

Principal's Message

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

What a busy few weeks we have had here at school. As the days become shorter and the nights longer and cooler, the pool temperature is also falling. Classes are still swimming in the afternoons whilst the water temperature stays above 22 degrees. Once below this temperature, the swimming season will be over for another year.

A huge thank you to Meg who organised last week's Goal-a-thon to raise money for new sports uniforms and equipment. It was great to see the students and staff out there enjoying themselves. I can attest that 5 minutes of non-stop goal shooting is quite challenging on the neck and quads. A huge thank you also to Lisa and ASB Bank, Fergusson's Motor Lodge and Norwood Farm Machinery Centre for the donation of spot prizes. Well done to all the students (and staff) who demonstrated some very impressive skills during their five minutes of fame. Please return all sponsorship as soon as possible, (no later than Friday 6th April), so we can distribute all the prizes.

It was with great excitement that Kererū moved into their new classroom space earlier this week. After many building delays it is wonderful to see the students all enjoying the new space and being closer to Takahē. Thank you for all your patience during this transition



Lisa Papuni, ASB School Accounts Manager, demonstrates how its done.

phase and a special thank you to Mrs Smith for all the work she has put into organising the room and keeping the learning programme going in the hall over some of the hottest months. I am sure everyone will enjoy the new space and the cooler environment.

The staff and I have been discussing lately the importance of the word 'responsibility' and what this looks like here at school. Ultimately as educators we wish for our students, your children, to be responsible for themselves, others and their/our environment. Responsibility encompasses everything from student behaviour, belongings, attitude, beliefs and work ethic. It is something we will be working on closely with the students as we aim to make Pukehou School Kids responsible, respectful independent lifelong learners. You can help us with this challenge by setting up an understanding of what responsibility looks like in your household. Who packs/unpacks the school bag? Who washes and dries the dishes? Who manages their belongings to ensure they are returned to the right place? As a busy parent I am guilty of taking over some of these tasks myself, because it is faster for me to do them than my children. However this does not teach them about responsibility (but it does keep my blood pressure down!). As I write this I am making a mental note of all the tasks I will be setting for my own children. If you have not already, I encourage you to set out some jobs/tasks that your children are responsible for. Talk about your responsibility as a provider, parent, mother, father, guardian and a member of a community. After all, you are their greatest teacher.

A huge thank you to Ella's dad David, who cut out our dying/dead cabbage trees as well as to Otilie's mum Pixie and her father Hugh, who kindly cleared the hall gutters for us during the weekend. We really do appreciate your assistance.

I am happy to report we have employed Mrs Livingston to the Grounds position. We welcome Sandra to the school community. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Or if you would like to discuss other matters please come and see me. Our doors are always open.

Ngā mihi

Chris Birch
Principal

Easter Holiday

Don't forget - Tuesday 3rd April is a New Zealand school holiday but not a public holiday. Please ensure alternative arrangements are made for your child/ren if you are working.

Board of Trustees AGM

The Board of Trustees will be holding their AGM on Monday 26th March beginning at 6:00pm. All welcome.

Pukehou Marae Visit - Tuesday 27th March (next week). A notice was sent home on Tuesday - we look forward to seeing many of you there. Thank you to those who have offered to help with transport back to school in the afternoon.

Next Thursday, **29 March, Piwakawaka** class are going on a fact finding outing to Millstream Gardens, in groups. They are going to be looking at different types of herbs and plants that can possibly be used in our garden.

CHB Inter-School Swimming Sports Results - Congratulations to the entire Pukehou School Swim Team, you all swam well and represented your school with pride. Here are the results from the finals.

Taamai - 4th 10 yr old boys freestyle; Rhys - 2nd 11 yr old boys Freestyle & 3rd Open Butterfly; Fionn - 6th 11 yr old boys Freestyle; Sofia - 5th 12+ girls Backstroke; Kerrin - 5th U12 boys Breaststroke; U12 boys relay - 2nd; U12 girls relay - 4th; 12+ girls relay - 4th; Overall Points - Pukehou School 3rd out of 15 school. Woohoo!

Private Music Lessons - \$25 for half an hour (out of class time)
Ph: 06 856 8367 Email: danny Priestley1@gmail.com

Contact: Danny & Katie for details
Starting 2nd week of Term Two, 2018.

CHB Junior Football - Information and registration forms are available from the office and must be in no later than 11th April. **Rep Trials** for 10-13 year olds will be held at Russell Park at 4:30pm on Wednesday 28th March - next week!

Junior Football Coaches Wanted & CHB Junior Football AGM 3 April, 7pm at St Andrews Church Hall, Waipukurau. For more information on any of the above please contact Nicola on 027 3687 344

Boot Swap: If you have spare football boots or need a different size, boots can be left and collected from the school office.

Netstars Holiday Programme - Register @ hawkesbaynetball.co.nz

Monday 16 April - Yr 7 & 8

Tuesday 17 April - Yr 1-4

Wednesday 18 - Friday 20 April - Yr 5 & 6

These sessions will be held at the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park. \$55 per day or \$140 for 3 days, includes ball and T-shirt.

National Aquarium April School Holiday Programme - "Sharks and Stingrays" Register at the address below:

<https://www.nationalaquarium.co.nz/education-programmes-and-facilities/holiday-programmes-napier>

Marine Parade, Napier. Ph: 06 834 1404 Open 9am - 5pm daily.

The Yummy Fruit Company - We have registered with the Yummy Fruit Company, collecting stickers from a variety of apples and stone fruit as well as labels from bags of apples, in order to purchase sports equipment for the school. There are charts in the office to put the stickers on, so start collecting now! This collection runs until the end of Term 3 so let's see how many we can collect between us!



ASB - Remember to use the ASB account 12-3479-0012153-00 instead of the BNZ account from now on.

Book Club - Please have orders in by Wednesday 28th March.

D*I*S*C*O - School Disco **Thursday 5th April** 6 pm - 8:30 pm **\$2**, includes a glowstick **Guest DJ Food** available for sale. **Movie and cake** for Parents, in Ruru Class.



Autism Awareness Day - 4th April (The day after the Easter weekend)

Wear a Onesie or your pyjamas and bring a gold coin donation.

House Points:	Pukeiti	Pukenui	Kauhehei	Kahuranaki
Last 2 Weeks	2,850	2,500	4,110	2,000
Term total to date	20,580	19,888	22,536	16,322

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