



# Newsletter

## Term 3 Week 2 2018

### **Principal's Message**

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

What an amazing start we have had to the term in terms of the quality of the weather we have received as well as the joy we are seeing in the students, both in and out of the classrooms. Excitement was present on Wednesday this week as we welcomed the new members of our Pukehou garden community. Our fifty brood cells containing leaf cutter bee eggs were introduced to their new environment. With the weather warming up, we hope that we will begin to see them emerging and thriving in and around the school environment. These pollinators do not sting or bite and we can't wait to see them buzzing about.

Over the holidays it was exciting to see the ceiling tiles in the hall repaired and new LED lights installed, replacing the existing lights of which only twelve out of thirty six worked. This upgrade was just in time to welcome our new Pukehou Playgroup who have begun to operate out of the hall from 9:30am 'til 12:30pm on Mondays. If you have a toddler or preschooler that you would like to bring along, Donna, Helen and the team will warmly welcome you. Congratulations goes out to the Playcentre who have achieved Ministry certification. This will enable funding to be sourced from the Ministry of Education for all pupils who are registered and attend sessions. Our intention is to develop a close relationship with Playcentre students to enhance our 'transition to school' programme. This is still a work in progress as we work through the Health and Safety requirements with the Ministry and Playcentre management team, however it is something both the Playcentre and School are committed to develop in the coming months.

We are excited to welcome four new enrollments at the beginning of this term. A huge Pukehou welcome to Violet and Arden who join their older siblings here at school and a very warm welcome to Kayla and Mason and their whanau who are the first of their families to join the Pukehou School community. All four pupils have joined Kererū class and are thriving at school. A very warm welcome to you all.

As always, if there is anything that you would like to discuss about your child, please do not hesitate to contact the teaching staff or myself. Our doors are always open.

Regards

*Chris Birch*

Principal

### **Important Community meeting:**

Just a reminder that we ask that every family to have a representative present at our **IMPORTANT BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY MEETING at 5:30pm on Monday 13th August**. The teaching staff will be manning a BBQ to feed you and your children (sausages available from 5:00pm, including a vegan option). Supervision of children will be taken care of during the meeting in the form of games and/or a movie in one of the classrooms or hall.

This is an important meeting that effects everyone in some way. Please ensure you have someone present.

### **NZEI UNION ACTION**

Hopefully you received the notification from myself and the Board on Wednesday night that the **school will be closed on Wednesday 15th August**, due to industrial action by the Primary Teachers union. This decision has not been taken lightly by teachers. Yes, part of this strike action is about our pay (sadly this is what the Media have chosen to focus on). However, it is far more than that. Education has been a political football for far too long, with teacher numbers and morale at an all time low, retention and recruitment issues and lack of resourcing putting more and more strain on our schools. The Primary Union NZEI, through its members (teachers), has decided that enough is enough and that our students and ourselves as teachers, like Nurses, deserve better. As parents, you may or may not be aware of the time, dedication and financial commitment that our staff here at Pukehou, as well as around the country, put into schools. Pukehou staff, like most teachers around the country, dip into their own pockets to provide resources, lunches etc for our children. Likewise,

school trips are often funded out of teachers pockets as our Ministry resourcing does not go far. Petrol / car running costs are often never claimed as the staff are aware of just how little money the school has to operate on.

I have been fortunate to have been working with the Minister's taskforce on reviewing the NZ School system and hope that a positive change will be made through the goodwill of school management across the country, who have given countless hours of work into reviewing the school system, in the hope that it will better prepare our children for their future. It is with a heavy heart that I listen to our teachers talk about responses they are receiving to this industrial action via social media, and through mainstream media outlets. As educators we ask to be treated fairly. As educators we ask the Government to provide adequate resources and funding for our pupils so nobody goes without and so we can do our job effectively without having to worry about what building to not fix, or where to scrape some money from to pay power bills. I ask you, the Pukehou community, to support our dedicated teaching team and demand that our students, your children, are given every opportunity to succeed and our teachers are treated fairly.

### **Ngati Whai Festival 2018**

Once again the Ngati Whai Festival has rolled around and Pukehou will be wowing the crowds with our Kapa Haka skills. We are very fortunate to have Aria and James Graham, along with some ex Pukehou and current Te Aute College boys, to support our development and prepare for the festival. Ngati Whai is a major Kapa Haka festival in CHB and is not only part of our Maori curriculum, but also falls under the umbrella of the Arts curriculum. Practises are already underway, with the students learning new waiata and haka in preparation for the performance on the 26th September (save the date!)

### **Did you know?**

Pukehou Year 7 and 8 pupils attend Technology ("manual" for us oldies) at Waipawa school every Tuesday morning. Students are transported to Waipawa school by bus where they undertake exciting learning opportunities with the specialist Technology teachers. Each term the students work in three separate groups with students from other full primary schools from around CHB. This term the students are working on copper art, live TV production and screen printing.

**Book Club** If you are ordering through the school, please have your orders to the office by Wednesday 8th August.

**Waipukurau Tennis Grand Slam #2** Waipukurau Tennis Club Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August Start 8.30am  
Register @ [www.sporty.co.nz/tenniseastern](http://www.sporty.co.nz/tenniseastern)

Remember to pick up your **potatoes** from school - just \$8 for 5kg of delicious, fresh **Agria potatoes!**  
Because they were bagged so freshly dug, we suggest that you open the bag to allow any moisture out.  
If you are paying online, our ASB account number is [12-3479-0012153-00](https://www.asb.co.nz/12-3479-0012153-00)

### **Important Dates:**

**8 or 9 August** - Ongaonga 7-a-side  
**13 August** - Important community Meeting 5:30pm  
**15 August** - Industrial Action - School Closed  
**29 or 30 August** - Pukehou & Poukawa Cross Country  
(at Pukehou School)

**4 Sept** - Yr 9 Netball Tournament  
**10-14 Sept** - Kahu Class Camp (Wellington)  
**13 or 20 September** - CHB Inter School Cross Country at Flemington

## Riverside Perennials

We propagate and grow all our own plants including  
Herbs, Shrubs, Old Fashioned Perennials and Natives.

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144 Mt Herbert Rd Waipukurau  
027 7150248 / 06 8585028  
Or find us on Facebook



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## Pukehou Celebrations



Welcome to Arden, Kayla and Violet  
(also to Mason, not pictured)



Congratulations to Gray for making the 2018 Hatch Cup  
Representative Hockey Team.



Congratulations to Rhys and Liam who are recipients of Hastings  
Boys High Sports Scholarships for 2019.



Congratulations to Rhys and Victoria for making Representative Grade  
teams. Rhys - Manawatu Mustangs U13 League team  
Victoria - U13 Rawleigh Cup Development Girls Hockey team.



Long overdue work begins on finishing the bottle house.  
Our Enviro Group in action.



Give a group of boys a couple of saws, point them in the direction of a  
large area of unwanted agapanthus and MAGIC happens!

