

24 February  
2017

Week 4  
Term 1

# PUKEHOU SCHOOL

"Confident learners who accept social responsibility and live sustainably"

Tena koutou nga whanau me nga tamariki.

I'm pleased to inform you that Mr E is now at home recovering. I called in to see him yesterday, on my way to a meeting in Napier, to deliver some get well wishes and gifts. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Thank you to Mrs Lourie who has been helping teach in Kāhu class.

### Playground

The students have loved having the net back on the big fort. Thank you Mr Daley.

### Piwakawaka Camp

I caught up with Piwakawaka yesterday afternoon as they explored Ahuriri Estuary. The students were all very excited about spending the night at the Aquarium with the sharks and the stingrays. Mrs Anderson has organised an awesome action packed two days. Such fun!

### Meet the teacher picnic

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday afternoon with your picnics. If the weather is not picnicking weather we will still go ahead with the classroom sessions.

### Swimming

Piwakawaka and Kāhu Classes had lots of fun at the indoor pool on Tuesday practicing their dive starts, counting strokes for the backstroke and swimming 25m lengths. They all clocked up a quite few lengths by the end of the

session.

Congratulations and good luck to those students who will represent us at the CHB Interschool Swimming Competition on Thursday. Please remember to get your transport notices back to the office and make sure you have a Pukehou sports shirt to wear on the day.

Please note the **change of date** for our school swimming sports to the 3rd of April (week 10).

### Bitterns

Today we had scientist Dr. Emma Williams from Matuku Ecology and her dog Kimi come in and talk to the school about her work researching the Bittern that live at Lake Whatuma in Waipukurau. You will see some photos and information on the last page.

### Timely reminder:

We have had some children arriving at school far too early. Before school the teachers are busy preparing for the day and students are not encouraged into the classroom until after 8:30am. There is no staff member on duty before school - the teachers take shared responsibility for the students until 9am.

Students not travelling home on the bus need to be picked up promptly after 3pm please.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rachael Strong

## House Points

TERM 1	Week	Term
KAHURANAKI (Blue)	1000	5,315
PUKENUI (Green)	780	4,860
PUKEITI (Red)	<b>1240</b>	5,235
KAUHEHEI (Yellow)	1102	<b>5,677</b>

**Tues 28 Feb** Meet the Teachers 5pm

**Thurs 2 Mar** CHB InterSchool Swimming Sports in Waipukurau

**Fri 10 Mar** PAL's training, Waipukurau

**SATURDAY 1ST APRIL**  
PUKEHOU GREAT FAMILY CHALLENGE

**Mon 3 April** Pukehou School Swimming Sports @ Indoor Pools, Waipukurau

DIARY DATES

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Today our House Leaders were presented with their House Leader T-shirts.  
Don't they look smart? (Maika is using his invisibility powers).  
The leaders are encouraged to wear them out - they are theirs forever!



#### **WANTED ~ HOUSES TO RENT**

BROWNRIGG AGRICULTURE is keen to rent suitable local houses. Our livestock team requires rental accommodation near our farms in the Poukawa/Te Aute district; suitable for both single persons or family use.

BROWNRIGG AGRICULTURE would be the tenant. This provides security of rental payment to the house owner, as payment would come direct from the business, and we would then sublet to our employees and ensure the property is well cared for.

If you have a rental property that may be suitable for our needs, please contact me on my direct business line 06 870 9440.

Thank you, Debbie Cook, Management Services, BROWNRIGG AGRICULTURE

It has been great to have a few extra days in Kāhu this week while Mr E recovers and Mrs Strong is Acting Principal. Kāhu class have worked super hard this week and I am impressed with their work habits and independence at this early stage of the year.

We are crafting writing for our autobiographies - thanks to whanau who have helped the children find photos for their timeline and sent them to school for copying. Keep them coming!

Prime Maths is proving to be a real asset with the unexpected change in classroom routine and the children and teachers are all benefitting from the structure and set out of the programme.

Next week we are hoping to do some video peer and self assessment for swimming. If you are happy for your child to BYOD please be assured we will take good care of them.

