



Newsletter - Week 1 Term 2

Friday 4 May 2018



Thank you to North and South Trust who generously donated the \$1,850.00 to purchase these new netball uniforms for our two netball teams. We are also excited to announce we have just purchased and are awaiting the arrival of new Miniball singlets from the money raised in Term 1's goal-a-thon and juicy sales. A huge thank you to Meg who ran both of these fundraising drives!

Principal's Message

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

Welcome back to Term Two! I hope you were all able to spend some quality time with your children over the school holidays. With the cooler temperatures and wet weather please ensure all students have a spare change of clothes (clearly named) in their bags just in case they get wet or muddy. It is great to see already a number of our students out playing winter codes, making the most of the softer field conditions.

Term Two sees all classrooms exploring the natural world around us. In particular everything small. We are very fortunate to have the CHB Science unit kit at school between now and Week 4. This kit has a plethora of resources and tools in it which the students are making the most of. As I write this, Takahē students are out in the playground looking for mini critters to look at under the microscope and magnifying glasses.

Don't forget to save the date of **Friday 8th June** to come down to the **PWF quiz night**. It is sure to be a great event, held here in the school hall. Start putting together your team now!

Welcome to Cosmo who joins his older sister Otilie here at Pukehou School.

As always, if you would like to discuss your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact any of our staff. Our doors are always open.

Nga mihi

Chris Birch

Principal

Rebuilding Enviro SchoolStatus

During our recent survey, specific questions were asked regarding the continuation of Pukehou as an Enviro School. When I was interviewed for this position the then Board indicated that their wish was for this to be rebuilt back into the culture of the school. The recent survey was our chance to see whether you, the community, also saw this as something of importance. I am pleased to report that it was identified overwhelmingly as an area the community would also like to see rebuilt. The staff have been involved in a number of meetings regarding this and are excited to be beginning a fortnightly House focus on this. Each house will be

rotating around the teachers who will be working on specific areas that we identified with Kate Luff, our Enviro School facilitator. The topics to be covered this term are: bee keeping (leaf cutter and honey bee), chickens, vegetable and flower gardens (linked with the bees), alongside this those students who have joined our Enviro Group will be working with Mrs Smith and I on our Enviro status. We are excited that part of the Enviro Groups project will be to finish the bottle house so we can begin using this to germinate seedlings.

Being an Enviro School requires certification. Currently Mrs Smith and I are undergoing the training for this process which will occur in Term Four and will involve all classes and our Enviro Group students as the facilitators/leaders of the accreditation process. There are three levels of certification, Bronze, Silver and Green/Gold. Previously the school has twice been awarded Green/Gold, the highest possible. With a lot of work to do to bring our practices back in line with the Enviro-schools philosophy, we must begin rebuilding from the bottom up. Keep an eye on your class Seesaw pages and in these newsletters for what we are up to to rebuild our Enviro status.

House Sports Fridays

Also this term we will begin a regular odd-week-Friday House sport competition. The students will be playing team sports in their House groups. Competition points will be awarded for game score + sportsmanship + house support (cheering and teamwork) to give them a house total for each weeks game. Each sport/game will be played for two weeks e.g. Weeks 1 & 3) to allow progression of skills. This terms competitions are: Weeks 1 & 3 - Four Goal Soccer, Weeks 5 & 7 - Bag the Bean Bag, Week 9 - Bombardment. Please feel free to come down and watch the houses battle it out. At the end of the term there will be an overall House Sports Cup awarded to the house with the highest total points from all the competitions held during that term. Good luck teams!

Buddy Reading:

In Week Two we begin our buddy reading programme. This is where senior and junior students are paired up to read together for 10 minutes after morning tea. This is a great way to foster our senior/junior relationships along with the advantages that it has with improving our students reading abilities as both buddies read aloud to each other.



The Yummy Fruit Company - As mentioned last term, we have registered with the Yummy Fruit Company, collecting stickers from a variety of fruit as well as labels from bags of apples. There are charts in the classrooms and 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!

Book Club - Scholastic Lucky Book Club Issue 3 was distributed this week. Please have orders in by next Thursday, 10th May.

Sport - Good luck to those playing **Netball** this Saturday. Change to Yr 5 & 6 Draw; you will be playing Otane at 11am. Saturday **Hockey** also starts tomorrow with Intermediate Hockey and **Miniball** starting next Friday, 11th May. **Football** and **Rugby** kick off next Saturday, May 12th.

If you are going **Duck Shooting**, have fun and be safe!

Term Calendar

24th May Barefoot 7's - one team from Kahū / Pīwakawaka

1st July - Ripa Rugby Competition - Years 3-8

We are seeking **sponsorship** for our school newsletter. Contact us if you are interested - just \$50 per term.

<u>House Points:</u>	Pukeiti	Pukenui	Kauhehei	Kahuranaki
<u>This week</u>	2640	3350	2400	2465
<u>Term total to date</u>	2640	3350	2400	2465