



# Paengaroa School

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# Welcome to Paengaroa School



Tena Koe, Hello,

As Principal, I extend a very warm welcome to you on behalf of Paengaroa School.

You will notice that at this school we enjoy and encourage a degree of informality. I would like to address you by your christian name and I am happy to have you use my christian name also.

As a parent / caregiver you are encouraged to visit the school and take part in any of the activities the school is engaged in.

If, for any reason, you are concerned about your child's progress or don't understand something, please contact the teacher and set up an interview. If you still have a concern please meet with me as we will do all we can to keep your support and work in the interests of your child.

We hope you and your child / children participate fully in school life and that the pupils take all opportunities, work hard and become a credit to themselves, you and the school.

Paengaroa School is a wonderful place for your child to grow and learn in a supportive and friendly rural setting.

- We cater for Year 1-6 students.
- We are very close to Te Puke - 10 kilometres away!
- We are passionate about helping your child succeed and grow their talents.
- We believe "success breeds success like nothing else".
- We encourage active, busy, positive minded learners with a parent/teacher/pupil partnership at its centre.
- We have an active Whanau Group and a motivated PTA.

Kind regards

Bruce Lendrem  
Principal



# Term Dates & Office Hours



## Term One

Wednesday 1st February 2023

School opens for instruction

Thursday 6th April 2023

Term One ends

## Term Two

Wednesday 26th April 2023

School opens for instruction

Friday 30th June 2023

Term Two ends

## Term Three

Monday 17th July 2023

School opens for instruction

Friday 22nd September 2023

Term Three ends

## Term Four

Monday 9th October 2023

School opens for instruction

Thursday 14th December 2023

Term Four ends

## School Office Hours

The school office is open from 8:00am each morning until 4:00pm.

School Road Patrol operates between 8:25am - 8:55am and 2:55pm - 3:10pm.

## School Hours

8:15am - 8:55am Children arrive at school

8:55am - 10:40am Teaching session 1

10:40am - 11:00am Morning Tea

11:00am - 12:30pm Teaching session 2

12:30pm - 1:25pm Lunch Break

1:25pm - 2:55pm Teaching session 3

*Late arrivals, please report to the School Office before going to class.*



# Staffing



## Teaching Staff Contacts:

Principal: Bruce Lendrem ..... principal@paengaroa.school.nz  
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## Support Staff Contact:

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Teacher Aide: Missy Drabble ..... missy@paengaroa.school.nz  
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## Paengaroa School Board of Trustees:

Bruce Lendrem - Principal	Gill Saunders - Staff Representative
Ricky Hann - Chairperson	Vicki Benseman - Property
Tania Bowyer - Secretary	Jessica Beech - Finance
Emma Travers—PTA Rep	

Tēnā koutou,

Whether you belong to our school community already or you are considering Paengaroa as your school of choice for your young person, welcome to our school. At Paengaroa School we are friendly, fun and focused on what is most important - our learners. We have a fabulous team of management, staff and support staff that work to bring out the best in our students. While acknowledging there is no 'one size fits all' for developing our students, we are all working towards the same goals of student achievement and engagement in school life.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees I invite you to join in the learning journey with us.

Nga mihi,

Ricky Hann, Chairperson, Paengaroa School Board of Trustees



# What makes Paengaroa School a great place to grow and learn?

- ★ Caring, supportive, experienced staff
- ★ Two swimming pools - one junior and one senior/community pool
- ★ A pottery room and kiln
- ★ Drama lessons with a qualified Drama Teacher
- ★ Art Room
- ★ Te Reo and Kapahaka lessons
- ★ Community garden
- ★ Agricultural Day each year
- ★ Hosts of Top School
- ★ Paengaroa Kindergarten next door
- ★ iPads / computers in every classroom



# A warm welcome and a special invitation from the Paengaroa School P.T.A.

Welcome to our piece of paradise. Paengaroa is right in the middle of the sunny Bay of Plenty.

As a reasonably large rural primary school, our parents are always welcome to take part in all that our school offers.

Paengaroa School P.T.A. (Parent Teacher Association) are always busy and are always looking for extra helping hands.

As a new parent / caregiver / grandparent to Paengaroa School, we invite you to be a part of our activities. You can contribute to the wellbeing of our school in many ways through the P.T.A.

Our P.T.A. is a properly constituted charitable organisation.

How you can get involved:

- Attend our P.T.A. meetings held on a Monday afternoon – usually the second Monday of each month, often at 3.15pm.
- Be a helper on a Treat Day / Sausage Sizzle Day by joining our helper's list. Leave your details at the school office if you would like to help.
- Join the Paengaroa School "Top School Committee" which organises "Comvita Top School" each year. The first meeting each year is in the second week of November. We start preparing early to attract the maximum sponsorship possible. Top School is on the second Sunday in March each year.
- Help sell raffles.
- Offer your expertise if you have special interests, talents or are keen to help!

