



Newsletter - Week 6 Term 1

Friday 13th March 2020

Principal's Message

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

What a busy few weeks we have had here at school with our students competing in our Pukehou Swimming sports as well as the CHB Interschool competition. What a great show of courage, athleticism and skill that everyone displayed. Thank you to everyone in the community who came along to support our students in their races, and to the parents that once again took out the parent, student and teacher relay.

Congratulations also to Lily and Emily who took part in the annual Swim-4-Lives fundraising event on Sunday along with our school staff and Board of Trustees team. This is a great fundraiser, raising money for the Swim-4-Lives water safety programme that our senior pupils participate in every year. Lily and Emily raised \$500.00 between them, with over \$260.00 raised by the staff team. Combined we attributed 10% of the total raised at this event, which is a great achievement. Well done Lily, Emily and our staff/Board swimmers! We hope to be able to enter more teams and individual swimmers to next year's event. Check out Emily's sports report in the 'What's going on' section of this newsletter.

Our school pool is still operational. Although the water temperature has dropped we are still swimming on the warmer days so please continue to send your children to school with their togs.

As always if you would like to discuss anything in relation to your child's education please do not hesitate to contact their classroom teacher or myself.

Nga mihi

Chris Birch
Principal

Save the date:

The wonderful Pukehou Easter Egg Hunt will once again take place in 2020. Tickets are available from the school office for \$5.00. There are no gate sales so please ensure you get your ticket before this wonderful community event. Like last year, there will also be a 'throw the sponge at Mr B' (and maybe another staff member or two), so start saving your gold coins and practising your target throwing.



Coronavirus (COVID 19) - Need to know

I am sure you have all been taking notice of what is happening around the globe with Coronavirus now labelled a Pandemic. The Ministry of Education is keeping schools up to date with planning and preparedness in the event of an outbreak in New Zealand. They will be taking their directive straight from the Ministry of Health. In the early stages, if an outbreak occurs here in New Zealand, the local/regional Health Boards will manage this process under directive from the Ministry (MOH). They are quick to point out that there is a lot of fear being generated from this Virus through the sharing of misinformation via social media platforms and other agencies.

Regardless, we have put in a number of controls to ensure our environment remains as clean and safe as possible.

You can help at home by ensuring:

- You review proper handwashing techniques with your children (20 seconds at least & ensuring hands are dry)
- You remind your child about proper 'cough catching' - cough into the crook of the elbow covering both the nose and the mouth

- Keep any unwell child home from school

I am receiving an update from the MOE and MOH every two days so schools and our communities have the most informed information available. Where necessary this will be distributed to you in due course. You can also check out the latest updates on the Ministry of Health website <https://www.health.govt.nz/>

The Ministry of Education has also put together a tips page for discussing COVID19 with children using factual information. <https://education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/pastoral-care-and-wellbeing/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-coronavirus/>

Thank you for your support

Keep up with what is going on at school

We try to ensure everyone receives important messages regarding activities going on here at school. To do this we use a number of different platforms. These can be found below. Wherever possible I try to ensure messages are recorded on all platforms so nothing is missed.

Our main message relaying platforms: Are you in the LOOP?



Email

Please ensure we have yours!!!
office@pukehou.school.nz



Fortnightly newsletters
- Emailed to our contacts lists.

If you would prefer a paper copy please let Jacqui know
office@pukehou.school.nz



Class seesaw accounts - notices regarding individual classes.



FOR SALE

Large Giraffes \$20
'Buddy Harold'



Small Giraffes \$5
'Mini Harold'

Pens \$2



Harold lapel pins \$2
'Harold Badge'



If anyone would like Life Education merchandise, please send your order and money to the office next week.

Who wants to play **NETBALL?** - All interested players can sign up in the office next week.

Scholastic Book Club - Order online (LOOP) or send orders to school by next Friday, 20th March.

<u>House Points:</u>	Pukeiti	Pukenui	Kauhehei	Kahuranaki
<u>2 week totals</u>	11,900	9,950	9,680	6,850
<u>Swimming Sports</u>	2,082	1,829	2,377	1,883
<u>Term Totals</u>	23,482	25,514	24,302	18,913

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

What's Going On Around Our School?



SWIM-A-THON

On Sunday the 8th of March it was the Swim-4-Lives swim-a-thon. The Pukehou teachers entered into the team relay. Mr Birch, Mrs Slavin, Jacqui and Aidan swam 27 lengths in 10 minutes - give them a big round of applause! Lily and I entered the solo swim. Lily completed 15 lengths and I completed 14 lengths in 10 minutes.



All together we raised over \$700 from sponsorship and pledges (that's 10% of the total raised by all the swimmers!) By the end of the swim-a-thon we were all exhausted but so proud of everyone who came together for such a deserving cause.

I hope next year there will be more people who want to be involved.

Emily C-J

2020 Pukehou School Swimming Sports



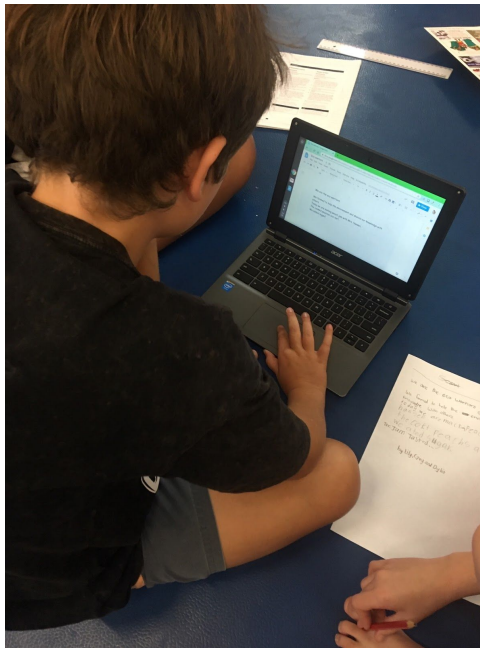


Some of the 23 strong Pukehou Inter-School swimming team, supporting each other at the AW Parsons Indoor Pool.

We had Life Education with Harold on Monday and Tuesday this week.



Year 6 ECO WARRIORS are at it again!



We are the Eco Warriors.

We formed to help the environment and share our knowledge with others.

Today we are making peach jam from the school peaches, with Mrs. Hansen.

The cooked peaches are tart.

We added sugar.

The jam tasted incredible on a pikelet!!!

By Lily, CJay and Dylin