

Principal's Message

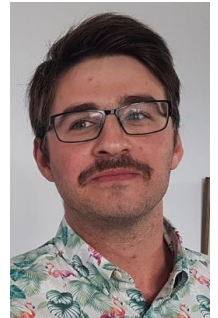
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

Wow, where has the time gone? It seems like only a few days ago that we were starting Term 4, now we are nearing the end.

School has been a hive of activity over the last few weeks with all the classes involved in a number of events. As I write this, we have classes working with Karen from Swim Safe NZ in the swimming pool, and our 2018 bus monitors having an awesome day out at Splash Planet. All classes recently finished fantastic sessions with Nye the Cricket coach - these have taken place over the last five weeks. Kahu have their softball tournament tomorrow (Thursday) and the Kereru and Takahe have a surprise in store for the end of the term, as do some of the other classes.

It is time for celebration at Pukehou as Mr Lorkin (AKA Magnum PI) graduates from being a beginning teacher to a fully registered teacher, after two years induction into the world of teaching. We congratulate Dylan on this achievement and thank him for all the tremendous work that he puts into our Pukehou students.

We are excited about our prize giving evening next week and look forward to celebrating all the students achievements with you. A newsletter will be coming out early next week regarding this. Once again, Te Aute College have generously allowed us to use their Marae for this event so there are some cultural protocols that we need to follow which will be outlined in the newsletter. Due to the younger students getting tired we will be starting this event with the earlier time of 5:30pm. The prizegiving will be followed by a sharing of Kai afterwards. We ask each family to please provide a plate. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Congratulations Dylan!

Just a reminder that End of Year reports will be coming home on Monday for all our Year 3 - 8 pupils and some of the Year 1 and 2 students who have an anniversary in the coming weeks. Please contact your child's teacher should you wish to discuss anything they contain.

Nga mihi
Chris Birch
Principal

Last day of Term

Just a reminder that the last day of term for Pukehou School is Monday 17th December, finishing at **1:00pm**. Buses will still be operating as usual in the morning. In the afternoon the Te Aute and Waipawa/Waipukurau run will leave school at 1:05pm with the Otane bus following shortly after, around 1:30pm. Please ensure you make arrangements for the collection of your child/ren. Students who are collected from school will need to be picked up no later than 1:20pm please. Thank you



Thank You to our awesome Bus monitors:

A huge thank you to our 2018 bus monitors, pictured here enjoying a well earned day out at Splash Planet. Thanks for all your effort team, keeping all the Pukehou students safe on the bus this year!

Sports Shirts - Please return all Pukehou sports shirts and team uniforms as soon as you no longer need them.

Library Books

These should all now have been returned. If you still have any at home please ensure they are returned on Monday as our Library Audit will be taking place on Monday.

LOST PROPERTY

Santa will not be happy with the Pukehou children as the amount of lost property is astronomical. This is being put out daily. If you are passing by or coming into school please have a look and claim anything that belongs to your family (Maybe you could wrap it up and give it back to them for Christmas as my mother once did!) Anything left at the end of the term will be washed and donated to charity.

Book Club orders for Issue 8 should be here next week.

Invoices have been sent home recently and need to be paid in full before the end of the term. Talk to Jacqui if you need information about setting up an automatic payment. Many families have found this to be an easy and painless way of keeping on top of payments.

Kids Art Works - Orders have been processed and we are expecting them any day now!

Raffle Reminder - Thank you to those who have dropped goodies into the office for the end of year PWF raffle. This will be drawn at Prize Giving so you still have time to make a contribution! Tickets are available from the office as well as on the night (\$2 each or 3 for \$5).

PWF Fish & Chips lunch - See the attached order forms for Friday 14th December (no need to prepare school lunches after prize giving, BONUS!) Please return these no later than Wednesday 12 December with the correct money. We are not able to accept any late orders, sorry.

2019 student stationery - *eenymeeny* flyer + class requirements lists were sent home on Thursday. If you did not receive yours please contact the office. You will need this information over the holidays.

Calendars - We love recycling the bright and colourful pictures into envelopes. Please hold on to your 'out-of-date' calendars and send them to school next year. Your friends and family may be happy to have theirs recycled too!

Important Dates:

10th December: End of Year Reports sent home
10th December: Board of Trustees meeting - 6pm
13th December: Prize Giving at Te Aute College - 5:30pm
17th December: Last day of term - 1pm finish
4th February 2019: Start of Term 1

Carols by Candlelight @ Christ Church Pukehou
Saturday 22nd December 7.30pm
Candles provided, shared supper afterwards
Collection for the CHB food bank



Christmas Riddle: What takes up half a hall and smells like old socks?

<u>House Points:</u>	Pukeiti	Pukenui	Kauhehei	Kahuranaki
<u>This week</u>	5155	4050	5375	4435
<u>Last 2 weeks</u>	11335	10330	10025	8295
<u>Term totals</u>	34200	31948	29687	28612

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