



Newsletter - end of Week 4 Term 4

Friday 8 November 2019

Principal's Message

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

Over the last few weeks there have been a few visual changes here at school with the big poplar and willow tree's coming down on our school field. Both of these trees had become a significant safety risk with large branches falling regularly and significant rot appearing. A huge thank you to Kahotea Farming and Awakeri Drainage for the donation of their time and machinery to take care of this task. We are currently working on a replanting plan with the aim to plant replacement trees in Autumn 2020.

Thankfully this week the initial stages of the new PWF funded shade sails has also taken place, to replace the shade available to our students in the summer months. We are incredibly thankful for all the work that our PWF have put in over the year to be able to purchase a large shade sail over the sandpit area in front of Kāhu. They have also been successful in securing a grant from New Zealand Community Trust to replace the old sails over the playground and in front of the office. We look forward to the new sails being in place by the end of November.

This week saw the very first time that Poukawa and Pukehou schools have combined for Athletics. It was wonderful to see so many students participate to the very best of their ability and to see our students pushed, through competition with another school. As with any event there are areas for improvement. We are currently working through an improvement plan for next year to ensure that all rotations can be completed with the limited amount of time and larger cohort numbers that we had.

As always, if you would like to discuss your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or pop in and see me. Our doors are always open.

Nga mihi

Chris Birch
Principal

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- clean.
Thanks

Bus Changes:

As of the 25th November the Bus Group would like to announce the arrival of our new bus driver Deb Orr. Deb takes over the roll from Elke who is moving onto new challenges. We thank her for the time that she has put into transporting our pupils over the past year.

The Pukehou School Bus Group also have a new phone that will be housed on Big Bill so whoever is driving knows who is not on each morning. Please replace the number that you have (currently Elke's) with the new number: **021 157 3876**. Please just text your messages through and ensure you clearly state your **child's name, stop, date and that they will not be on the bus**.

A reminder also that the bus leaves each stop at its set time. If you are running late, please drop your child at school. Designated times can be found on our school website.

School Donations Scheme

This year the government announced the introduction of the School Donations Scheme which entitles Decile 1-7 state and state integrated Boards of Trustees the ability to choose to receive a \$150 per student, per year payment instead of seeking donations from parents. Our Board of Trustees recently minuted that decision and we are pleased to announce we will be a part of the scheme for 2020. Although donations to schools are voluntary, families can feel under pressure to pay them and this can place pressure on household budgets. This initiative is designed to alleviate that pressure and expectation. It also recognises that Decile 1-7 schools can find it difficult to raise funds from their communities.

There are some exemptions from this scheme such as sports fees, which parents elect for their children to participate in, along with overnight camps where we will still request a donation from parents. If you would like further information regarding what is and is not included please refer to the following Ministry of Education flyer.

<http://education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/School/donations/MOE-Donations-Scheme-Info-A3-FA-Web-18-OCT.pdf>

End of Year Prize Giving

This is fast approaching (Tuesday 17th December). We are bringing this celebration home in 2019 with a cushion concert in front of the staffroom if fine, or in our school hall if wet. The evening will begin with the grounds open for families to have a picnic dinner between 5:00 - 5:45pm then the celebration will begin at 6:00pm. It is our aim to keep this to an hour long celebration in 2019. Please mark the date in your diaries now.

Last day of term:

Our last day of the school year is Thursday 19th December. Please note, as with previous years school will finish at 12:30pm. The school bus runs will be operating with the Otane run leaving at 12:40pm then the Waipuk/Waipawa run at approximately 1:20pm.

Can you help?

We are looking for a second hand stainless steel sink and taps to turn into an outdoor water play area for our students. If you have something that may be suitable lying around and willing to donate please send a picture to Chris at principal@pukehou.school.nz
Thank you!

Important Dates:

From Monday 11 November the swimming pool will be open, yay! Check that your togs and towels are clearly named.

Monday 11 Nov	Scholastic Book Club orders close	Thursday 5 Dec	Senior Softball Tournament Hastings
Friday 15 Nov	CHB College Yr 8 entrance exam	Tuesday 10th Dec	Kahu Optimist yachting
Monday 18 Nov	9am - Kids Art Works orders close	Friday 13 Dec	End of year Reports sent home
Tuesday 19 Nov	CHB Inter School Athletics - 3:30pm	Tuesday 17 Dec	End of Year Celebration 6:00 - 7:00pm
Thursday 21 Nov	Yr 8 CHB College Visit	Thursday 19 Dec	End of Term Four 12.30pm

<u>House Points:</u>	Pukeiti	Pukenui	Kauhehei	Kahuranaki
<u>Totals for the last 2 weeks</u>	2,350	2,350	2,100	2,290
<u>Term totals to date:</u>	5,870	5,840	6,370	6,130

Riverside Perennials

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

Contact Linda and Adam
144 Mt Herbert Rd Waipukurau
027 7150248 / 06 8585028
Or find us on Facebook

NEWS FROM THE DENTAL CLINIC 5 South Service Lane Waipukurau 858 6725



Please remember that fruit contains sugar and acid which can add to the risk of decay in your child's teeth. It is dentally unwise to allow your child to "graze" on fruit. Fruit should be given as part of one of the recommended 3 meals and 2 snacks your child would normally have each day.

Attached

- Bus Group Auction
- Mud Run info
- Myopia info

KIDS ART WORKS
These make wonderful gifts for family and friends! You have until Monday 18 November to get your orders in.



