

2 December  
2016

Week 8  
Term 4

# PUKEHOU SCHOOL

*"Confident learners who accept social responsibility and live sustainably"*

Tena koutou nga whanau me nga tamariki.

Welcome to our latest two new students, Liam and Irie. It's lovely to have you here with us.

The shade sails are still here, up and for the most part in one piece! After the winds on the week-end, Monday and Tuesday I thought they might be in trouble so I'm relieved we still have them. Hopefully things will settle down a bit soon.

## New Appointment

We have advertised and interviewed candidates for the teaching position left open by Miss Eales's resignation and I am very pleased to announce that Mr Dylan Lorkin has won the position. Mr Lorkin is a beginning teacher with music and art skills that he can bring to share with us. We had quite a few applications and interviewed some very worthy teachers, but I think Mr Lorkin will add a different dynamic to Pukehou School. On the downside I may be about to lose my title as 'Best Looking Male Teacher at Pukehou School', a title I have proudly held for the past seven years. Mr Lorkin will come in for some time before the end of the year and I look forward to introducing him to everyone.

## Swimming....and our pool

This week Kāhu and Piwakawaka classes visited the Westpac Indoor Heated Pools in Waipukurau to practice deep water swimming skills. The children enjoyed the challenges of swimming with lots of clothes on and completing other related activities. The bus fare for this lesson was covered by the CHB Principals Assn as they have funds from the fundraising event 'Wai-splash' that was held earlier this year. This money is targeted towards the Senior classes from the schools being able to have this opportunity as everyone recognises how important

knowing how to swim is for all children in New Zealand.

On the home front our pool shed is now up and secured in place ready for the pool pumps to go in. Thank you John, Scoobz and Craig for giving up time to do this job. The shed was up on Friday and secured in place with a strap which by Monday had become 5 straps. The shade sails weren't the only things I was worried about blowing away!

## Planting at Artmosphere

Next Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December Jacqui and I will take a small group of children to Artmosphere in Waipawa to plant harakeke along the stream that runs through their property. We aim to be there just before 12:30 and be back at school just after 1:30. Planting the harakeke is a small thing that we can do to thank Sally and Hellie for being so generous with their time and venue for our Art Auction. If you can spare us some time and would like to help please let the office know and we will meet you there. I will just make sure we bring more harakeke with us!

## Lost Property

We have plenty and the pile is still growing. Please call in and have a look. Any un-named items left at the end of the term will be recycled.

## Final Assembly and Bus

Our Final Assembly will be held on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. More details to come next week. The last day for the bus this year will be Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. School finishes officially at 12:30 on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December.

Have a great weekend

Mr E



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## Mike Barker Contractors Ltd

I would like to publicly thank Mike Barker of Mike Barker Contractors Ltd for helping us out with getting our pool updated. Mike's company broke up the concrete and dug out the channel we needed to lay the electrical cable from the classroom block down to the new pump shed. Mike is an 'Old Boy' of Pukehou School and was happy to donate his machinery and manpower costs for nothing, something I am very appreciative of. If you know Mike, next time you catch up with him you may like to also thank him.

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Life jackets, chilly bins, ropes and noodles were used in our Deep Water Survival session at the Westpac Pool on Tuesday morning. This was a fun but informative experience for all of the students, an hour that could potentially save their lives.

Kāhu class showed great maturity during the Puberty sessions with Nurse Lou this week. Nurse Lou was most impressed with the way the class were comfortable with each other and that they were open to discuss this topic.

Kāhu class have been learning the figure 8, reef and bowline knots in preparation for our Optimist Yachting on the 12th of December.

We have been having a few laughs with puns and enjoying orienteering in maths.

Have a great weekend.

Go the Black Caps!

*Mrs Strong*

Two weeks to go and still lots to do. We are still finding out lots about the incredible honey and have been learning about swarms and why they happen. We know now what to do if there is one.

We are whistling up a storm and have begun to learn to play the recorder. Lots of fun, very quick learners.

Our trip to the pools in Wai-pukurau to learn deep water survival was really worthwhile.

The children were amazing, there was no hesitation about torpedoing into the water. They really enjoyed the experience, some parts were challenging, particularly swimming in clothes but they all did it. A very opportune activity as summer swimming at rivers and beaches will be featuring in our holidays. Our coriander and parsley are rocketing away and we have been giving this to The Paper Mulberry for use in their dishes. On Monday Mrs Charteris baked rice bubble cake with the class with honey from her farm. Please can your child bring a piece of left over soap for an activity as part of our Christmas activity day. This will be on Monday, December the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

*Mrs Anderson*

With another week down Christmas is just about upon us. What a busy year!

In Ruru we have been working on our Flight topic, making and modifying paper helicopters. See Kerrins explanation on the next page.

Mr Schaw was in on Monday and the children enjoyed having a slightly different day.

Thank you to him for all the fun activities.