We welcome one and all.



# The Enrolment Process

Enrolling your child is very simple. Paengaroa School does not have an enrolment zone, so any *eligible child* can enrol at our school. (*Eligible children are children whose parents are NZ citizens; children whose parents have residency; children whose parents are resident in NZ and have work permits and the child has a student visa.*)

Enrolment forms can be collected from the school office. When enrolling your child please bring your

- ★ **child's birth certificate or passport**
- ★ **child's immunisation certificate or 'Well Child' book**

Pre enrolments are appreciated and these can be done up to a year in advance.

## Pre-School Visits

Pre school visits are welcome and encouraged. We recommend children have a minimum of two visits before starting school.

### **Two weeks** before starting school

Any day of the week that suits the teacher and parent. 9:00am to 11:00am. Your child can bring their morning tea. Parents are welcome to stay.

### **One week** before starting school

Any day of the week that suits the teacher and parent. 9:00am to 12:30pm. Your child can bring their lunch. Parents are encouraged leave the child at school if they feel comfortable.



# General Information



## **Student Absences**

We ask you to call the school before 9.30am on the day of absence so that we know the child's whereabouts. If we have not been notified, then you will receive a text. Please reply with a reason for your child's absence so that we may update the daily register.

## **Parent & Caregiver contact information for emergencies**

We may need to contact you regarding your child, so if any of your contact details change or you change address, please contact our school office on 533 1227 as soon as possible so that we can update our records.

## **Bus Information**

A free bus service is available to and from Te Puke and the surrounding districts. Please enquire at the school office about bus timetables and pick up and drop off points.

Pupils are expected to follow the school bus rules and be guided by the monitors to ensure safe travel to and from school. If your child travels by bus in the morning but will not be returning by bus in the afternoon, please make sure their teacher is aware of this. Any changes to how your child is to leave school need to be sent in a note so we know the arrangements. If we have not been notified, your child will be instructed to follow the usual routine.

## **School Bus / Traffic Wardens**

Bus monitors and traffic wardens check off walking lines and car lines and ensure the pupils are dispatched home safely. The teachers supervise this on a daily basis.

## **Change to after school arrangements**

If your usual after-school transport arrangements change, then please send your child with a note or call the office before 2:45pm.

## **Clothing—Personal Items**

Please ensure that all your child's clothing and shoes are named. We collect unnamed lost property and put it in a box by the junior toilets. Parents should check this every time they come to school. Unclaimed, unnamed property is given to charity at the end of each term.

## **Dental Clinic**

The Dental Therapists are located at Te Puke Intermediate School and can be contacted on 07 573 6310. We have a visit from the mobile dental clinic once a year where all of our children are examined and treated. Phone number is 0800 talk teeth.

## **Stationery Requirements**

Stationery packs are available through the office at reduced prices.

## **Donation**

The ICT Levy fee is \$20 per child, per year.



# Communication and Involvement

## Newsletters to Parents

This is sent home via the oldest child in the family, on a Thursday. Newsletters can be emailed if requested.

## Parent Teacher Interviews - reporting of pupil progress/achievement

- ★ There are two formal opportunities per year to meet with teachers. However, parents are welcome to arrange an interview with their child's teacher at any time during the year to discuss their child.
- ★ Parents receive two written reports on academic achievement. One mid-year and one at the end of the year.
- ★ Parents of New Entrant students will meet with their child's teacher after approximately six weeks, to discuss their child's progress and how they are settling into Paengaroa School.

## Parental Involvement

We welcome your involvement and support inside and outside the classroom. Parent support is valued and appreciated.

We have an open door policy, which encourages parental and community involvement at Paengaroa School. We encourage a positive partnership between home and school and believe that good open communication is vital.

## Whanau Support Group

Parents/caregivers of Maori pupils have the opportunity to meet and discuss issues related to their children and our school. We meet once per term.

## What should parents do if they have a question/query/concern?

If it is a class related issue, please speak with the child's teacher. If it is a school related issue, or an issue that has not been resolved, then please ask to see the Principal, his door is always open. If the Principal is away and it is urgent, then please speak to the Deputy Principal. If you are still concerned, please contact the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.



# Extracurricular Activities

## The Arts and Languages:

- ★ Kapa Haka
- ★ Singing—Choir
- ★ Speeches
- ★ Te Reo Maori
- ★ Drama
- ★ Pottery

## Leadership:

- ★ Young Leaders
- ★ Road Patrol
- ★ Bus Monitors
- ★ Milk Monitors
- ★ Peer Mediators (Big Buddies)

## Sports:

- ★ Netball
- ★ Gymnastics
- ★ Swimming
- ★ Te Puke Cluster and Regional Events
- ★ Hockey
- ★ Rippa Rugby
- ★ Supervised Tackle Rugby



# Swimming Pool

Early development of water confidence is essential for your child's well-being.

