

# **Peachgrove Intermediate School Newsletter**

Term 2, Week 4, 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, through our Learning Conversations, after school clubs, the cake stall to raise funds for the Sports Camp later in the term, and our Pink Shirt Day to support mental health and the message of Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying. A special congratulations to our boys Futsal team for placing second in WIMS (Waikato Intermediate and Middle Schools) Futsal. Thank you to everyone for making these events possible.

Thank you to all those parents, caregivers and whānau members that were able to come to the **Learning Conversations**. We hope that you found it to be a valuable experience. If for some reason you were unable to attend, please feel free to arrange another time to meet with your child's classroom teacher to discuss their learning progress. We really value the partnership between home and school and appreciate working together to support your child with their learning.

Last week we celebrated **Support Staff Day**, culminating in a delicious morning tea where acknowledgments were handed out to these most important staff members. Our support staff play an integral role across our school. They support learning in classrooms, on the playground and sports fields, provide pastoral support, undertake administrative tasks, run the sick bay, help manage new resources, maintain the grounds and look after other staff. Many thanks to our multi-talented and hardworking support staff.

Our **attendance** rate is improving! We are aiming to have no students arriving late to school next term. Please ensure that your child arrives by 8:45am each day so learning time can be maximised.

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

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## **Student spotlight.**

Another of our amazing students who is taking it to the next level.

### **Ziggy Hauraki**

Ziggy is performing in the Amplify Aotearoa Show at Clarence Street Theatre on 23 August. Amplify Aotearoa is a kaupapa that brings together rangatahi from across Aotearoa to collaborate with established well known NZ artists through recording sessions and a live performance.

Throughout the project, students work alongside professional musicians to create and perform original music, culminating in the large live show on 23 August.

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## **Curiosity in the Science Room**

The bumble bees in the science room have sparked great curiosity and excitement among the students. They are fascinated by observing the bees closely and learning about their behaviour, movement, and role in pollination. Students are also fascinated by the incubator with eggs in it, eagerly observing the changes and

discussing the development process. They are equally fascinated with growing the snow peas and monitoring their growth each day. The experience has encouraged students to ask thoughtful scientific questions and make real-world connections about living things, ecosystems, and the importance of protecting pollinators.



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### Key dates for upcoming events:

- WIMS Hockey - **26 May** at Innes Common
- Whanau Hui - **28 May** 7:00pm in Team Tahī
- Kapahaka - **28/29 May** Noho Thurs night and Fri
- King's Birthday - Monday **1 June** (school closed)
- WIMS Football - **9 June**, at Berkley Middle School
- Vision screening - **11 June**
- School Social - **11 June**
- Sports Camp - **15-19 June**
- WIMS Chess - **19 June**, at Berkley Middle School
- WIMS Basketball - **23 June**, at RJHS
- Kapahaka noho - **25/26 June** Thursday night and Friday
- Showcase of Learning - **30 June**
- School Science Fair - **30 June**
- Last day of the Term 2 - **3 July**
- Reports emailed home **3 July**
- First day of Term 3 - **20 July**
- Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day - **Friday 4 September**

**Contact details:** Please ensure we have all contact details up to date, including caregiver's names, addresses, emails and phone numbers. It is vital that we are able to contact you if any issues arise. Please see the office staff if any changes need to be made.

### Ngā mihi nui

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