

Peachgrove Intermediate School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 9, 2026

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou - Greetings to you all

Our **PRIDE values** - Positive, Respect, Inclusive, Determined and Engaged - support our learning and help set us up for success in life. With such a busy term, it has been rewarding to see these values in action. Our marae experience last week and EOTC week have provided authentic learning opportunities, with changes from our regular classroom programme. Change is part of life, so learning to adapt to change is a very important skill to develop. Many thanks to parents, caregivers and whānau who were able to support us to make our EOTC experiences possible.

A reminder that **Learning Conversations** are being held in week one of next term, Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 April. Information has already been sent out from classes on how to book a time with your child's teacher.

Congratulations to our students who represented our school with pride, commitment and great skill at the Waikato Intermediate and Middle School (WIMS) swimming, volleyball and touch competitions. We also celebrate the success of our marae-based learning at Kirikiriroa Marae. As well as that, we've held netball and sports camp trials, with touch, ultimate frisbee, volleyball and basketball teams playing in after-school competitions. After School music has also started. Our students and teams have done themselves proud and shown great skills. A big thank you to all of our dedicated teachers for organising and supporting these events, and to our whānau who were able to go along to support the students too.

We also enjoyed the international exchange with our visitors from **Makuhari Junior High School** in Japan. Over the two weeks, they experienced a number of cultural and tourist activities, as well as time immersed in Peachgrove Intermediate school life. A big thanks once again to all our host families and students who made our visitors feel so welcome and supported during this time. The whanaungatanga and manaakitanga shown by our students was outstanding - another clear reflection of our PRIDE values in action.

Our **attendance** rate is improving! We are aiming to have no one late to school next term. Please make sure that your child can get to school by 8:45am every day so that learning time can be maximised.

Looking Ahead to Term 2

There will be opportunities for students to be considered for:

- Science Fair
- Tipu Ake (carving)
- AIMS Games teams and individual codes
- Ongoing sports competitions

We encourage families to visit the AIMS Games website to explore the available sporting codes and events. If you think that your child will be able to compete at the Games, please contact the school to indicate interest in individual codes.

Term 2 Events

- Learning Conversations
- Science Roadshow
- WIMS competitions - Futsal, Hockey, Football, Chess, Basketball and Visual Arts

With all of this happening, I wish to thank our hardworking staff for all their time, effort and achievements in supporting everyone's learning at Peachgrove Intermediate School.

Staffing Update

We warmly welcome **Louisa Thomson** to the Peachgrove staff as our new dance and drama teacher, starting in Term 2.

Our final day of Term 1 is **Thursday 2 April**. Good Friday marks the start of the break. School reopens on Monday 20 April

Ngā mihi nui,

Aaron West

Principal

Peachgrove Intermediate School