

4 August
2017

Week 2
Term 3

PUKEHOU SCHOOL

"Confident learners who accept social responsibility and live sustainably"

Tena Koutou nga whanau me nga tamariki.

I have really enjoyed this week; teaching in Kererū on Tuesday morning, Takahē all day Thursday and the hall with Ruru, Piwakawaka and Kāhu on Wednesday afternoon. It is always my favourite time when I am able to spend days in the classroom and with our learners. I must take this opportunity to welcome new families to the school. This term we welcome Jack to Kererū and his parents Kate and Bevan, along with Vincent, sibling to Gabriel. I am sure you will all enjoy your time at Pukehou School.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you to everyone who made the effort to attend the parent teacher conferences this week. The teachers really appreciated the time you took to ensure you were on board with your children's learning. At the same time we realise that, in some circumstances, the conference day and time was impossible to make, so please make an alternative time to catch up with your child's teacher. I would also appreciate any feedback you have (about what you liked and what could be improved), on the format of the conferences this year. Please email me at principal@pukehou.school.nz, call me or pop into the office with your comments. Thank you to Mrs Strong, Mrs Anderson and Mr Lorkin who spent 6 hours meeting with parents, and to Mrs Osborne and Mrs Smith who joined with me in the afternoon programme, enabling our learners to stay at school until 3pm.

CHB Literacy professional development

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week Mrs Anderson and I are at the planning meetings for our professional development in writing over the next 18 months, along with literacy leaders and principals from several other CHB schools. This is an exciting opportunity which all the staff are keen to get started with. Alison Davis is the educational guru who will be facilitating this development.

Year 7 and 8 girls Self Defence workshop

On Thursday 10th and Friday 11th the year 7 and 8 girls will be attending a Self Defence workshop. The first day will be at Argyll East School. We are very keen to have some assistance with transport and supervision on the Thursday when we are at Argyll East. On the Friday Argyll East will be at Pukehou School. Please see attached form.

Ongaonga 7's

Practices next week will be on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons. Appropriate clothing required.

Some concerns...

Arriving on time at school: School begins at 9am each day. It is vital learners are here before 9am as it allows time to be organised for the day ahead. The morning is also regarded as the most important part of the learning day for children (and in fact adults) with this being the most productive part of the day. Reading, writing and mathematics are generally focused on during this time. Continued lateness means attendance services are alerted and then they follow up to ensure learners are at school on time and regularly. I realise that sometimes families face extenuating circumstances which we may be able to help with, so please contact me if you need to discuss your situation.

Toilets: Over the last few weeks it has come to our attention that there are some rather major mis-directions in the area of toilets. I'm not sure that teachers are totally responsible for teaching this (or how they could) so if you can remind your child of appropriate toilet aim both at the bowl and when putting paper towels in the bin, we'd really appreciate it. This is a little tongue in cheek ... but it is just bringing awareness to you about some of the things that we do as teachers, and if a little reminder from home helps it might make the difference to us at school.

BOT meeting

The BOT is meeting on Monday night for their regular governance meeting. We have a visit from ERO in week 10 so are ensuring we are well organised for this.

Positive Playground Play

Congratulations to the winners from our classrooms for Positive Playground Play for Week 1, Term 3. Welcoming greetings and good manners have been a great way to start the term and to celebrate this we recognise the following learners:

Kererū – Liam, Takahē – Kiara, Ruru – CJay
Piwakawaka - Neeve, Kāhu – Rhys

Finally something to think about in regard to manners ...

"Good manners will open doors that the best education can not."
Clarence Thomas - Supreme Court Judge.

Trish Fryer, Acting Principal

DIARY DATES

Mon 7 August - Orienteering Training - BOT Meeting
Wed 9 Aug - PAL's training at school
Thurs 10 - Yr 7/8 Girls Self Defence @ Argyll
Fri 11 Aug - Girls Self Defence @ Pukehou
Wed 16 - Onga 7's (ppmt 17th)
Wed 16 - Fri 18 - Orienteering, whole school

House Points

TERM 3	Week 1	Term
KAHURANAKI (Blue)	1,892	4,018
PUKENUI (Green)	1,922	5,634
PUKEITI (Red)	1,592	4,742
KAUHEHEI (Yellow)	2962	5,576



Yes, we are still expecting a ton of potatoes to be delivered to Pukehou School on Monday. These will be in 5kg bags and we will be selling them for \$8 per bag.

So, contact your friends, neighbours and extended family over the weekend. We will be looking to move them on as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Hi Parents/Caregivers,

Just a quick update, there is currently in CHB an increase in **Pertussis /whooping cough** cases being notified, in both vaccinated and unvaccinated children and adults. If your child, or yourself, has a cough that seems to linger and come in spasms that take a bit to recover from, it is possible that your child has whooping cough. Please take your child to the GP or practice nurse for a review and swab to make sure that if it is whooping cough it can be correctly treated.



Headlice is also remaining a concern. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat either with a chemical treatment from the GP, (you should be able to phone the GP for a prescription) or using the conditioner and comb method as below.

Conditioner and comb method:

Apply conditioner to dry hair, enough to cover from scalp and all hair. Leave it on for 5 mins to stun the lice. Using a nit comb, comb all sections of the hair until the conditioner is all combed out. Wipe comb on a towel after each brush stroke. An egg takes 7-10 days to hatch and 6-10 days to become mature. Therefore the conditioner treatment needs to be repeated every 2-3 days for 10 days.

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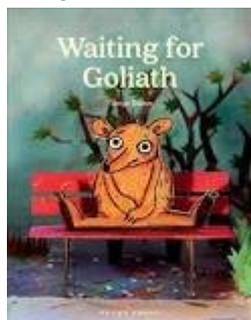
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Mrs Strong's book recommendations...

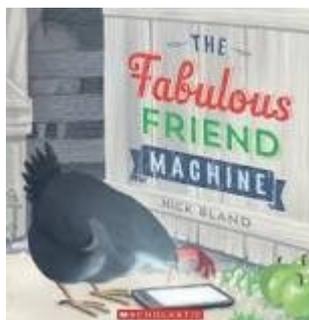


Great picture books!

Waiting for Goliath



The Fabulous Friend Machine



Wonder



Read the book and then see the movie which is coming out soon.

This is one of the best books that I have ever read!

Orders due by Friday 11 August

Remember that from now on credit card orders must be placed via the LOOP platform.

Parents can order online at scholastic.co.nz/LOOP, mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz or via the LOOP mobile apps.

Netball Draw ~ Sat 5 August

10.00 am Year 5 & 6 Pukehou Court 4

11.00 am Pukehou Intermediate Court 4

Please note:

The time for the Intermediate game has changed from the previous draw.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

All students will be participating in cross country training on a **daily** basis (weather permitting) in preparation for the event at Poukawa on Wednesday 30th August.

For this they will need:

- ◆ Suitable footwear
- ◆ Shorts
- ◆ A full change of clothing (they will get wet and muddy!)
- ◆ A note from you if they are unable to train.

Invoices:

These are being sent home with the children today. Please do let Jacqui know if you don't get yours.

If you have made payments in the last couple of days the true balance of your account will differ. Fees of \$4 for Basketball and \$2 for Swimming need to be added for students from Kāhu, Pīwakawaka and Ruru classes.

Please settle these accounts or make arrangements for payment with Jacqui as soon as possible.



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