



Pakuranga INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL Prospectus 2024

Inspiring personal excellence and growth, through learning which builds:
Thinking, Identity, Connections, Leadership, and Determination



Respect Care - Mana Manaaki Awhina
Pride



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Our Logo and Name

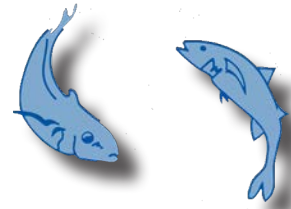
Our logo has five main elements

The large tree dominating the design represents the land, the community and the school.

Its roots represent the many ethnic and geographical origins of the people who live in the Pakuranga area. The trunk as the total body of activity, and the branches the diverse nature of the inhabitants in their beliefs, values, desires and goals.



The two fish in the logo are aua (yellow-eyed mullet), being representative of the fish that inhabit the Pakuranga estuaries. Thus the aua are symbolic representations of the Pakuranga district, while at the same time representing a link with the Māori and European who settled in this country.



The fish can be seen rising and closing along a curved path about the body of the tree.

Tāne, God of the Forest, for whom one of our houses is named, is also represented by the tree.

As the sky and sea are so often closely related. The school house of **Rangi** is represented by the aua.

The red surround represents the sun. Historically this was yellow. It was then changed to white with red writing, and more recently, red to reflect the school colours of red, blue and white.



The school is responsible for the educational guidance of pupils during two years of their lives, and this is illustrated by two simple Koru etched on the tree trunk. Their difference in size showing the growth physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially that occurs while children attend the school.

The sun is important because of its connection with **Māui**, who one of the school houses is named after.

The flames that flicker under the tree represent Mahuika, the Goddess of Fire.

Māori use this motif widely as a symbol of growth and fertility.



Mahuika is another of our houses.



Pakuranga

Pakuranga is a shortened version of Pakurangarāhihi, "the day the earth caught fire" and "battle of the sun's rays". This refers to the legend of the battle between the nocturnal creatures which raged fiercely until a Māori tohunga called the sun to rise earlier than expected. Caught by surprise in the rays of the sun, the creatures perished.



WELCOME

Nau mai, Haere mai, to Pakuranga Intermediate School. We are very proud of our school, learners, teachers and staff, and look forward to sharing a little about us.

At Pakuranga Intermediate, the foundation of our learning is positive relationships where children and staff show pride, respect, and care to create a friendly yet challenging environment.

Teachers are passionate about providing programmes of learning that are engaging, enriching and teach the subject knowledge, capabilities and values to be successful in life.

Our Learning Vision is "Inspiring personal excellence and growth", and we do this through the development of Thinking, Identity, Connections, Leadership and Determination. This underpins our future-focused learning, and we are proud to see our learners succeeding at school and going on to be leaders and achievers at our local colleges.

We strive to develop learners who are independent and equipped to move into our ever-changing world. One of the ways we do this is through our commitment to a 1-1 programme of devices through ongoing school



investment and a BYOD programme.

Intermediate schooling is an exciting time in a child's life, and we want children to graduate from Pakuranga Intermediate with great memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Children are actively involved in sports, camp, regular EOTC activities, leadership opportunities, music and cultural opportunities. Alongside the classroom programme, these activities build memories, make learning real and kick-start interests that may become lifelong pursuits.

We invite you to come and be part of this exciting journey with us.

Ngā manaakitanga

Stephen Johnston
Principal





Reporting

Term One

- Meet the teacher evening (February)
- Interim Reports and three-way conferences (March/April)

Term Two

- Student-led conferences

Term Three

- Celebration of Learning or School Production

Term Four

- Final Report (December)

Parents are welcome to contact the school at any time.

School Vision and Capabilities

INSPIRING PERSONAL EXCELLENCE AND GROWTH

THINKING

Being curious, innovators, problem solvers and inquirers.

IDENTITY

To know yourself and others in different contexts and cultures.

CONNECTIONS

Building positive relationships and collaborating.

LEADERSHIP

Of yourself and your learning, to be pro-active and take responsibility.

