



Newsletter

Week 2 2018



2018 House Leaders:

Gray & James - Kauhehei, Charlie & Sofia (absent) - Kahuranaki,

Deluca & Gemma - Pukenui, Rylee & Rhys (absent)- Pukeiti

Principal's Message

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou

Welcome everyone to the first newsletter of 2018. It has been wonderful seeing all the students, staff and community eager to begin the new school year.

You might have noticed that Kererū is not yet in their new classroom. The builders have given me a revised date of Monday 5th March, which is when learning is expected to begin in the newly finished room. Thank you for being patient during this time.

Newsletters this year will be scaled down, both in frequency as well as in content. In my discussions with some community members it became clear that due to the frequency and volume of information the newsletters were not being read, or key messages were lost. Hence we will be sending out fortnightly newsletters to begin with, whilst utilising the school Facebook Page and Website to convey information on a more regular basis. Please, if you are not a member of our school's Facebook page, I urge you to join up so you can stay informed. If you are like me, having avoided Facebook since its inception, I can ensure you it is very easy to learn.

Thank you to the outstanding Parents, Whanau and Friends (PWF) who ran the market stall at the Otane Market on Waitangi Day. This was a hugely successful day with \$400.00 raised. The PWF have their first meeting of the year in the staffroom on Thursday 15th February at 5:30pm. It would be wonderful to see as many community members come along to learn what this awesome group do for our school. I look forward to seeing you there.

A huge Pukehou welcome to Drew, Pablo, Akaysha, Ian and Isla along with their families. We hope you enjoy being part of the Pukehou whanau!

If you would like to discuss your child's learning please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Our doors are always open.

Regards

Chris Birch
Principal

Meet the Teacher Picnic

On Tuesday 13th February we will be holding a 'meet the teacher' picnic here at school. Each class will have a rostered timeslot where the teachers will discuss the learning programme for the year, this is also a great opportunity to ask any questions that you may have regarding the classroom organisation. We encourage you to bring a picnic and after the meetings join other families and the teachers in the grounds and get to know your fellow community members.

House leader election

Elections were held last week to determine the 2018 House Leaders. This was a democratic process where those students interested in being leaders gave a speech to their house, who in turn voted to elect their chosen leaders for 2018. Congratulations to our 2018 House Leaders!

HPV Immunisations

The following link will take you directly to a really good clip on HPV, specifically aimed at boys and why we are now vaccinating them and also a clip on HPV cancers in women. HPV is available at school for Yr 8 students.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/immunisation/immunisation-older-children/human-papillomavirus-hpv>

This link looks at some vaccine preventable diseases, including tetanus which is in the Boostrix vaccine for Yr 7 students.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/immunisation>

There is a suspected case of **Strep Throat** in our community. Please be vigilant.

Lou Macklow | Public Health Nurse **Child Health Team | Hawke's Bay District Health Board** CHB Health Centre

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Book Club If you are ordering through the school, please have your orders to the office by Wednesday 14 February.

Yoga (stretching and balancing) will start again next week. Ruru, Takahē and Kererū kids will have 10-15 minute sessions each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday after morning tea. Kāhu and Pīwakawaka students are invited to join Jacqui in the hall daily at lunchtimes, from 12:30 - 12:45 pm.

Chicken Food

The chickens are back at school. All donations of food for them will be gratefully received.

Important Dates:

13 February - Meet the teacher and community picnic, from 5:30pm

15 February - PWF meeting in the staffroom at 5:30 pm - all welcome.

27 February - Pukehou Swimming Sports (at Indoor Pool in Waipukurau)

5th March - Kererū begin in new classroom

8th March - CHB Inter School Swimming Sports

- Elgrego, visiting performer

| <u>House Points:</u> | Pukeiti | Pukenui | Kauhehei | Kahuranaki |
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| <u>Week</u> | 3030 | 3695 | 3635 | 2260 |
| <u>Term</u> | 3030 | 3695 | 3635 | 2260 |