

Please send a note to your child's teacher if there is a compelling reason for them not to swim that day.