

# Peachgrove Intermediate School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 2, 2026

## Kia ora koutou and welcome to the 2026 school year!

A very warm welcome to all our new students and whānau, and a welcome back to those returning to Peachgrove Intermediate School. We are excited to begin another year of learning and growth, working in partnership with you.

The transition from primary to intermediate school is significant, and our dedicated staff will support students through this adjustment. We encourage open communication—our teachers should be your first point of contact for any questions or concerns. We also invite you to our **Meet the Teacher Evening on Wednesday, 18 February, from 5:30–7:00 pm** in your child's classroom.

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## New Staff for 2026

This year, we are pleased to welcome five new members to Peachgrove:

### New Teachers:

- Matua Hone Seumanu – Tahī
- Whaea Danielle Baker – Waru
- Whaea Whitney Wharawhara – Waru
- Whaea Rangani Prasad – Science
- Whaea Niki Collins – Learning Support Co-ordinator

### New Learning Assistants:

- Whaea Shawna Chettleburgh
- Matua Kainoa Moller

We are thrilled to have them join our Peachgrove whānau.

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## Our PRIDE Values

At Peachgrove, our PRIDE values guide us in striving for excellence:

- ◆ Positive
- ◆ Respectful
- ◆ Inclusive
- ◆ Determined
- ◆ Engaged

It has been wonderful to see students already embodying these values from day one!

## **Important Information**

### **Rooms and Teachers**

**Tahi** Te Ao Tahana, TJ Conrad, Hone Seumanu

**Rua A** Antoinette Hudson

**Rua B** Megan Pace

**Toru** Prem Rauf, Karley Moore

**Whā A** Arista de Beer

**Whā B** Clare Brooke-Smith

**Rima A** Naomi Baker

**Rima B** Amanda Renata-Dobson

**Ono A** Zandria Borman

**Ono B** Jyotsna Butani

**Whitu A** Salome Winterbach

**Whitu B** Poly Norman

**Waru A** Danielle Baker

**Waru B** Whitney Wharawhara

**Iwa** Jane Reilly

**Tekau** Jamie Baptie

**Tekau mā tahi** Robin Fletcher

**Tekau mā rua** Riki Cowley

### **Key Dates & School Hours**

- **School Day:** 8:55 am – 3:00 pm
- **Meet the Teacher Evening:** Thursday 19th February, 5:30–7:00 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

## **Teacher Only Days (TOD) for 2026**

- Friday 13 March
  - Second TOD - date is still to be confirmed
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## **Cultural Exchange with Makuhari School (Tokyo, Japan)**

Makuhari School is sending students to Waikato intermediate schools in March, and we will have a return visit to Japan in September. We are seeking **20 host families** for Makuhari students. If you are interested in hosting or sending your child on the Japan trip, please collect an expression of interest form from Whaea Lyndall or the school office.

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## **Schoolwide EOTC Week**

Term 1 23rd to 27th March

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) is a fantastic learning opportunity, and we encourage all students to attend. There will be notices 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.

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## **Uniforms**

Available from:

**The Brand Makers**, 6 Latham Court, Frankton, Hamilton 3204.

 Phone: 07 847 6664

 Online orders: Peachgrove Uniform Store

Second-hand uniforms may be available at the school office.

### **Permitted footwear:**

Black Roman sandals and/or plain black shoes (no white soles or non-black labels).

It is great to see so many students proudly wearing their uniform and looking very sharp at the same time.

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## **Bike Shed**

If your child brings a bike or scooter, please ensure they have a lock to secure it during the day.

## Car Parking

Please park legally and avoid:

-  Yellow lines
-  Driveways
-  Bus stops
-  Areas within 6 metres of a pedestrian crossing

Let's prioritise our **children's safety** over convenience.

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## Office & Administration

**Medication:** If your child requires medication during school hours, a medication form must be completed at the office.

**Updated Contact Details:** If your phone number, address, or other details change, please inform the office.

**Enrolment Documentation:** If you have outstanding documents (e.g., Birth Certificate, Passport, Proof of Address), please bring them in.

**Attendance:** Our school attendance plan is on our school website. Please let us know if your child is away with the reason as required by MOE. Regular attendance is the best way to support learning.

### School Payments:

- **Online payments:** Use your child's name and purpose as the reference.
  - **EFTPOS & Cash:** Available at the school office.
  - **Invoices:** Sent regularly for tracking payments.
  - **Questions about accounts?** Call the office and ask for Tracy.
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We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Ngā mihi nui,

Aaron West

Principal

Peachgrove Intermediate School