Everyone has been working hard to earn reward points this term and the most popular choice of reward has been baking, with Meg. We have all loved having some extra treats for morning tea. Wonderful Math and social skills have been happening in the kitchen.

Thank you Meg!

I do hope everyone is well on the way to completing their Christmas shopping and looking forward to having their kids home for the holidays.

Enjoy your last two weeks of relative peace.

*Mrs Berge*

While learning the art of list writing this week, Takehē kids shared the following things that their parents often say to them:

- Eat your vegetables
- Go and brush your teeth
- Brush your hair
- Tidy your room
- If you eat your dinner you can have pudding
- If you eat your carrots you will be able to see in the dark
- Eat your brain food
- Eat your greens
- Get to bed
- Stop running across the room!
- Eat your crusts
- Get your lunchbox out
- Eat your fruit
- Do your homework
- Make your bed
- Do the dishes, it makes you shiny

*Mrs Osborne*

Kererū has welcomed Liam into our learning space. We love having him with us. He is the last Kererū Kid to start this year. Welcome Liam and we look forward to spending the next few weeks with you. We are now in the process of 'winding' down...please could I have all little readers in and library books also in next week. Please could you send a plastic bag to school for us to collect our art work in that is now coming down off the wall. We are preparing our space for the big move where Kererū will move into Takahē space. The Kererū kids are excited and probably a little unsettled by all the changes that are beginning to happen. We earned all the treasure in the chest and so had our treasure hunt on Tuesday, it was so much fun working out the picture clues and then the magic word at the end. Everyone received some treasure! This week we are trying our hardest to earn the pieces of super-girl and super-boy so we can have a costume day. We are remembering our caring hearts, helping hands, walking feet inside, compliments and listening bodies. We are reminding ourselves of consequences too.....whether they are good or not so good! It's not long to go, there are tired (and grumpy at times) kids. Please drink lots of water, get lots of sleep and we will make it to the end!!!

*Mrs Smith*

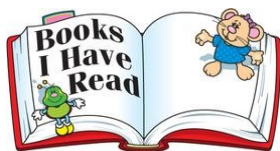


### Sports Shirts

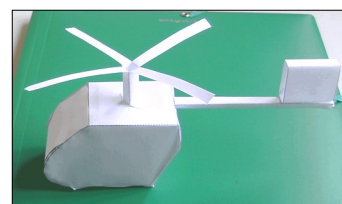
As soon as your children no longer need their sport shirts for after school sport, please return them to the office.

### Library Books / Journals / Classroom Readers

With the end of the year looming, please have a really good look for any books that belong to Pukehou School and return them by next Wednesday, December 7th - thank you.



On the 23rd of November we made paper helicopters. The competition was to get the helicopter down the slowest. I tried to cut the bottom off to try and make it lose weight and it did. Then I tried folding in the wings but then it just fell down, so I unfolded them. After that I tried cutting the blades shorter. It didn't work - it didn't spin well so I made another one. I tried cutting the base off the blades and it made it spin better and it worked better. The winning design had its blades in a bit. It spun well and floated down.



Kerrin - Ruru Class

### "No Added Sugar" Breakfast & Lunch Recipes

Over 40 pages of breakfast, lunch and treats recipes designed by a Nutritionist ~ Healthy tasty food for both children and adults ~ Easy and quick to make! ~ Every recipe is low in sugar, nutrient rich and allergy conscious ~ A printed copy is \$20 or ebook version is available for only \$10 ~ All funds raised go to St Albans Community Preschool, Chch. Visit [www.simpletastynutrition.co.nz](http://www.simpletastynutrition.co.nz) to purchase your copy or contact Sara on [sara@simpletastynutrition.co.nz](mailto:sara@simpletastynutrition.co.nz)

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"Summer Holiday Drama Programs. December: 20 - 22; January: 24 - 26. Make a play in three days with The Drama Workshop. Build confidence, learn about acting technique and meet new friends! Havelock North. To book: <http://http://thedramaworkshop.co.nz/play-on/>"



### Sail into Summer Reading!

Join the Summer Reading Programme at Waipawa or Waipukurau Libraries from 5th December 2016 to 20th January 2017.

This includes free rewards, entertainers and activities and is a great way to keep your children reading over the summer break.

### DIARY DATE S

#### Tues 5 Dec

Planting at Atmosphere

#### Thurs 8 Dec

Yr 8 Leavers evening

#### Mon 12 Dec - Kāhu -

Optimist Yachting at Pandora Pond, Napier

5pm Final BOT meeting for 2016

#### Wed 14 Dec

Final Assembly 6pm

#### Friday 16 Dec

End of Term 4

## House Points

TERM 4	Week	Pukehou Athletics	Term
KAHURANAKI (Blue)	8620	504	32,179
PUKENUI (Green)	7473	625	33,287
PUKEITI (Red)	7810	414	32,664
KAUHEHEI (Yellow)	6015	578	30,523