

"Confident learners who accept social responsibility and live sustainably"

Tena Koutou nga whanau me nga tamariki.

Welcome back! From the conversations and smiley faces back at school this week, it seems that everyone had a wonderful break from school. Our learners are already back into the swing of things with a busy week already flown by.

# Miniball... OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

I was so pleased to be at the finals night of miniball on the last Friday of last term. I watched a great playoff for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th,</sup> with the Kiwi's team keeping their supporters on tenterhooks until the last shot of the game scored by Isabella with a 22-21 win. Thanks to Pita for helping out with the coaching of this team. The Pukeko's team were then in the playoff for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Another game, which kept us on the edge of our seats with the Pukeko's winning 22-20. All the players worked as a team to make this a well-deserved win. Congratulations to Belinda for her awesome coaching efforts with this team at games and both teams at practices, over the miniball season. Thanks also to Pita for his offer and commitment to develop miniball skills over the holidays. It is wonderful to have talented people in our community who offer their skills, free of charge, to give opportunities to our learners.

### Cleaner

Thanks to Emma for her wonderful cleaning duties, helping us out over the last three days. We are in <u>urgent</u> need of a permanent school cleaner for approximately 12 hours per week during term time, with holiday cleaning hours paid on an hourly basis. *Please*, contact the school office if you or anyone you know is interested in this job.

# **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Please remember that Pukehou School considers this to be a vital part of our home : school partnership so respectfully request that you make the effort to attend.

> Your Parent / Teacher conference time on Wednesday 2nd August is:

> > in Pïwakawaka class.

**<u>Please note</u>**: It is important that you are prompt. If you are unable to keep this appointment please contact the office as soon as possible. *Thank you.*  **Sport skills:** Basketball development and Orienteering Sport Hawke's Bay have been funding some wonderful sport skill opportunities this year. So far we have had hockey and badminton. This term we are lucky to have basketball, which started this week for Ruru, Pïwakawaka and Kāhu, and in Week 3 we will also have orienteering for the whole school. It is great to have a focus on the whole curriculum, ensuring our learners are developing skills in every learning area.

# **Positive Playground Play**

Congratulations to the winners from our classrooms for Positive Playground Play for Week 10. Picking up gear and retuning it to the right place was harder for our teachers to look for, but the following students were drawn from their class boxes.

Kererū – Tilly Takahē – Mitchell Ruru – Rupert Pïwakawaka -Kaito Kāhu – Jaziah

Greer was the winner of the overall draw for Term 3. I am sure she enjoyed her holiday treats, which was a result of being a "positive playground player". For the first two weeks this term, we are thinking about manners and positive welcomes when we arrive at school.

# Ongaonga 7's

Thanks to those who have offered assistance with management and coaching already. We require further assistance with transport, so if you are thinking about attending it would be great if you can assist us; even if it is just one way and you are able to work in with someone else on the return trip.

We still need a soccer coach and a Year 5/6 netball coach, if anyone is keen.

I look forward to seeing as many Kāhu, Pïwakawaka and Ruru parent / caregivers at the teacher conferences on Wednesday. Have a great weekend, enjoy your sports and some R&R.

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An action packed week for Kāhu Class. We have finished our read aloud novel 'See you in the Cosmos'. The class are eagerly anticipating our next great read.

The students each turned a carrot into a vehicle yesterday as we begin to explore what effects speed. There was some sleek looking racers but it was Charlie who took out the champion spot, his racer rolling further than the rest. He was closely followed by Rylee, Maika and Harriet. There are photographs on Seesaw of the these vehicles.

The humble paperclip has been the focus of our explanation writing this week. I have also seen some super duper fabulous 'Wreck it, Journals', Charlotte's was wonderful! We have focused on verbs this week.

Area and perimeter has continued to be our focus in maths and we have three teams focusing on problem solving in preparation for the Mathletics competitions later in the term. All of the students are competing in the enlargement competition as part of this Mathletics event. There is prize money up for grabs and we have had students in the past win a few dollars.

The students have been quick to learn a new waiata for our Kapa haka routine. Thanks to James and Aria for giving up their time to coach us, we are entering a competition at the end of the term.

Basketball coaching was lots of fun. The students practiced dribbling with their heads up, jump shots and lay-outs. This weeks knock out top shooter ... was Tahlia! There was some impressive shots landed. Pita and Belinda, you would have been **very** impressed.

Good luck with your sport over the weekend. GO the Hurricanes! Nga mihi nui, *Mrs Strong* 

It was great to see lots of smiley faces and hear holiday stories on Monday. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the holiday diaries. Well done to all of those children who have shared them with the class. We have had a busy start to Term 3 with 2 Kapahaka practices, thank you to James and Aria. On Wednesday we had our first session of basketball which was thoroughly enjoyed by all in Piwakawaka. The focus for our Integrated Unit this term is 'Design it, Make it, Hang it'. We are looking at the history and purpose of wind chimes and will be designing and making these during the term. Our focus, being an Enviro school, is to use as many recyclable materials as possible. The children came up with ideas at the end of last term on what they would like to do in writing. Each week we're focusing on describing mystery things - the next couple of weeks we are looking at and creating comic strips as part of our Reading. Have a great weekend and stay warm. Thanks, Mrs Anderson

Great to see everyone back after the holidays.

We are in for a very busy but exciting term. We have lots of activities coming up such as Orienteering, Cross Country plus some fun in-class projects. Our inquiry for the first part of this term is focused on attracting native birds to the school by designing and creating bird feeders, houses and baths. We will also look at planting certain trees and plants that can help with this process. If you have any expertise in these areas we would love your help.

Homework will be up and going next Wednesday. Remember this is optional, however it is expected that reading is done every night. Our class vegetable garden (Toru) is a bit full at the moment so if you would like to take some, please help yourselves. We have plenty of spinach and celery, also some spring onions and a bit of lettuce.

Have a great weekend!

Regards, Mr Lorkin

Welcome back to another busy and exciting term of learning in Takahē Class. This term our topic has a technology focus and will be based around cupcakes! We will be working with Kererū and the children are in mixed groups. They have already spent time together coming up with a name for their group. We got some interesting names like 'Frosting', 'Cup Cake Masters' and 'Dark Lollies', just to name a few. This unit will involve researching, baking, taste testing, reflection, designing the packaging and thinking about advertising. Yep, it's going to be a busy one! Their extra homework challenge is to bring a favourite cupcake recipe to school to share with their groups. Yummy! Can't wait to read them all! This week we have all quickly settled back into our class routines. We are very excited to welcome Jayce and Jacob into our classroom from Kererū. They began visits last term and are now a part of our team. I am excited to have an even number in my class again! My door is always open if you have any queries or want to come and see our classroom. Keep an eye on See-Saw as I share the great learning going on in Takahē Class.

Mrs Osborne

Welcome back to a new term. Welcome to Vincent and Jack who have started in Kererū class, you are settling in so well and we love having you. We have another 2 visitors this term and they will start towards the end of the term. We have started the term with lovely weather (until today!) and have been enjoying getting outside to run around. This term we have a food technology unit, you have no doubt heard all about the cupcakes! We are in groups with the Takahē kids and the aim is to produce the most yummiest cupcake! We have also started with a few unwell too! Thank you for keeping any unwell Kererū kids home, it's better they come back 100%. We have a lot on this term and next week will start practising for cross country! Rest up over the weekend, see you next week. Mrs Smith

