

4 November
2016

Week 4
Term 4

PUKEHOU SCHOOL

"Confident learners who accept social responsibility and live sustainably"

Tena koutou nga whanau me nga tamariki.
Greetings to all families and children.

We are at the end of Week 4 already, as per usual this term will fly by and before we know it Christmas will be here.

Lots has happened since our last newsletter at the start of the term.

Ngati Whai Festival

I'm certain that those of you who managed to make it along to the festival would agree that your children performed beautifully and with such passion. It was a great performance and great experience for many of our children who had not attended before. I think as important as it was for us to perform, it was also important that we got to be a part of the audience and see other schools in action and I am glad that we had the opportunity to do so.

Three weeks on and I am still hearing our juniors singing the different waiata while they are playing on the Peace Path. Once again, I would like to thank Aria and James for their support and guidance.

Pet Day

Pet Day last week was another great day, thank you for your continued support for this event. In one of my meetings with the Ministry of Education earlier this year, it was suggested that one of the ways schools could lesson some stress on everyone was to do away with 'fluff'. Pet Day was considered to be fluff. So last Friday was important, not just for us to hold on to a semblance of our rural past, but also as a chance for us to come together informally as a community. I know the children enjoyed the activities and having their work judged, I'm sure the dogs enjoyed it and I know that our Judges did. It is a great opportunity to bring back past pupils from CHB College and have their Principal here so you can talk with him. It was special having pupils from Te Aute College across to help with Judging. They took their role very seriously, making sure they knew the success criteria before they started, and giving serious consideration to everything they judged. It allows us to have a connection with

the ANZ who help us out through their Olympic promotion, supplying us with medals that we use at Athletics Day. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day a success.

Athletics Day

Athletics Day is next on our calendar and the classes have started working toward that. At the start of the term the teachers attended a refresher course on Athletics, organised by Sport Hawke's Bay, run by a representative from Athletics New Zealand. It was an opportunity for us to catch up on the latest thinking to do with best practice for teaching Athletic skills. One interesting path that Athletics NZ is taking is to do with teaching High Jump. Their preferred method for all children up to Year 8's is to learn to use the 'scissor kick' rather than the 'Frosbee Flop'. This is because they see it as safer for the children and that it is a more encouraging skill to learn for those that are not confident. So we have taken this on board and have that as a focus for high jump skills this year. Look out for it at our Athletics Day on November 17. More information will come out next week.

Swimming Pool

With the weather starting to warm up again the children are starting to have their eye on our pool. We are now waiting to have the concrete pad laid down so that our shed can go on it and the pumps and filters be installed. Then we can look at filling it and getting it ready for this season.

Photos

Please remember that school photos will be taken on Monday 7th November, in the morning.

Thank you to the parents who accompanied Mrs Strong and Kāhu class on camp this week, I hope everyone manages to catch up on sleep this weekend.

Have a great weekend, go the All Blacks, NZ Maoris, and NZ League teams!

Mr E

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Classroom News

We have been as busy as bees this week. Reading our class book 'Sting' is very exciting with some people on the edge of their seats, asking "can we please read more?" We have found out about why bees build hexagons in the hive and have constructed these ourselves for our origami bees. Flower surgery has been on the agenda this week which was very successful. Bee observation up in the bee garden was lots of fun, creating lots of discussion and using magnifying glasses for a close up look. This led to finding out about where bumble bees live as there were plenty of those. Yesterday we did a smell activity outside as an introduction to bee pheromones, tasting honey has been another highlight. The class are right into it. Have a great weekend, Piwakawaka kids, bee kind and bee thoughtful over the weekend.

Mrs Anderson



Wow, what a busy bunch we have been in Ruru class! We all enjoyed the afternoon spent in our House groups using the book 'I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato.' It was so nice watching the senior children working with the younger children and the House Leaders did a marvelous job. Pet Day was a wonderful success. The children worked very hard on their origami flowers and were so excited to have their pets at school to show off to their friends. We have done some wonderful story writing following on from Pet Day and it has been great seeing the improvements and progress they are making with first planning and then writing a recount of an event. We had an afternoon of athletics with Mr E yesterday and that was enjoyed by all. We are looking forward to Athletics Day and demonstrating the skills we have been practising with Mr E. Have a lovely weekend everyone, good luck with sport and I'll see you on Monday.

