



What's that on his hat?  
Taamai was in Vanuatu for a week, with his Tamatea rugby team, participating in a Tri Nations Tournament between Vanuatu, Noumea and Aotearoa.

## **Principal's Message**

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

I cannot believe that the end of term is only one week away.

Term two has been a busy one, but one filled with valuable learning experiences for the students and staff. With much going on both in and out of school it is no wonder there are more than a few tired faces around school.

As you will be aware, last week we held a trial emergency lockdown procedure. Thank you to everyone who responded to the Survey Monkey questionnaire that was sent after this event. If you did not receive this please check your email Spam box as it is likely to have been sent in that direction. I am pleased that for those who did respond, 95% confirmed that they received notification of this trial. If you did not, please contact the school to ensure we have your correct details and so we can instruct you of what you need to do to receive these messages in the future.

**So what is a Lockdown and why do we need to practise this?** Sadly, around the world there have been a number of events over the last few decades that have highlighted the vulnerability of schools. In light of these events, the Ministry of Education now requires schools to hold trial evacuations along with fire and earthquake drills on a termly basis. Our test this term took the procedure one step further to ensure our method of communication with the community was effective (Please note: this notification will not occur with all

Lockdown trials). The school may be put into lockdown in one of two ways. Either the school will force a lockdown if someone or something enters the premises that poses a risk to students and staff. The second reason, and that which is most common, is the New Zealand Police may place the school in lockdown due to an active situation in our vicinity. In all events, if the school is in lockdown we will endeavour to keep you as informed as possible through the mediums of app notification (Skool Loop), Facebook and Email. I hope that we never have to put this procedure to the test in a real life situation. We hold trials however to ensure if we ever do, we are prepared.

We are looking forward to seeing all those involved in Parent Teacher interviews for students in Ruru, Pīwakawaka and Kāhu next week. Reports for all these students were sent home today. If you do not receive a copy please contact the school. For our Kererū and Takahē students, your child's report and interview will be held at the anniversary dates of them starting school.

As this is the last school newsletter for the term, if you are travelling away over the holidays please travel safely. Enjoy spending time with your children over the break. We look forward to seeing everyone back at the beginning of Term 3 (Monday 23rd July). Stay warm and shake off any bugs that may be lingering!

Nga mihi

Chris Birch  
Principal

## **PWF News**

We are thrilled to announce that the recent quiz night raised just over \$4,000.00, a fantastic amount. Thank you to everyone who was involved! We will be looking to purchase the new IT equipment for the classrooms with these proceeds early next term. The PWF will be holding their next meeting on **Wednesday 4th July at 6:00pm** in the staffroom. Please come and join this awesome group who do so much for our children.

**Netball** The Pukehou Tuis, otherwise known as Jess's Team, play at 12 noon tomorrow. This time is later than usual.

**Indoor Hockey** team registrations are now open. This is an after school competition, held in the AW Parsons Stadium and the War Memorial Hall in Waipukurau. Competition is to run from Tuesday 21 August (Wk 2) – Tuesday 25 September (Wk 10). The last day for registrations Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Please sign up in the office if you would like to be part of a Pukehou team.

## Health and Wellbeing

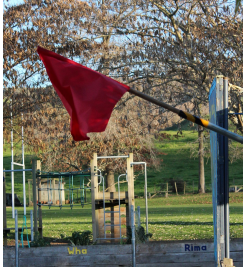
Here is some interesting reading regarding the expected time for winter illness symptoms to resolve, particularly the cough that can last for 2-4 weeks. Most winter illnesses do not require antibiotics as they are either self-limiting bacterial infections that our immune systems can sort out, or are viral, in which case antibiotics do not work.

The natural course of symptoms associated with common winter illnesses is usually up to:

- Three to five days for fever
- One week for headache or sore throat
- A week to ten days for nasal obstruction
- Two weeks for nasal discharge
- Two to four weeks for cough

Aku mihi nui ki a koe, *Lou Macklow* | Public Health Nurse

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### The curious case of the Red Flag

A few people have been asking me about this new addition to the playground. The conspiracy theories are abundant, but I'm sorry to say it is nothing exciting. Simply, this is the new system that we are using to indicate to the students when they can and cannot play on the grass areas. When the flag is out the grass is out of bounds. When it is taken down the children have free reign. With the beautiful days that we have been having the flag is tending to be out in the morning until such time as the grass dries off.

Sign up for the awesome **Library July school holiday activities program** at either the Waipawa or Waipukurau Library. Of special note is the Family Fun Day on Saturday July 14, at Waipukurau Library. We are showcasing all our new tech and gadgets for families to play and explore.

**Maths is Fun 2018** will be running at the Waipawa Library during the first week of the school holidays Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July. Primary school children are invited to attend daily sessions of an hour and a quarter for the 4 days. The theme this year is Mapping and the programme is full of fun activities for the students and their families. Registrations opened on the 19<sup>th</sup> June at the Waipawa and Waipukurau Libraries.

**Agria Potatoes** - These will be available at the beginning of next term. Apologies for the delay.

**Mid Year Interviews** will be held with parents who have students in Kāhu, Piwakawaka and Ruru on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th July, from 3.00 - 7.00pm. Interview times were sent home with students on Monday. Please contact Jacqui a.s.a.p. if you have not received yours.

**Fish & Chip** orders for Thursday 5th July need to be in to the office no later than Tuesday 3rd July at 3.00pm, thank you. Order form attached.

**Reminder:** Please pay your school fees before the end of the term, **Bus** and **Sports** in particular.

<b>House Points:</b>	<b>Pukeiti</b>	<b>Pukenui</b>	<b>Kauhehei</b>	<b>Kahuranaki</b>
<b>For the last 2 weeks</b>	<b>8,960</b>	5,190	5,740	5,750
<b>Term total to date</b>	<b>14,865</b>	10,190	11,965	8,835

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