DETERMINATION

Embracing challenges, dedication, a sense of purpose and resilience.





School Values

PC4L

POSITIVE CULTURE AT PAKURANGA INTERMEDIATE

Pride in Ourselves, Respect for Others, Care for the Environment

Positive Culture for Learning (PC4L) is bringing the whole school together to focus on creating a positive school culture where students feel safe so that they can focus on their learning and achievement.

PC4L means that staff, students and the school community work together, teaching appropriate behaviour and increasing positive interactions. Our three school values are explicitly taught, modelled and visible around the school. Students who take responsibility to show Pride,

Respect and Care are recognised and affirmed in a variety of ways.



Wrist bands are awarded for demonstrating Pride, Care & Respect



Restorative Practices

A RESTORATIVE APPROACH

We use a restorative approach to support students to build and maintain strong relationships and repair relationships when things go wrong.



Science Fair



Curriculum

Our school curriculum includes the seven essential learning areas set by the Ministry of Education. Teaching is learner-focused, promoting active involvement in setting learning intentions and encouraging students to learn how to learn.

Core Curriculum Learning Areas are taught by the classroom teacher:

- English
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Social Science
- Science

Students participate in Technology and Specialist classes with a variety of teachers.

These currently include:

- Te Reo Māori
- Materials Technology
- Food and Bio-Technology
- Visual Art
- Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Coding and Robotics
- Kaitiakitanga
- PE
- Music
- Tourism

Arts and Cultural Extravaganza





Student Support and Extension

The majority of students arrive at school with academic and social skills that enable them to manage independently and fully engage in their learning. At times, some students require extra support to ensure they can meet the required academic and social outcomes. Pakuranga Intermediate employs staff with the skills and understanding to match the needs of these students and assist them to gain success.



Working with one of our great Learning Assistants



Preparing seedlings



Junior Chef, ready for judging

Student Councillors

Each year class councillors and team leaders are elected and form our student leadership. Our school leaders participate and contribute throughout the school and meet regularly to plan school-wide events. Student leadership opportunities build confidence and build the partnership between students and staff.





BYOD

The expectation at Pakuranga Intermediate is that all students bring their own device.

While we recommend Chromebooks, your child's device can range from laptops, tablets to iPads, as long as the device meets the following criteria (please contact the school if in doubt).

Your child's personal device should:

- Connect to the school Internet wireless system
- Hold charge for the school day
- Have a working screen size of around 20cm x 15cm
- Connect to Chrome/Google Drive
- Capture photo and video (not compulsory, but it would be an advantage)
- Be up-to-date and fully installed with anti-virus software (for PC)

Class programmes require our students to navigate, create, collaborate, share and publish their learning. The ability to access Chrome and Google Drive are essential elements of our school programme.

Please also ensure your child's device is labelled with his/her full name and phone number and that you have noted the serial number and model for your insurance purposes.

Students are required to register their device with their teacher, as well as sign an Individual User Agreement, before the device is allowed to be used at school on the Internet.

The school has some devices for those students who are unable to provide their own.



Opportunities

At Pakuranga Intermediate School we offer a range of extra-curricular opportunities for students to participate in including sporting, cultural, and the arts.

Music

EXCEL PROGRAMME

Music lessons run once a week with qualified music tutors during school hours. Students of any ability level are welcome to participate as the lessons are catered to the needs of the students. It does not take long for students to begin making a reasonable sound, and we find that often students continue to develop their skills at high school.

There is a lot of research available telling us that learning a musical instrument helps students greatly in all areas of their learning.

We currently offer: keyboard, guitar, trumpet, and trombone lessons.

Highly qualified tutors are employed from outside the school to deliver this programme and fees are on a cost recovery basis only.

The year's programme will be finalised in February and a timetable of classes will be available to view on our website. The EXCEL programme will be presented at our 'Meet the Teacher' evening early in Term 1 and enrolments can be made on the night.