Paengaroa School is in the enviable position of having two swimming pools nestled within our school grounds.



We have a smaller pool for the juniors to swim in and a larger community pool for the middle and senior students to use.

During the swimming season, we encourage all children to take part in swimming lessons every day. Parents can assist us by making sure that correct swimwear is brought to school each day and that it is named. Please send a note if medical circumstances preclude your child from swimming on any one day.

Keys to both of our pools are available for purchase from the School Office. These keys are available each swim season (one calendar year). The costs are as follows:

- ★ Large community pool key - \$115 per swim season (one calendar year) plus one-off \$15.00 bond payment which is refundable once key is returned.
- ★ Small pool key - \$25 per swim season (one calendar year) plus one-off \$5.00 bond payment which is refundable once key is returned.

Please enquire at the School Office for further information.





# Helping your child do well at school.

*Behind the children who do their best at school, work happily at their studies and are involved in school activities, are supportive parents who understand the importance of the home-school partnership. Older children may not seem as keen as younger children to see their parents at school but they still need your support and help if they are to make the most of their abilities and do well at school. You can make your child's school experience more productive if you:*

## **Participate**

Join the P.T.A., Board of Trustees, school trips and events or support those activities you are able to. Vote for your representatives thoughtfully. Ask to see newsletters and notices from school and show your child you think school is an important part of family life.

## **Co-operate**

With the school, teachers & other parents. Complain if you need to but try to avoid blaming every difficulty on the school. Sometimes children need to mature, work harder, get along better with others, learn to think for themselves and take responsibility for their own actions.

## **Attend**

Parent interview evenings, PTA meetings, school events. Make a note of questions you want to ask at meetings and make sure they are answered. Hand them to the Chairperson or Principal in writing if you are too nervous to speak in front of a large gathering. Test what educational speakers have to say against the experiences you and your child have had.

## **Be Realistic**

That the perfect school probably doesn't exist. Please let us know immediately if you have any concerns so we can deal with these quickly. It is a good idea to meet the Principal and your child's teacher so that if problems do arise, you are not appearing at the school only when and if things go wrong.

## **Be Accepting**

That your child may not be academically superior even if all the evidence points that way, most students experience success in various subjects. Do all you can to ensure that your child is making the most of the opportunities offered by the school. Have high expectations with plenty of support and they will surprise you with what they can do.

## **Be Supportive**

Make sure your child attends school regularly and punctually, has the equipment and tools necessary, obeys school rules, pays on time for trips and services.

Please don't criticize teachers or activities in front of children as this undermines the teachers and their effectiveness and prevents children from taking responsibility for their learning behaviour.





# Paengaroa School Philosophy

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## Our School Philosophy

- Children learn best when learning builds on what is already known.
- Children learn by active involvement in the learning process. An inviting, inquiry style.
- Success motivates the learner like nothing else. Celebrate, be specific about what makes it a success.

## Our School Vision

- To grow Paengaroa people who can achieve personal success and through hard work, creativity, persistence and motivation, strive for academic, physical and social excellence. Growing in their attitudes and skills, values and knowledge so that they become active participants in our community, contributing to the well-being of New Zealand.
- To grow Paengaroa people who are: Healthy, confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners.

## Our teachers and parents are encouraged to consider how we can:

- Grow independent learners, responsible for their own learning and actions.
- Get to know the child, their talents and their interests.
- Have high expectations for the learners and one's self.
- Use appropriate models to help nurture / develop potential.
- Evaluate success before deciding next learning steps.
- Develop Key Competencies and pursue knowledge as well as skills. Self- management.
- Provide a range of interesting activities and a variety of teaching styles to maximize learning for all.
- Teach strategies for coping with change: Resilience, tenacity, courage, honesty, etc.
- Use information and communication technologies selectively.

## Learning will involve:

- A safe and caring environment.
- Respect and tolerance for individuals and their cultural heritage.
- Positive support / learning environment / atmosphere – tone – An “I can do!” attitude.
- Co-operation, compassion, forgiveness and build capacity to grow positive relationships.
- Quiet control, with well prepared and thoroughly planned learning activities.
- Deliberate acts of teaching. A sharing between teachers as “together we can achieve more!”
- Uphold the rights of others while standing up for their own.
- An element of competition and sensible risk taking by learners.
- Caring teacher enthusiasm and pupil commitment / effort to learn.
- Coverage in ‘thinking skills, exploring values and beliefs of self, school and communities’
- Caring parent / caregiver communications - inclusive, involvement encouraged.
- Local curriculum with place based learning.

