

11 November
2016

Week 5
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.

A quieter week here at Pukehou. It is great to have Kāhu Class back after their camp.

Athletics

We have taken the opportunities, where we can, to get out and practice for athletics day. Wednesday in the afternoon heat was a bit trying but the children persevered and are looking forward to next week. For those families who have not been to this day before: We will leave Pukehou School about 9:10 to walk across the fields to Te Aute College. We use the smaller of their two grounds at the front as a running track and complete our running races there. Then we walk back to the school and the children have lunch with other children or picnic with their families before we spread ourselves around Pukehou and compete in field events.

This year when we are at Te Aute College grounds we will trial seating the children inside the running track next to the shorter track we make across the circle. This way they are close to the action for the sprints and can concentrate on supporting their houses. We would prefer then that Parents, Caregivers, Grandparents etc who come to visit seat themselves on the outside of the track to enjoy the events.

Ruru Class Teacher

As many of you will know, Miss Eales has been away for some time now with a medical problem. I have to report that unfortunately Miss Eales will not be returning to Pukehou School. Mrs Berge will continue as Ruru's class teacher until the end of the year. Mrs Berge is doing a wonderful job, going above and beyond the role of a relieving teacher. Thank you Mrs Berge, I really appreciate all you are doing for us.

Tissues

Help, we've run out of tissues and still have plenty of children with colds, runny noses etc.

I know we are heading toward the end of the year and I'm happy to get some but if you would like to donate a box that would be wonderful.

Finally

As part of a meeting I was in on Wednesday, the subject of the election in USA came up and I thought I would share a few thoughts from the discussion with you. I think we would all agree that it has been a hugely divisive experience for Americans, and as is the nature of politics there, based so much on personality rather than policy. It could be argued that both candidates were flawed and carried a lot of baggage and perhaps neither were a great choice.

As part of Kāhu Camp last week our Year 7 and 8's went to visit Parliament and saw where democracy is centred in NZ. At times we can also say that much of our politics too is at least 'vigorous' in the way it is carried out. The New Zealand Curriculum has Key Competencies which are skills that we are expected to teach our children. They are thinking, relating to others, using language, symbols and texts, managing self and participating and contributing. At Pukehou School we use the Habits of Mind which offer a greater skill set. Both tools though are about helping to teach our children to be able to work with others, and be inclusive, something that seems to fly in the face of what we see in Politics and more often, on social media. It's interesting too that while it is a part of the NZ Curriculum, these skills don't figure in what is deemed as being of urgency, namely literacy and numeracy data.

I guess I have always held on to the belief that in teaching our children those skills, we are giving them tools to work with others in positive ways as they grow older and that hopefully society in future may be a little less combative than it is now.

Have a great weekend,

Mr E

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Cheese! We were all looking gorgeous for our class and individual photos on Monday morning after our action packed week in Wellington. We hung from trees in harnesses, slid down water slides, balanced on paddle boards, stood up on kayaks, made biomorphic sculptures, ate pudding every night, created 2D animations, saw the sets of Thunderbirds, met PM John Key and flipped at Flip City. (I have created albums of the photos taken while on camp and have linked these to the students seesaw accounts so that you can all see them all.) A huge thanks to Vanessa, Rebecca, Aidan, Wade and John, our terrific parent helpers.

Two outings:

Kāhu are off to a softball tournament on the 24th of November and we need help with transport to Akina Park in Hastings. If you are able to come with us please give me a call at school. We have two teams and have been having coaching in preparation for this event. Thanks Mr Hastings for coming once a week to coach our two teams.

Kāhu class are off optimist yachting on Monday 12th of December and we need three parents to come with us and take transport - if you would like to come with us please give me a call at school.

Mrs Strong



This term is flying and it's getting busier by the day! Recently we have had a successful Ngati Whai performance and I am still hearing the waiata being sung in class each day! We have had our annual Pets Day which was a perfect sunny spring day with a record number of animals.

Last week I was fortunate enough to spend the week with Kāhu kids on their Wellington Camp. It was a busy week with many fun activities. I especially loved working with and watching the kids away from the school environment. What a great bunch of kids they were! Mrs McLennan did a great job in Takahē, keeping our routines and topics going along smoothly.

This week we have had a fairly quiet week and have begun looking at our run, jump, throw skills in anticipation of Athletics Day next Thursday. Thank you also to Mrs Charteris for taking Takahē class while I had a CRT day on Thursday where I spent the day listening to reading. I am super excited at the progress that has been made this year.

Enjoy your weekend. I look forward to catching up with you at our athletics day. *Mrs Osborne*

REQUESTS:..

Egg Cartons ~ Do you have any spare egg cartons or trays?

Tissues ~ would you like to donate another box?

Sports Shirts ~ if your children no longer need theirs this year, please return them.

Trophies & Cups ~ please clean and return all cups and trophies that were awarded last year, before the end of November.

All of these things can be left in the office, thank you.



Issue 8 was given out this week. Please have money and orders to Jacqui by next Friday (18th November) to ensure that delivery is made before the end of the term.

Home & School:

Please see the attached lunch order form for Athletics Day. NO late orders, NO IOU's and NO online payments, thank you.

On the day you will be able to purchase a sachet coffee for \$1.00.

There will also be a Raffle for a signed Magpies ball, \$1.00 a ticket.

So bring some small change and join us for a great day. More information will be sent home at the beginning of next week.



Wanted to Rent

2 - 3 Bedroom House for a family with 2 primary aged children. Good references. Ph: 858 7575

Flemington Mud Run

Sunday 20th November

477 Lake Road, Wanstead, Central Hawke's Bay Primary, Secondary and Adult sections

Visit flemingtonmudrun.com to enter

Miss Tutu's School of Dance

End of Year Recital

"70's, 80's 90's Flashback"

Saturday 10th December 2016

Tickets available from:

CHB Municipal Theatre

Ph: 06 857 8117

Adults \$16 Children \$8

Matinee 2pm

Evening 7pm



House Points

TERM 4	Week	Term
KAHURANAKI (Blue)	3440	18,240
PUKENUI (Green)	4730	18,845
PUKEITI (Red)	4800	18,370
KAUHEHEI (Yellow)	4045	17,100

Tikokino Open Gardens

5 Gardens will all be open on November 19th & 20th

Tickets and maps available at each gate \$5 per person

Wine, tea, coffee, and at some, food available for sale

Email Val ruggedone@xtra.co.nz

DIARY DATES

Thurs 17 Nov Pukehou Athletics Day
(Postponement Day Friday 18 Nov)

Mon 21 Nov Board of Trustees Meeting

Tues 22 Nov CHB Interschool Athletics

Thurs 24 Nov Kāhu class - Softball Tournament at Akina Park, Hastings

Tues 29 Nov Piwakawaka & Kāhu - Deep Water Survival Course in Ypuk

Wed 30 Nov & Thurs 1 Dec Kāhu - Puberty sessions with Nurse Lou

Mon 12 Dec - Kāhu - Optimist Yachting at Pandora Pond, Napier



Just a few of the many photos taken last week of Kāhu Class in the Capital. What an amazing array of experiences they had! Thank you Mrs Strong for organising such an incredible camp.



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