



The brave Onsie Wednesday participants. \$80.70 raised for Autism awareness. Thank you!

Principal's Message

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

We have had a busy few weeks here at Pukehou with wonderful celebrations of diversity, culture and learning taking place in and around the school. It was with great excitement that the school visited the Pukehou Marae to participate in authentic learning experiences that our community members provided for our students. Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and community members who gave up time from their day to nurture our students through the wonderful experiences that they had or to provide transport to and from the Marae.



Last night was also an exciting evening for our students with the Kahu class run Disco. The students and Mrs Strong worked hard on this fantastic experience with the aim of raising money to go towards their end of year camp to Wellington. Funds from this event, along with the magnificent chocolate sales, go towards keeping the costs down for the families whose children will be attending Kahu camp later in the year.

With the nights now a lot cooler the pool temperature has dropped below that, which we consider comfortable for swimming lessons. We look forward to getting the pool back up and running in Term 4.

Currently the Government is undertaking a full review of the entire education sector. If you would like to have your say you may complete a survey online at

conversation.education.govt.nz. The next 12 -24 months will be an interesting time in education as

Minister Hipkins and the Ministry of Education decide upon the direction education should be heading for the next thirty years. This is your opportunity to have your say in this direction.

This will be the last community newsletter for the term. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable school holiday, beginning on Friday 13th April. If you are travelling, travel safe and we look forward to hearing about all the exciting adventures the children experience when they return to school.

In the meantime if you have anything you would like to discuss with your child's teacher or myself please do not hesitate to make contact with us.



Nga mihi

Chris Birch
Principal

Can you help us?

We are looking for people to assist us with applying for grants on behalf of the school to make a variety of classroom resource purchases or repairs to buildings. If this is something that you have done in the past or are prepared to give this a go please either call or email Chris to discuss. 06 856 8169 or principal@pukehou.school.nz Thank you!



LOST PROPERTY

There is a **huge** pile of clothing and property in the lost property bin and in the hall kitchen. Please, if you are coming into school or passing by, stop in and have a look for your child's belongings. Anything left at the end of the term will be washed and given to local charity clothing providers.

Invoices With the end of the term looming this is a gentle reminder to check that you have paid your bus fees in particular, but also for any stationery and EOTC events you owe for. Do not hesitate to contact Jacqui if you would like a balance of your account.

ASB - Remember to use the ASB account **12-3479-0012153-00** instead of the BNZ account from now on. If you have an automatic payment into the BNZ you will need to cancel this and start again; just changing the details of an exist payment does not always work successfully.

Poppies for ANZAC Day are available for a donation from the office.

Yr 7 & 8 Netball coach - Due to unforeseen circumstances our Yr 7 & 8 netball girls require a coach urgently for this season. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can help out, or know someone who may be interested.

Lunch order Fish & Chips on Thursday. Please have orders and the correct money to the office by Tuesday.

SWIM-A-THON Good luck to everyone participating in this event at the AW Parsons Indoor Pool on Sunday - a community fundraising event to Splash, Paddle or Swim for Lives! Sign in 8:30am, Briefing 9:45am, Start time: 10:00am.

PWF AGM/Meeting Thursday 12th April Pukehou School 5.30-7pm All welcome, refreshments provided

Private Music Lessons - \$25 for half an hour (out of class time) Contact: Danny & Katie for details
Ph: 06 856 8367 Email: dannypriestley1@gmail.com **Starting 2nd week of Term Two, 2018.**

Circus We have two free tickets to Circus Aotearoa in Waipukurau on 27th or 28th April. The first adult to come in and collect them can have them!

The **Elsthorpe Community Playgroup** is running its annual 'Take a Kid Hunting and Fishing' competition on Queen's Birthday weekend, starting 3pm on Friday June 1st. The weigh in will be held on Sunday June 3rd between 1 & 2.30pm at Elsthorpe School with prize giving to follow. The competition age range is 2-15 years old. We have many hunting categories, from heaviest to the most by count. Species include deer, pigs, turkey, ducks, possums, magpies, hares, goats and rabbits. For the fishing it's heaviest Kahawai, Herring, and largest variety of fish species. Entry forms will be out Week 1 Term 2 and you can find us on Facebook: 'Elsthorpe Community Kids Hunt.'

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!



House Points:	Pukeiti	Pukenui	Kauhehei	Kahuranaki
Last 2 Weeks	3,200	2,950	3,550	2,650
Term total to date	23,780	22,838	26,086	18,972

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