

Principal's Message

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

The end of week four already and wow, where has the time gone? Ruru have been excited to receive ten new chromebooks that we were able to purchase with a grant from the Gwen Malden Trust. It is wonderful to see these being used already, with the students becoming familiar with Google Docs, which they are using for writing, reading and some maths activities.



Last week Piwakawaka and Kahu classes spent a day at Bay View learning Surf Life Saving skills. Piwakawaka returned the following day from an exciting overnight camp, sleeping with the fish, sharks and stingrays at the National Aquarium.

A great time was had by

all. A huge thank you to the parents who assisted with transport and supervision on this trip, along with Mrs Anderson for the amazing job that she did in organising this so close to the beginning of the year. Check out Charlotte and Lyrel's recap of their camp highlight below.

Kahu are now well under way preparing for their bush camp at Camp Wakarara which is fast approaching. Kereru and Takahe are also in the process of arranging a big beach clean up as part of Sea week.

As you would have read in previous newsletters, our new signs have arrived. As with everything these days, we are required to tick a number of boxes before these can go in. The New Zealand Transport Authority has given us permission to go ahead, after much discussion regarding the placement. Centralines are also involved due to the proximity to the power lines. Sadly this has created a delay as their schedule will not allow them to install the poles. We are awaiting further information to find the best way forward. We still require someone to frame up and attach the signs. If you have metal or wood work skills and can assist us, please let me know.

We are looking forward to seeing all those families who are coming out to discuss their child/ren with us at the interviews on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. If you have not received your time please contact Jacqui in the office.

You may have caught the Facebook post showing what is going on around Pukehou during morning tea and lunch times. We have some amazingly creative play going on with spectacular huts and teepee shaped rabbit traps popping up around the school. A group of future engineers are also busy in the sandpit digging the foundations for an underground city. Added to this, Mrs Osborne has begun working with our House Leaders and future Physical Activity Leaders (PALs) running lunchtime games. Of course the Pukehou Fit club is in full swing, meeting Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes at 12:45 (come on down and join the fun). As we head into the cooler months, book club, chess club, ukulele and our Enviro group will also be holding lunchtime activity sessions. Something for everyone.

Nga mihi

Chris Birch
Principal



Shavaughn leads the Pukehou Fit kids in some end of workout stretches.



Kahu and Piwakawaka students learning Surf Lifesaving Skills at Bay View

NZEI Union Meetings:

In week seven the staff will all be involved in Union meetings. During this week we are juggling cover for classes on different days while the staff attend the various meetings around the district. Please bear with us during this time.

Contacting the school:

Please use the school landline or mobile to send messages regarding absentees, early pick-ups, bus changes etc. Anything that the teachers need to know will be passed on to them. These numbers are (06) 8568 169 and 021 214 3346.

Alternatively, email office@pukehou.school.nz.

If you do collect your child/ren and they are on a bus list, it is very important that you pop in to the office and let us know.

Also, if your children arrive after 9:00am, please ask them to pop in to the office and let Jacqui know. Thank you.

Piwakawaka Camp Highlights

All the lights were off as twenty one nervous and excited students crept around the Aquarium with only one torch. As creatures slumbered, some were startled awake by a flash of light and annoying children disturbing their beauty sleep.



Scotty, our tour leader, dips his hand into the water and shakes, sending vibrations through the murky tank below. Slowly a long, fat, slimy shape emerges from the darkness, swooping past his hairy hand. Startled cries come from our group as the children all flinched at the sight of the eel.

Excited children and tired adults headed back to the tunnel entrance, ready to rest their weary heads, interrupted by the odd sleep crawler.

What a great time we had, surf life saving, chilling at Ocean Spa and exploring and creating at the MTG and Ahuriri Estuary. Thank you to all the parents and Mrs A for a great camp.

By Charlotte and Lyrel



“Pukehou Past It” Summer League Netball

No wonder our girls are so good at netball when we have such a great, competitive bunch of parents / teachers who have entered a team in the summer league.

Sally, Matt and Sarah are our ‘star shooters’ with Jess, Mike, Monique (and sometimes Deluca) in defence, Belinda, Rebecca, Lou and Alistair in the mid-court and Hari playing ‘everywhere!’. They have had some great wins, including a 27 : 7 win against the Waipuk Warriors this week, and a really close loss.

Thanks Kelly for your support.



Waipawa and Districts Pool Grand Opening:

3:30pm on Friday 8th March, to be opened by Mayor Alex Walker followed by a Mexican wave into the pool. FREE entry includes a sausage sizzle and an ice block. All welcome!

Centralines Ltd SWIM FOR LIVES SWIM-A-THON

Sunday 31st March, 2019. AW Parsons Indoor Pool Complex. Open to all ages and abilities. This is a community fundraising event to SPLASH, PADDLE or SWIM FOR LIVES! More information available at the AW Parsons Indoor Pool, Waipukurau.



Term Events

Pukehou Swimming Sports	5 March	Parent:Teacher Interviews	5 & 6 March
CHB Interschool Swimming Sports	14 March	Kahu Class at Camp Wakarara	3 - 5 April
End of Term 1	12 April	Term 2 starts	29 April

