

Peachgrove Intermediate School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 6, 2026

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou. Greetings to you all.

Once again, a very warm welcome to all our new students and whānau, and a welcome back to those returning to Peachgrove Intermediate School.

We are fully back into school life with routines established and learning in all of its forms clearly evident. It is great to see students taking up the many extra curricular activities that we have to offer, including sports, music tuition, rock bands, leadership roles and clubs. A big thank you to those who joined us at the Meet the Teachers evening to build the partnerships between home and school that are so key to greater success.

Congratulations to our boys volleyball team, who placed second at the Waikato Intermediate and Middle Schools (WIMS) volleyball tournament. Also, congratulations to Norah in Toru, who achieved amazing results at the Swimming NZ Aquanight: third in the 12 Years Girls 50m Breaststroke and third in the 12 Years Girls 100m Butterfly. She also contributed strongly to her team's relay performances, taking home one gold and five silvers.

Netball and Hockey have begun their musters and trials. Netball is keen to hear from any parents who can help manage, coach or umpire a team. Contact the school office for further details.

We welcome students from Makuhari Junior High School, Chiba, Japan to our school. They arrived on Saturday and will be with us for two weeks. This is a great opportunity for them to be immersed in New Zealand culture through a homestay situation, as well as going on trips to tourist sites, while also providing an opportunity for us to experience Japanese culture. A big thank you to all our host families and students who are making our visitors feel so welcome and supported during this time.

Our Police School Liaison Officers were introduced at our school assembly as part of making positive connections with the community. They will make visits to school to build these relationships and are likely to play some games in the process.

Schoolwide EOTC Week

23 - 27 March

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) is a fantastic learning opportunity, and we encourage all students to attend. Notices will be going home shortly to explain the various activities that classes are doing. Parent helpers will be required for some of the events, for whom there will be no cost. Permission slips and further details will be sent out later in the term.

Learning Conversations

31 March - 1 April

We want to grow positive relationships between teachers and families so that information can be shared that will benefit individual students in their learning. These Learning Conversations provide a targeted opportunity for teachers, students and whānau to talk about the students learning and establish goals.

To be prepared, whānau and students can discuss some goals they want to work on this year to share with their teachers during the Learning Conversations. The Learning Conversations are being held in classrooms. A booking form will come out to parents soon.

Teacher Only Day

13 March

Teachers are also learners, so we are having a Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day on Friday 13 March to focus on the new Mathematics Curriculum. A reminder that school will be closed for student learning on this day. Thank you for your support.

Road works - Peachgrove Road

We have been informed by Hamilton City Council that there will be upcoming works scheduled to take place on Peachgrove Road between **23 March 2026 and 22 August 2026**. During this period, the works will temporarily affect the cycle lane and adjacent footpath within the project area. They have plans in place to ensure the safety of students, parents, and staff, and to minimise any potential disruption during peak school travel periods, including coordinating our traffic management arrangements accordingly. They will also complete the works directly in front of the school during the school holidays.

There is very limited parking outside the school gate. Please do not park on yellow lines or in the staff car park. Please use the neighbouring side streets for drop-offs and pick-ups. We expect our students to use the lights to cross the road safely. Thank you for role-modelling safety to support all of our students and whānau.

New Staff

As we continue to grow and create opportunities we have more new staff that we welcome to Peachgrove.

New Teachers:

Whaea Louane Ngataki, Learning Support Teacher Rumaki and Learning Support Teacher
Whaea Malissa Webster, ORS Teacher

New Learning Assistants:

Whaea Tevarn Bennion-Lyndsay
Whaea Kate Berkahn
Matua Paea Fili

We are thrilled to have them join our Peachgrove whānau.

Key Dates & School Hours

School Day: 8:55 am – 3:00 pm

Term Dates:

Term 1: Wednesday 4 February – Thursday 2 April

Term 2: Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July

Term 3: Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16 December

Learning Conversations: Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April

Teacher Only Days (TOD) for 2026: Friday 13 March

Second TOD - date is still to be confirmed

Office

When making payments online, please remember to put the **student's name** as reference, as sometimes we receive payments and don't know who they are for.

Ngā mihi nui,

Aaron West

Principal

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