

Newsletter

Week 4 2018



The first piece of art in the Principal's office

Principal's Message

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou

The term is in full swing with the students and staff all enjoying being back at school. The pool is in constant use at the moment after the recent upgrade that the PWF had been fundraising for over a considerable amount of time. In total this upgrade was just shy of \$40,000.00 and will ensure that the swimming pool can continue to be used for many years to come. Thank you to the PWF and the numerous trusts who made this project possible. Without this outstanding effort it is most likely that Pukehou's pool would have gone down the same line as many other school pools, having to eventually be shut down.

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us with Piwakawka's camp, swimming sports and ice skating along with a visiting performer making an appearance at school. Lots to keep everybody entertained and challenged.

As always, if you would like to discuss your child's education please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself. Our doors are always open.

Nga mihi

Chris Birch
Principal

Communication 2018

Thank you to all those who braved the rain at last weeks meet the teacher evening. One important facet of school life we discussed were the various communication methods being used in 2018. Finding one system that works for all is very difficult, however we are endeavouring to cover all bases to ensure messages are conveyed so you can stay informed. Class communication will take place through the **Seesaw** app - If you have not already done so, please download this to your phone. Seesaw will allow you to keep in touch with what is happening in your child's classroom as well as enabling

you to receive and send messages to the classroom teacher. Please talk to your child's teacher if you are having any trouble with this.

School communication will be delivered on a few platforms, first and foremost will be our fortnightly **newsletters** (thank you for reading this!) **Facebook** will also be used. I am not a Facebooker, so this has all been new learning for me, however I can assure you it is very easy to pick up. This is also how the PWF will be getting messages across to you our community.

The **Skool Loop App** (available for Android and Apple) can also be downloaded to your phones (you will need to select Pukehou School once it is installed). When you do this please allow push notifications. Any important notices will then be delivered straight to your phones as a message on your home screen. You do not have to have access to all these methods of communication. Please choose the best one for you, then you can stay informed.

Police Vetting We always appreciate your presence at school events, in-fact we couldn't do them without you! Due to the Vulnerable Children's Act 2014, the Board of Trustees require parent helpers to be police vetted for school outings and camps. If you would like a Police Vetting Service request and consent form, please contact Jacqui. These are valid for 2 years. Renewal forms were sent home this week to parents whose consent expires between now and July this year. Ideally we will get a system going to apply for requests every six month.

A Seriously Fun Hockey Week Ideal for beginners / inexperienced players through to elite players, aged 7 to 14. Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th April, 9am - 3pm daily at Hastings Boys' High School. More information and registration forms available from the school office.

Drama classes for ALL AGES Havelock North and Napier. Qualified teachers, confidence building, performance skills, like minded peers and lots of fun guaranteed! www.thedramaworkshop.co.nz
ph 027 4585438.

Here's your chance to be on the radio as the **Central FM Weather Kid**. Each Friday morning one lucky child will get the chance to report the forecast to Central Hawkes Bay & Tararua on the Breakfast Show. Email your details to simon@centralfm.co.nz (name, age, contact details and school)

GOOD EYE SIGHT = GOOD LEARNING As the 2018 school year begins **Visique Shattky Optometrists** want to ensure all children and their parents have the best possible education about how important it is to look after their eyes. 80% of children's learning is visual so it makes sense to look after their eyes from an early age. That's why Visique Optometrists are giving FREE sunglasses to all new entrants to protect their eyes from New Zealand's powerful UV rays. This is the 14th year Visique has given away FREE sunglasses and they are very proud of it. Please also remember there is a subsidy available for all current Community Service Card holders. This will pay up to \$287.50 per year per child under sixteen years of age for eye exams and / or glasses. Ask us for more information on this. Call us on 858 9117 to book an eye exam or visit with your new entrant to get your FREE sunglasses.

Swimming Sports We look forward to another exciting event at the Indoor Pools in Waipukurau next Tuesday, 27th February. Hope to see you there!

If you have not returned your transport slip we will assume that your children will be on the bus. Thank you to those who have offered to transport extra children to the pools. At this stage we do not need you in the morning but may require some help on the return trip.

House Points:	Pukeiti	Pukenui	Kauhehei	Kahuranaki
Last 2 Weeks	3,700	3,820	3,665	3,470
Term total to date	6,370	7,515	7,300	5,730