I'm in Kāhu two extra days next week too! Have a great family weekend.

Regards, *Mrs Lourie*

Piwakawaka Class are reportedly having a wonderful time in Napier.

Yesterday they exerted themselves on the climbing wall in Flaxmere, swam at the Onekawa Pools, visited the Ahuriri Estuary and went to the Aquarium, where they stayed all night!

Today they had fabulous weather for their morning on the FunYaks at Pandora Pond.

We know Mrs Anderson is looking forward to seeing the parents and caregivers next Tuesday.

## From the Classrooms

We've had another fabulous two weeks in Ruru. One of the most exciting parts was being able to visit the Life Ed mobile classroom and Harold the Giraffe in week three. We learnt about our feelings and what it means to be a unique individual.

Our keyhole artwork is nearly finished and they are looking awesome! The idea is to give the viewers a sneak peek of who we are, just like looking through a keyhole.

We are just beginning our research into how to present a pepeha. (The *pepeha* is the way in which you introduce yourself in Maori). This is part of our term focus around self identity and belonging. Students will learn how to pronounce, structure and present their pepeha. As part of their homework, students have been set a task to research the information needed to complete their pepeha. This is a vital part of the process so if you have the time and knowledge to help them, it would be greatly appreciated. Any parts that the children find difficult to fill out, we can look at completing during school time.

Have an awesome weekend!

Regards, *Mr Lorkin*

Another busy two weeks have flown by for Takahē Class. We are well into our daily routines and are especially enjoying the warm weather which enables us to make regular use of our swimming pool. The recent rain helped top up our pool which has helped enormously. I am so proud of everyone's efforts in the pool recently, especially those children who are out of their comfort zones. They are showing good grit and determination. We look forward to showing off our skills at the School Swimming sports later in the term.

In classroom we have been totally fascinated with our resident tadpoles. They are changing daily and we are learning to make good observations and use scientific words.

Last week we enjoyed visiting Harold in the Life Education mobile classroom. He read us a story about invisible buckets and how we need to fill these up each day. Please ask your child about their buckets. It is something we have been continuing in our class during our daily sharing circle time.

Next Tuesday we have our meet the teacher evening. I am looking forward to seeing you all and being able to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to fill in my survey in the green folders.

Have a wonderful, safe weekend.

*Mrs Osborne*

We are having a fabulous time in Kererū. We have had Emmett and Tilly visiting and we look forward to them turning 5 and joining us!

We learnt loads from Kirsty and Harold about being kind citizens and being bucket fillers rather than bucket dippers. We love giving each other warm fuzzies to fill our buckets up!

I look forward to meeting you all on Tuesday at the Meet the Teacher Evening.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Smith*



### Are you interested in learning more about our endangered Bittern?

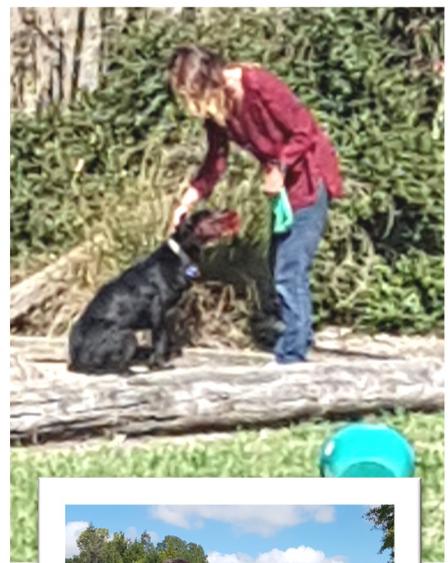
Would you like Bittern News Updates?  
Would you like to be involved in Restoration Efforts?  
Would you like to be involved in Local Bird Surveys?

There is a form in the office on which you can sign up to any or all of the above, asking for your name, address, contact number and email address. Alternatively, contact Jacqui and ask her to add you to the list.



Also, please Like **Kimi The Bittern Dog** on Facebook

Many thanks, Emma Williams (bittern.wills@yahoo.com)



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