

December 8th
2017

Term 4
Week 8

PUKEHOU SCHOOL

"Confident learners who accept social responsibility and live sustainably"

Tena Koutou nga whanau me nga tamariki.

What a stunning week of weather in CHB! Unfortunately we have not had our pool up and running to enjoy some swimming, due to the painting, followed by the wait for water. With a little luck this might happen over the weekend so we may be able to enjoy a couple of swims next week!

Outstanding Actions

My apologies for recognising Grace instead of Gemma, as one of our awesome masterchef's, last week. Gemma made some amazing savories which were devoured at the afternoon tea!

Prizegiving

Our 2017 prizegiving will be a little different than other years! This week we have been notified that builders will start on the Kererū / Takahē classroom upgrade which means Kererū class needs to be moved to the hall.

SO... we will be holding prizegiving in the **Wharenui at Te Aute College**. There is parking space up the driveway and around the office buildings as Te Aute College has finished for the year. Students need to meet inside the Wharenui **by 5.50pm ready for a 6pm start**. Parents and whanau need to wait in the vicinity of the flagpole area until they are called across the Marae into the meeting house.

Please bring a plate for a shared supper afterwards.

PWF

Thanks to PWF for organising the Fish and Chip lunch today. Many of our students and staff enjoyed the treat. Along with this, the Millstream fundraiser raised over \$200 for the school. If you wish to order further products call in to the office as there are still sample products to view - we can organise to get orders to you before Christmas. I know this fund-raiser has helped me out with my Christmas shopping! There are also the plant orders to be delivered next week, thanks to Lisa.

In addition to this, by purchasing your children's artwork as calendars and diaries, you have helped raise a further \$350 for the school. This will go towards whole school technology next year. Thank you so much!

Thank You Morning Tea

It will be great to see all those who have RSVP'd on Monday 11th December at 11am. Please email me (principal@pukehou.school.nz) over the weekend if you have helped us out in any way during the year and can come to morning tea.

Bus Runs and School Accounts

Thanks to those who have paid. Next week I will be contacting those who are still to pay or make contact so that I can confirm the bus run for the start of 2018.

Positive Playground Play

We have been looking for learners who are managing themselves with good choices and these lucky people were drawn for the PPP: Kereru - Otilie, Takahe - Teagan, Ruru - Lily-Rose, Piwakawaka - Fionn, Kahu - Gray

Quote

"How did it get so late
so soon?"



I think we're all asking ourselves this at the moment. Just where has 2017 gone? The end of another fabulous year of learning and laughter.

What did you learn, as we reflect on the 2017 school year, about your child and their learning?

Trish Fryer
Acting Principal

Phew... what a hectic couple of weeks. Firstly, a huge thank you to the parents who have helped out with transport to the various activities that Kāhu have enjoyed in the past two week.

We had a group of 6 Year 8 students go to CHB College to spend the morning in the science laboratory, doing forensic science. Students were trying to solve 'a crime'. The students had a great morning testing pieces of evidence to eliminate the suspects. Sports Academy students Hunter, Aidan and Maika went to Massey University last week to the sports testing facility to be put through their paces. Our reliable bus monitors got a treat, a day at Splash Planet. This week we have had the orienteering equipment and Kāhu class have made their own courses, set them up and then raced around them. Optimist Yachting was fantastic on Tuesday with perfect sailing weather. Aylene and Jude came in to help Kāhu sew. These ladies were very impressed with the class, how they listened, followed instructions and how straight the sewing was. The students made a pillowslip each and next week they will all make a wheat pack. Matua Ricki was most impressed with both of our softball teams yesterday, the Soxs and the Cubs. He thought that the students showed great skill, teamwork and encouragement for each other. Just quietly, we did look good, there were a few double plays (getting two outs off one hit.) So, it will come as little surprise that there will be a few tired students tonight. Good luck to the Pukehou Kiwis who are playing off for 3rd or 4th this afternoon in the Miniball finals. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing Summer break. Enjoy your family time, try something new, go somewhere you've never been before and cherish each day. See you all in 2018.

Nga mihi nui, *Mrs Strong*

Unbelievable, only a week of school to go. We have had a very sports orientated week with softball every day, I have been surprised and wowed by the catching and batting skills I have seen. There are a few dark horses in Piwakawaka. The mornings have been cool enough to enjoy this activity. Orienteering has been hot work but lots of fun. Children are presenting their Passion Projects today and at the beginning of next week. Thank you to those who have helped with video clips and making things at home. I know it's a big ask at this time of the year. It is appreciated. We look forward to hearing a piano recital, dance performances, storytelling, mini movies, baking demonstration, lessons on creating a computer game, photo guessing, soap making, decoupage, a farming talk, a plant talk, playing a made up board game, an electric motor, water colour painting and designing a room, and teaching others sporting skills. A great variety of topics. Thank you for your donations for our Christmas boxes, they will help some families to have a happy Christmas. Have a wonderful family Christmas and holiday and a big thank you for all your support over the year, it is very much appreciated. Nga mihi nui, *Mrs Anderson*

It's hard to believe that the year is already ending! It has been an exciting year for the students and myself. As a beginning teacher I could not have asked for a better class and enjoyed working alongside the students in Ruru. We have had plenty of laughs in class and shared some good memories. I am looking forward to next year and continuing to work with my current year threes and new students from Takahē. I would like to wish the year fours the best of luck as they move on to Piwakawaka and begin their learning as year five students.