Junior Chef, ready for judging



Mathex training



Getting creative in the Library



School Production: Peter Pan



Preparing Trees for Survival



Chilling in the Library



Biennial Japan Trip

COVID pending, we are hoping we will once again be able to visit our great friends in Japan. For eighteen or so adventurous and committed students, this is an experience that will create lifetime memories and enduring friendships.

During the September holidays, every two years, groups of students and teachers visit Sammu city in Japan.

This trip includes staying with families in Japan, learning in Japanese schools, cultural activities, sightseeing and visits to Sea World and Tokyo Disneyland.

If you would like to learn more, check out our website and pop in for a chat.

Taking care of business at the Sammu city town-hall.



Meeting friends at Disneyland



Lessons in a Japanese school



On the street in Tokyo





Sport

School sports teams are entered into the South Eastern zone competitions where students compete against other schools in the area. We believe in developing teamwork skills, encouraging students to extend their own skills and building a sense of achievement.

Pakuranga Intermediate offers a range of sports teams each year subject to the availability of coaches and interested students. These could include:

- Soccer
- Softball
- Netball
- Volleyball
- Cricket
- Rugby
- Rugby League
- Orienteering
- Touch
- Hockey
- Basketball
- Floorball





Camp and EOTC

At Pakuranga Intermediate we place a high level of importance on both camp and EOTC (Education outside the Classroom) experiences.

Typically children will have the opportunity to attend one four day camp over the two years they attend Pakuranga Intermediate School. Camp is an opportunity for students to extend their confidence skills e.g., in high rope courses and water challenges.

We believe that camp is important for a number of reasons, including: building independence, confidence, resilience, self-efficacy, social skills and deepening friendships through shared challenges.

For many students, it is also the first time they have spent a significant time away from their family.

In addition to camp, we endeavour to have regular off-site learning experiences. Like camp, these often form memories that the students treasure for many years. However, the main purpose around these excursions is to put the classroom learning into a real context, improve engagement and build experiences that further learning can be built around.



Exit from the caves



Hanging free at the end of the flying fox



Ok, ready to get this kayak in the water



Lite on the lake side



Flying fox, enjoying the ride



High ropes? I've got this



Hitting the streets, bush style



Climbing ahead



International Students

The school welcomes applications for enrolment from International Fee-paying Students.

Pakuranga Intermediate School offers:

- A programme approved by the Ministry of Education
- Opportunities for all International Students to integrate with English speakers
- Special classes for beginning learners of English
- Multicultural opportunities with new friendships and a variety of cultural experiences
- An atmosphere of mutual respect between staff and students
- Qualified teachers and experienced teacher aides
- Experienced English teachers who are native speakers of English
- A full Intermediate programme: English, mathematics, social sciences, science, the arts, and technology
- Health, sport and physical education
- Education outside the classroom including day trips and a camp
- A well equipped library and computer network

The International Student Office provides:

- An experienced Director
- Support personnel
- A Home-stay programme approved by the Ministry of Education
- Home-stay accommodation, approved and monitored – with caring New Zealand families





Enrolment

ENROLMENT DATES

All students who live in zone are entitled to enrol at the school at any time. However, we encourage you to send enrolments for 2024 to the office by Friday 13 October 2023. This will help us with our planning.

Out of Zone Enrolments

Applications for 2024 out of zone enrolments close on Wednesday 30 August 2023. The Ballot Date for out of zone enrolments is Wednesday 6 September 2023.

TERM DATES FOR 2023

Term 1	Thursday 1 February	-	Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April	-	Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July	-	Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October	-	Tuesday 17 December*

*Subject to change

VISITS

Year 6 parents are welcome and encouraged to make an appointment to visit the school at any time.

MEET THE PRINCIPAL

The Principal warmly welcomes meetings with Year 6 parents. Please call the school office to make an appointment.

SCHOOL ZONE

Details for the school zone are available from the school office and website.



Stationery and Uniform

STATIONERY

All students should come prepared on the first day of school with the correct stationery, to enable the programmes to begin promptly. Details for the stationery packs will be in the acceptance letters and on the school website. (www.pakurangaint.school.nz).

