

"Confident learners who accept social responsibility and live sustainably"

Tena Koutou nga whanau me nga tamariki.

Wow, what a week of outstanding achievement and participation in cultural, academic and sporting events...

• Our Term 3 Marae Day was very successful on Tuesday. Our learners enjoyed a variety of games including Ki o rahi and rakau sticks. It was topped off by a great rehearsal for Pïwakawaka and Kāhu of our Kapa Haka performance. See details further on in the newsletter regarding the actual performance.

Accompanying the Year 8 Mathletics teams, along with Mrs Strong, to their competition on Wednesday night was fun. It can be a bit tedious at the event (it is not a spectator sport) as the learners work quietly to solve problems with their team, but the camaraderie and competition is fantastic. Amalia, Charlotte, Aidan, Roan, Hunter and Maika were great ambassadors for the school. They competed well with one team receiving a bronze medal. The Year 7 team of James, Gray and Hamish attended their competition the previous night with Ms Hemi and also received a bronze medal. For the individual section Amalia was one of 102 Year 8's to score 10/10 so she had to go through to the second round. Super effort Amalia. Charlotte, Tahlia, Gray and Finn each gained a bronze award for their scale drawings and Charlie received a silver award for his. Fantastic!

• A superb day at the interschool cross country event on Thursday resulted in Pukehou School being placed fifth= in the teams event. Congratulations to all our runners who participated and gave the event their best effort against the best competition in CHB. Grace and Hunter achieved our highest placings for 2017, each placing 4th in their respective events.

Mumps

Many of you will be aware that there has been a case of mumps diagnosed at Waipukurau School. This is not a concern for most of our families as many children are immunised. If your child is not immunised or you are not certain that they are, you might want to know more about the risks of and protection against mumps. There is an information sheet which is available through the school office. Please ask Jacqui and she will email it

to you or provide a paper copy.

Kahui Ako – Communities of learning

Remember to ask Jacqui, as soon as possible, if you would like to complete the survey to add your thoughts to the conversation.

Pukehou School PWF (Parents, Whanau and Friends)

See the attached order form for Fish & Chips next week. There will be a healthy lunch option on Friday 29th, the last day of term.

School APP

Check your friends have the school APP... parent teacher calendar!

Positive Playground Play

Being respectful was the focus of Week 7 and these children were the draw winners for the week: Kererū - Teagan, Takahē - Rebecca, Ruru - Olivia, Pïwakawaka - Hamish, Kāhu - Roan. We continued to focus on respect this week and will do so again next week.

This week the quote reminded me about the effort our learners and teachers are putting into achieving successful outcomes in learning and teaching. It also reminds me that we have to ensure our learners are resilient. If they can't do something as well as someone else it doesn't mean "I can't do it or I don't like it" instead it means "I will give it a go and try to get better at it." I have seen many of our learners giving their best effort in all that they are doing over the last few weeks; showing resilience and keeping on when the going gets tough. SO to the quote..

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." - Pele

Enjoy the weekend. The weather is looking a lot more like spring so we might be able to spend some time in the garden. For all those participating in the Hatuma Half Marathon, good luck and enjoy the run or walk!

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