Mrs Berge



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Takahē kids have been very buzzy little bees this week, with our focus on bees!

Yesterday was a beautiful day to do some gardening and transplant our little garden outside. Fingers crossed they continue to survive!

We have been learning all about directions in Maths, especially left and right, with a treasure hunt today around the school to practise our skills.

I have loved having the opportunity to spend time with your fantastic children this week. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Mrs McLennan

Well, welcome to Term 4! I'd like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Moorehead and Mrs Donni-thorne, who covered for me while I was at home recovering from a shoulder injury. The Kererū Kids carried on as normal and had a wonderful week with you both. It is heart-warming to know they are in such good hands. Ngati Whai – oh my...I cannot describe the feelings I had watching our kids perform. I was bursting with pride and immensely proud of the Kererū Kids who got on stage and gave it their all. Pet day – another proud day. Phew it was hot! So lovely to see our community together and enjoying the sunshine and each others company. So many descriptive pet stories and some wonderful cherry tomato creations! Again...I was bursting with pride. This week we have had some wonderfully sunny days and relished spending time in our natural classroom environment. Wednesday saw us with 5 extra visitors. Liam, Luke, Lexi, Tilly and Regan, you were so brave and slotted straight into Kererū class with ease. You had the most amazing day and I cannot wait until next week when we make volcanoes in the sandpit. Very exciting. Please please please send your Kererū Kid to school with 1. a drink bottle 2. a sunhat and 3. spare clothes. They are a must!!!! Have a lovely weekend and enjoy this warmer weather. *Mrs Smith*

Thank you **Waipukurau New World** for the delicious apples you very kindly donated for the Pukehou School children to eat for morning tea at the Ngati Whai Festival. We appreciate your continued support.



School Photographs will be taken on Monday morning, starting at 9.00am!

Children, remember to brush your hair, clean your teeth and bring your best smile to school. Orders and payment must be at school by Monday morning.

It's time again to **return the Cups and Trophies** that were given out at the end of 2015. Please give them a dust / clean and get them to the office before the end of November so we can get them engraved for this years' recipients. Thank you...



School Invoices were sent home this week. Please remember to pay these before the end of the term. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Jacqui.

Examining honey bee cells with larvae, in Piwakawaka.



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CHB Settlers Museum Waipawa, CHB Libraries
CHB District Council, New World Waipukurau
Countdown Waipukurau, Paper Plus Waipukurau

URGENT MESSAGE...

The date of the FIRST CHB Primary Cycle Series race to be held at RUSSELL PARK is SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER (Not the 20th November as previously advertised)

NEWS FROM THE DENTAL CLINIC

CHB Community Dental Clinic 5 South Service Lane Waipukurau 8586725

Switching from sugary drinks to water can -

- Switch OFF tooth decay
- Switch ON weight loss
- Switch ON health benefits
- Switch ON saving money



CLUB NIGHT - RIBBON NIGHT!

THURSDAY 10 NOV. 6.45 - 8pm AW PARSONS POOL
BEAT YOUR OWN PERSONAL BEST TIME

AND WIN A RIBBON!

New Members always welcome

Any queries to

Jo Ward 8558 480 or Rachael Whiteside 8587 836

House Points

DIARY DATES

TERM 4	Week	Term
KAHURANAKI (Blue)	12,650	14,800
PUKENUI (Green)	12,490	14,115
PUKEITI (Red)	11,395	13,570
KAUHEHEI (Yellow)	10,785	13,055

Mon 7 Nov School Photographs

Fri 11 Nov CHBC Yr 8 Entrance Exam
9.30am - 12.00noon

Thurs 17 Nov Pukehou Athletics Day
(Ppmnt Fri 18 Nov)

Mon 21 Nov Board of Trustees Meeting

Tues 22 Nov CHB Interschool Athletics



Can you see the family resemblance?

We believe that Kāhu Class have all thoroughly enjoyed their week in the Capital. No doubt they will need plenty of sleep this weekend!



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