Thank you to the parents who came and helped out on our aquarium trip last Monday. We couldn't have done it without you. The kids really enjoyed their day and were very grateful to have you there with them. Over the holidays it would be beneficial for all students to continue to read and do some form of writing during their spare time. This doesn't have to be long, even 5 or 10 minutes a day just to help keep their skills up.

Have a great holiday, be safe and I look forward to seeing you all in 2018. Kind regards, *Mr L*

Well, here is my final news for this year! The last two weeks have been busy ones with passion projects and Christmas activities. We have spent time with both Ruru and Kererū classes, making Christmas decorations and spending time with the various children who will make up new classes next year. The weather has been extremely hot and we have had to resort to putting on the air conditioning to cool us all down. This has worked a treat and we have been able to continue working hard! Thanks Mrs McLennan and Miss Hemi for spending time in our class while I completed testing, reports and filing. I still can't believe that the year is nearly over and I will be sad to see it come to an end. I know that everyone is definitely ready for a holiday. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that everyone recharges the batteries for 2018.

Mrs Osborne

Oh man it's been hot! It has made for tired and grumpy Kererū Kids! We are looking forward to our Christmas Garden Party on Tuesday (please remember your \$2). As you may have noticed we are getting ready for the end of the year. We have been doing shared reading this week and if there are any little reading books at home please can they be returned asap. LIBRARY books also need to be returned on Monday, please. We have been taking artworks off the walls and sending them home. Today has been a super muddly day and we MOVED! The builders are on their way and renovations to Kererū will begin soon. For the remainder of the term and possibly at the start of next year Kererū will be in the hall. The Kererū Kids did a wonderful job moving things and although hot and bothered, we still managed to get through the day! We will move a few more things on Monday (after I have been in over the weekend) and look forward to finishing the year in the hall. Final Assembly (Prizegiving) is on Wednesday night, please let me know if a Kererū Kid is NOT going to be there. Have a wonderful weekend. *Mrs Smith*

DIARY DATES

Mon 11 Dec Thank You Morning Tea

Wed 13 Dec Pukehou Prize Giving
@ Te Aute College 6:00pm

Fri 15 Dec End of Term 4 12:30pm
Buses will run in the morning and at lunch time

Tues 30 Jan 2018 The new school
year starts

House Points

| TERM 4 | Week | Term |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| KAHURANAKI (Blue) | 2,255 | 18,015.5 |
| PUKENUI (Green) | 2,510 | 20,046 |
| PUKEITI (Red) | 5,650 | 26,940 |
| KAUHEHEI (Yellow) | 2,800 | 24,072 |

MINIBALL ... Today Senior & Premier FINALS

5:30pm Pukehou Kiwi's (Yr 7/8)
vs Waipuk Warriors
Playing for 3rd or 4th position.

7:00pm Pukehou Pukeko's (Yr 5/6)
vs Terrace Seniors
Playing for 7th or 8th position

TENNIS: Monday 11th December

Pukehou A - no more games

Pukehou Aces vs Flemington Flames Ypuk 1&2

Pukehou Smashes vs Waipuk Warriors Ypuk 3&4

From PWF....

Huge thank-you to all parents and staff that put their hand up and helped out with our catering fund-raiser last week.

Feedback from the receiving group has been all positive!!

Remember, if you are having a clear out over the summer holidays, PWF are collecting items to hold a white elephant stall at the Otane Waitangi Day celebrations. For any enquiries or to arrange dropping off items etc you can contact AK on [02102974889](tel:02102974889).

PUKEHOU CHURCH

Carols by Candlelight

Friday 22nd December

7:30pm

Shared Supper
afterwards

Ph Geoff on 06 878 1511
or Pixie on 8568293 for
more information.



PLEASE RETURN ...

**Pukehou Sports Shirts &
Library Books & Readers** next week.

Also, remember to check the small mountain of **footwear and clothing** before we recycle these items!

**Bay Motorcycles 2017
Primary School Cycle Race**
Sunday 10th December On-Road Race
Hosted by: Otane School
Special Prize Draw: MGP Scooter from Bay
Motorcycles drawn on the day.
Registration forms available to download
from www.sportchb.co.nz or pickup from AW
Parsons Pool reception or from the Sport HB
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