



Kiara on her way to claiming 2nd place overall in the CHB Interschool Athletics 100m. She also came 2nd in the 60m for her age group.

Principal's Message

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

What a busy few weeks we have had here at Pukehou. Our students are being kept extremely busy both in and out of the classroom, with many sporting events taking place. The school swimming pool is up and running and the focus of the classroom programs remain. Slowly our focus will shift towards the end of year break up and of course the summer holidays are only four weeks away.

I/we need your help! The Support Staff at Pukehou do an amazing job keeping the school running, taking care of the needs of your children and supporting our teachers. Sadly, our Support Staff (our treasures - Jacqui, Meg, Kelly and Amber) do not get a fair deal. Support Staff are funded from school Operations Grants. Over the years, the cost of running a school keeps going up. Power, phone, insurance and maintenance costs keep escalating, yet our Operations Grants' have barely risen to cover these costs. Our wonderful Support Staff are currently in negotiation with the Government, requesting a much needed pay rise, along with pay equity. 90% of Support

Staff across New Zealand earn below the current living wage (\$21.15) This is the wage that it is believed necessary for workers and their families to provide the **basic** necessities of life if working a full time job (most School Support Staff only work part time in NZ during term time). Below is a link to a NZEI open letter to Minister Hipkins that I request you sign to support the heroes of our school and school's across New Zealand. They deserve to be recognised for the valuable contribution that they provide to our tamariki, your children. Every school needs these wonderful people. Our call is for the Government to fund Support Staff properly (through Government staffing) and ensure they are paid fairly for the wonderful job that they all do. Please join me in supporting New Zealand & Pukehou's Support Staff!

<https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/support-staff/open-letter/>

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

Last day of Term:

A reminder that Thursday 19th December is our last day of term. School will finish at 12:30pm. The Otane Bus run will leave at this time, followed by the Waipawa and Waipukurau run at approximately 1:00pm. Please ensure you organise for your child to be collected accordingly. Thank you!

Library Books:

Our library is now closed so we can begin the end of year audit process. Please return any books that you have at home to your child's teacher. Please also search for any school reading books that you have at home. These too can be returned, no questions asked.

Pukehou Whanau and Friends 2019 end of year:

Wow! We have had a very busy and exciting year that has included Easter Bunnies, a Quiz Night, an Art Evening, and several school lunches. Proceeds from these events have gone towards the Pukehou School signs, lots of new reading books, and our wonderful shade sails which are the first step to more outdoor learning opportunities for the tamariki.

In 2020 our hopes are to continue funding outdoor development for enviro, play and learning. We invite anyone with a passion for this area to bring along their skills and ideas. We would love your help! Our final meeting for the year is Tuesday 26th November, 5.30pm at school. Everyone is welcome.

And finally to say thank you to the community for your ongoing support. In lieu of a Christmas raffle, this year we are putting all Pukehou families in a draw for the chance to win a grocery hamper. Winner to be drawn at prize giving.

Thank you, good luck, and Happy Holidays! The PWF team :)

Whanauandfriends@pukehou.school.nz



This year's White Ribbon campaign is focused around #UnspokenRules

Unspoken Rules are the expectations that boys and young men inherit from society, based on outdated ideas of what a man is, how he acts, and how he should express himself.

Even if we don't agree with them, these rules still exist silently in the background for far too many. Rules like Be the Man, Toughen Up and Boys Don't Cry reinforce unhelpful stereotypes about what it is to be a man.

These unspoken rules put pressure on boys and young men to behave in certain ways and dismiss behaviours perceived as "unmanly", leading them to suppress their emotions and their individuality.

This affects how our boys and young men feel about themselves, and how they treat others. It affects how they approach their relationships, and can lead them to act disrespectfully – even violently – toward their partners.

We have the opportunity to use our voices as parents, caregivers and influencers to speak up over the #unspokenrules.

By saying out loud to our boys and young men that it's OK for them to be who they are, we can encourage them to define themselves as men who have respectful relationships – protecting our whole community.

Ka pai tenei ra mou

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Important Dates:

Thursday 5 Dec Senior Softball Tournament Hastings
Tuesday 10 Dec Kahu Optimist Yachting
Friday 13 Dec End of year Reports sent home
Tuesday 17 Dec End of Year Celebration 6:00 - 7:00pm
Thursday 19 Dec End of Term Four 12.30pm

Please return **Pukehou Sports Tops** as soon as you can. Kahu class will need theirs for softball.

<u>House Points:</u>	Pukeiti	Pukenui	Kauhehei	Kahuranaki
<u>Pukehou Athletics Day Points</u>	480	476	489	462
<u>Totals for the last 2 weeks</u>	9,520	9,310	9,200	10,365
<u>Term totals to date:</u>	22,190	21,645	21,335	22,925

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

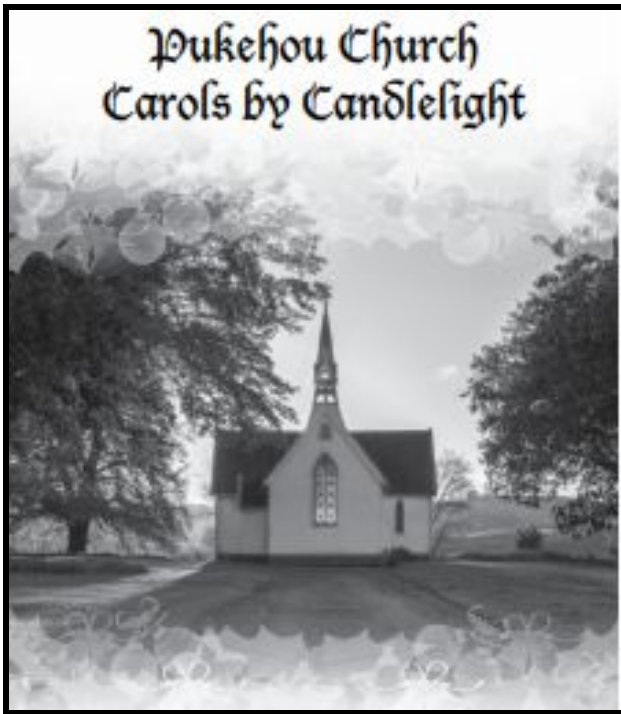


Our 4 school chickens are laying well and we regularly have a full box of eggs for sale - for

just \$5 / dozen. Pop in to the office if you'd like some.



To keep them happy and healthy we are asking for **donations of chicken food** (maize, laying pellets, grains) **please**. These can be left in the office. Thank you, in advance. Oh, and if you'd like to **care for them over the holidays**, they would love a change of scenery. Do you have the space and facilities to look after them. Please let us know if you can help.



Pukehou Church Carols by Candlelight



Join the Summer Reading Programme at CHB Libraries

Sign up now at the library to get your marvelous reading folder!

- Rewards!
- Entertainers!
- Activities!
- Carnival Finale!
- It's all Free!

The Summer Reading Programme for children is held from 2 Dec to 18 Jan.



Come and join us for a night of Christmas Carols and readings at Pukehou Church.

Santa will also be making a guest appearance! Monday 23rd December, 7:30pm. Candles and Supper provided. This event is FREE to attend and all are welcome.

Donations to Save the Children Fund.



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