UNIFORM

Standard Uniform Items:

- Blue "bucket/surfie" Hat (compulsory Terms 1 & 4)
- Long sleeve polar fleece jacket
- Regulation blue check school shirt
- Regulation navy skirt
- Regulation navy shorts
- Navy socks with red trim
- White ankle socks
- Black roman sandals
- Black lace up shoes
- Heels no higher than 3 cm

PE Uniform:

- Regulation blue shorts
- House shirt (Red - Mahuika, Yellow - Māui, Green - Tāne or Blue - Rangi)
- Sports shoes

Optional:

- Black tights (winter)
- Regulation navy trousers (winter)
- School navy rain jacket
- School navy softshell jacket -free from the school office (although a \$6 donation to cover the cost of embroidery is appreciated)
- Hair ties: navy or black
- Jewellery: watch, single stud per ear, no nail polish

UNIFORM SALES

Available from:

- NZ Uniforms online: pakurangaint.nzuniforms.com
- 16 Bishop Dunn Place, Botany





Organisation

SKOOL LOOP

The Skool Loop app is an essential tool for communication. Please download from Google Play or the App Store and turn on notifications in order to receive vital information. Search for "Skool Loop". In the case of a school emergency, this will be the first form of communication.



ABSENCES

If your child is absent for any reason, an explanation is required. A phone call, or notification through Skool Loop, before 8.30am on the first day of absence is essential. A written note when the child returns to school is required.

BICYCLES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS

Students are able to ride bicycles, scooters and skateboards to school provided careful attention is given to road safety rules. For security purposes it is recommended you provide your own bike lock.

CONCERNS

You are welcome to approach the school whenever there is a concern about your child's education. Teachers will approach you on the same basis. Please phone for an appointment so that interruptions are minimised.

HOMEWORK

Students are set homework by their class teacher. The format of homework depends on the individual class programme. Parents are asked to co-operate in monitoring homework each day.

LIBRARY

The library is very much a feature of our school with its large working spaces, garden settings, books galore and a large teacher resource space. It is open most breaks for reading, board games and, often, fun crafts.



LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure all clothing items are named clearly and if found they will be returned to their owner. Items not named are sent to Lost Property where they can be claimed from the office.

NEWSLETTERS

A fortnightly newsletter is distributed through the website, email and Skool Loop, to provide information about school activities. There is no paper copy, although this is available on request to the office. The newsletter is an important form of communication between school and home, and parents are requested to read them to keep informed on school matters. Special newsletters and information from individual classes will be distributed for special events.



PARENT CONTRIBUTION

Our school has opted into the Government's Donation Scheme. This means we will not ask, or expect a school donation or request payments for normal school based activities, trips or events.

Exceptions

- Out of school trips and activities, such as our trip to Japan and the Excel programmes.
- School camps. This would not occur without parent support.

SCHOOL HOURS

8.15 – 8.30am	Students are expected to be at school
8.40am	Classes commence
10.00 – 10.20am	Morning Interval
12.55 – 1.45pm	Lunch break
3.00pm	Classes finish



PARENT HELPERS

The involvement of parents and caregivers is very much appreciated. Many activities cannot proceed without this help. Parents will be canvassed early in the year to enlist their support.

SCHOOL LUNCHES - KA ORA, KA AKO

We are fortunate to be part of the free healthy lunch programme, funded by the MoE.

Everyday our tamariki receive a healthy lunch, prepared by our local bakery.

We also have cool filtered water and our own insulated drink bottles to encourage healthy drinking and clear minds for learning.





Farewell from
our new families
in Sammu
City (Japan)

Personnel

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Hayley Newton	- Chairperson
Alana Hughes	- Parent trustee
Audrey Afamasaga	- Parent trustee
Rachael Kouka	- Parent Trustee
Julia Banfield	- Parent Trustee
Neville Nair	- Staff Trustee
Stephen Johnston	- Principal

The Board typically meets at 6:30pm, on a Tuesday, twice per term.

Dates will be published on the school calendar, which can be accessed through Skool Loop and the school website.

Parents are welcome to attend.



