

March 24
2017

Week 8
Term 1

PUKEHOU SCHOOL

"Confident learners who accept social responsibility and live sustainably"

Greetings.

Tena koutou nga whanau me nga tamariki.

It's been another busy week at Pukehou School although noticeably quieter in the playground with Kāhu Class away at Camp Makahika. We look forward to hearing about their adventures on their return this afternoon. Piwakawaka children have enjoyed taking on the responsibilities of Bus Monitors and helping with House duties in their absence. They have done a good job too!

Each class is still practising their skills for our Swimming Sports on Monday 3rd April so please keep sending togs and towels - if children are not swimming they do need a note from you to say why.

Have a good weekend ☺



Reminder: Working Bee Tomorrow 3pm

(If it is postponed due to weather
we will post on FB by 1pm tomorrow)

Come along to work together and fix / tidy up a few things around the school. 'The more the merrier' as the saying goes. It will be fun catching up with people and meeting some new school families.

We really need your help - so please pop in for an hour or two and let's nail this!

BYO - garden tools, hammer, saw, nails etc.

BYO - children

BYO - beverages for a post working bee toast

Many thanks, Annabel & Jess



We are running a PWF food stall at the Great Family Challenge event next Saturday, 1st April.

We would love to keep the expenses down and a really good way to do

this, is to ask our Pukehou community to donate the food items needed for the BBQ:

Cabbage: 5 red, 3 white

Carrots: 3kg

Cheese: 5kg

Butter: 4 pounds

Cakes: x 3

Slices: x 3

If you would like to help out in this way then please email me and I can allocate your name next to whatever item you have chosen.

All items will need to be sent to school on Friday 31st March.

Many thanks in advance! It is all very much appreciated.

Keep the registrations coming in, it will be a fun and exciting event.

Annabel and the GFC Project Team

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Mon 27 Mar - PCT Challenge 1pm
- Book Club Issue 2 orders due

Wed 29 Mar - Yr 5/6 Beach 5's

Thurs 30 Mar HB Swim Champs

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL
PUKEHOU GREAT FAMILY CHALLENGE

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

Mon 3 April BoT meeting 5.30pm

Tues 4 April PAL's training, at Pukehou

DIARY DATES

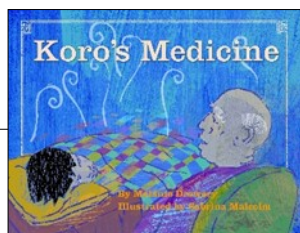
House Points

TERM 1	Week	Term
KAHURANAKI (Blue)	1158	11,095
PUKENUI (Green)	1905	13,059
PUKEITI (Red)	1657	13,483
KAUHEHEI (Yellow)	1670	16,036

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Wow! I am so impressed with the exciting writing that the children have done this week, they are really enjoying writing on a variety of topics using awesome adjective to add detail for the reader. We are starting a class garden and have looked at the story Koro's Medicine which is about using different herbs, trees, flax and succulent plants for remedies. The children have researched about medicinal herbs and we are going to action this by planting out our garden with these. The children are keen to then use these to create potions and remedies. This is all very exciting. As well as this, some of the plants they have looked at are good for fertiliser and attracting bees. This is part of looking at our place in Pukehou School.

Thank you to all those parents who have sent photos in for our class mural. If you haven't had the chance yet could you possibly take a couple of pics in weekend and email them to school, please? Have a great weekend and thanks in advance if



you are coming to the Working Bee.

Mrs Anderson

The end of term one is rapidly approaching, and we are working very hard to achieve our goals in Ruru.

Our reading skills are coming along fantastically, with students being well aware of the expectations and goals set out for them.

After a few delays we have finally started our stained glass window art, and should hopefully have them finished by the end of term. They will look amazing and should bring plenty of colour into the classroom.



Just a reminder that homework will be given out every two weeks from now on, to allow the children to have more time to complete activities.

Reading is still expected to happen as often as possible.

Have an awesome and safe weekend!

Mr Lorkin

Classroom News

Kia ora Takahē Whanau,
The last two weeks have again flown by with a mixed bag of weather each day! A fantastic effort to all the Takahē children for bringing togs every day still. Often the day starts off cold and ends up warm. We are working towards our swimming display in week 10 and look forward to showing of our swimming skills. Also in Takahē we continue with our daily reading, writing and maths group work. While not working with the teacher the children work on follow-up activities at their desk or on a 'Must Do, Can Do' Board which is set up with a range of activities designed for consolidation of skills and creative, self-directed learning opportunities. During the children's play based learning my job is to capture the learning that is happening around this. I have begun a Takahē Scrapbook for all our learning stories which are shared as they are written. I will be taking a copy of these stories for the 'Green Folders' and will also be putting these onto See-Saw. Thanks to all the parents who have already downloaded this app and used the Scan code to view and comment on their child's work. Also, placing feedback is a valuable tool and will be shared back to your child.

Have a wonderful weekend. I may see you at the working bee tomorrow afternoon at school.

Mrs Osborne

Welcome Tilly! We welcome you to Kererū class and your family to Pukehou School. We love having you in our learning space!!!

This week we had 2 new visitors, Casey and Lylah. Both had a great first visit and can't wait for their next one. We loved showing them both around our classroom and school!

We have a great interest in snails and caterpillars at the moment, our swan plants in the garden are hosts to many caterpillars and now some chrysalis. We are looking at the life cycle of butterflies and are showing a caring nature for creatures in our gardens. We are building habitats for the snails and have investigated what they survive on! Which leads us onto our habitat and what we need to survive on too! We've had some great discussions on food!!

Gosh, I'm super impressed with the reading at the moment, everyone is zooming along and thank you for the support from home as this really helps!

It's been a funny couple of weeks for swimming. The water is a tad cooler! We are still preparing for our swimming display, which will be in warmer water. It's been hard grouping the Kererū kids on swimming ability as some haven't even got in!! Here's hoping for a sunny weekend to warm up the water!

Have a lovely restful weekend, I will see some of you at the working bee on Saturday!

Mrs Smith