



# Newsletter

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## **Principal's Message**

Term 2, Week 6

May 22, 2020

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

It is wonderful to have so many of our students back to school. It was certainly a strange place to be during Level 3 with only a few of us here.

As a staff, we would like to thank you all for everything you have done to assist in the transition back to classroom learning. For those still learning from home, we cannot wait to welcome you back and look forward to seeing your smiling happy faces again.

I have been really impressed with the maturity our students have displayed both during the lockdown weeks as well as now we are back at school. For me, it was a time to watch and see whose independence grew, who persisted with challenges and the wonderful creativity that came out of your homes as your children engaged in passion projects with their parents/caregivers. Our hope is to keep this going, to expand on what we have learnt and seen over the last seven weeks and continue the exciting development of the online classroom programmes, just from school.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge our wonderful staff who adapted so quickly to online learning. Their professionalism and dedication enabled the classrooms to be operating online within twenty-four hours of Level 3 initially being announced. We had quietly been preparing for this eventuality in the background, but when it came so quickly they leapt into gear and, in my opinion, did a wonderful job. Thank you, team!

We hope, as I am sure you do, that things will return to normal sooner rather than later. In the meantime, I am enjoying catching up with so many of you at the gate in the mornings and afternoons as I record those visiting the school grounds

Stay safe, stay warm and be kind

Nga mihi

*Chris Birch*

Principal  
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## **Seesaw Class**

Did you know? You can keep up with what is going on in your child's classroom through your seesaw class registration. This will continue as classes resume here at school. Stay up to date with what your child is doing by checking their classroom accounts.

## Coronavirus (COVID 19) - Need to know

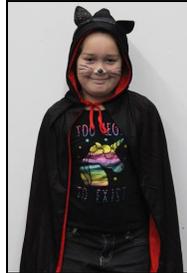
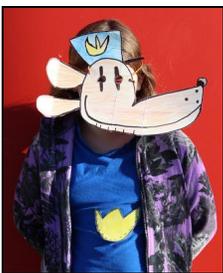
I am sure you have all been keeping informed of what is happening around the globe with Coronavirus Pandemic. The Ministry of Education is keeping schools up to date with the latest developments.

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

Thank you for your support

## What's Going On Around Our School?



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## Notices:

**Cancellations:** Due to Coronavirus, Saturday sports events have been postponed until further notice (hopefully Term 3), also we are sorry to inform you that the Ngati Whai and Onga 7's events have been cancelled for 2020 by their organisers. The organising committees inform us that they hope to be able to hold these again in 2021.

**Bus:** It is wonderful to see Big Bill back on the road with Ross at the wheel. The runs are operating as usual with hand sanitiser inside the door to the bus for everyone to use.

**Missing Chickens:** We have had a few questions asked about where our chickens are. Mrs O took them home during lockdown (thanks Mrs O!) We have decided to leave them at her property as we get back into the swing of things to give them some stability. They will return in Term 3. **Can you help?** We would love to be able to welcome the chickens back to school with a bigger run. We need lengths of 4x2 as well as chicken wire. Anything you can provide would be greatly appreciated, as it will keep our costs down.

### Community dental services reopen

Hawke's Bay DHB's community oral health services for tamariki have resumed under Alert Level 2 with dental hubs and mobile dental units open and operational from today, Monday 18 May.

If your tamariki needs a routine dental check-up, or you have any dental concerns that may require an urgent appointment, please text our team on 027-273-6731 and we will be in touch to arrange a suitable time. Please be advised all tamariki will be verbally screened for COVID-19 and other minor illness prior to appointments, as per Dental Council of New Zealand guidelines.

Nga mihi *Jeanette Frechtling*

Manager Oral Health & Child Development Services, Communities Women and Children

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House Points:	Pukeiti	Pukenui	Kauhehei	Kahuranaki
Week 6 Totals	1,380	1,720	2,475	2,030
Term Totals	1,380	1,720	2,475	2,030

### 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  
027 715 0248 / (06) 858 5028

Or find us on Facebook

### 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](mailto:office@pukehou.school.nz)



#### Fortnightly Newsletters

Emailed to our contact lists. If you would prefer a paper copy please let Jacqui know.  
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#### Seesaw

Class seesaw accounts. Notices regarding individual classes.

### Pukehou Calendar:

**June 1:** School CLOSED on Monday of Queen's Birthday Weekend.

**June 29 :** Teacher Only Day CANCELLED. Let us know if you are still taking a long weekend.

**July 3:** Term 2 ends

**July 25:** Term 3 begins



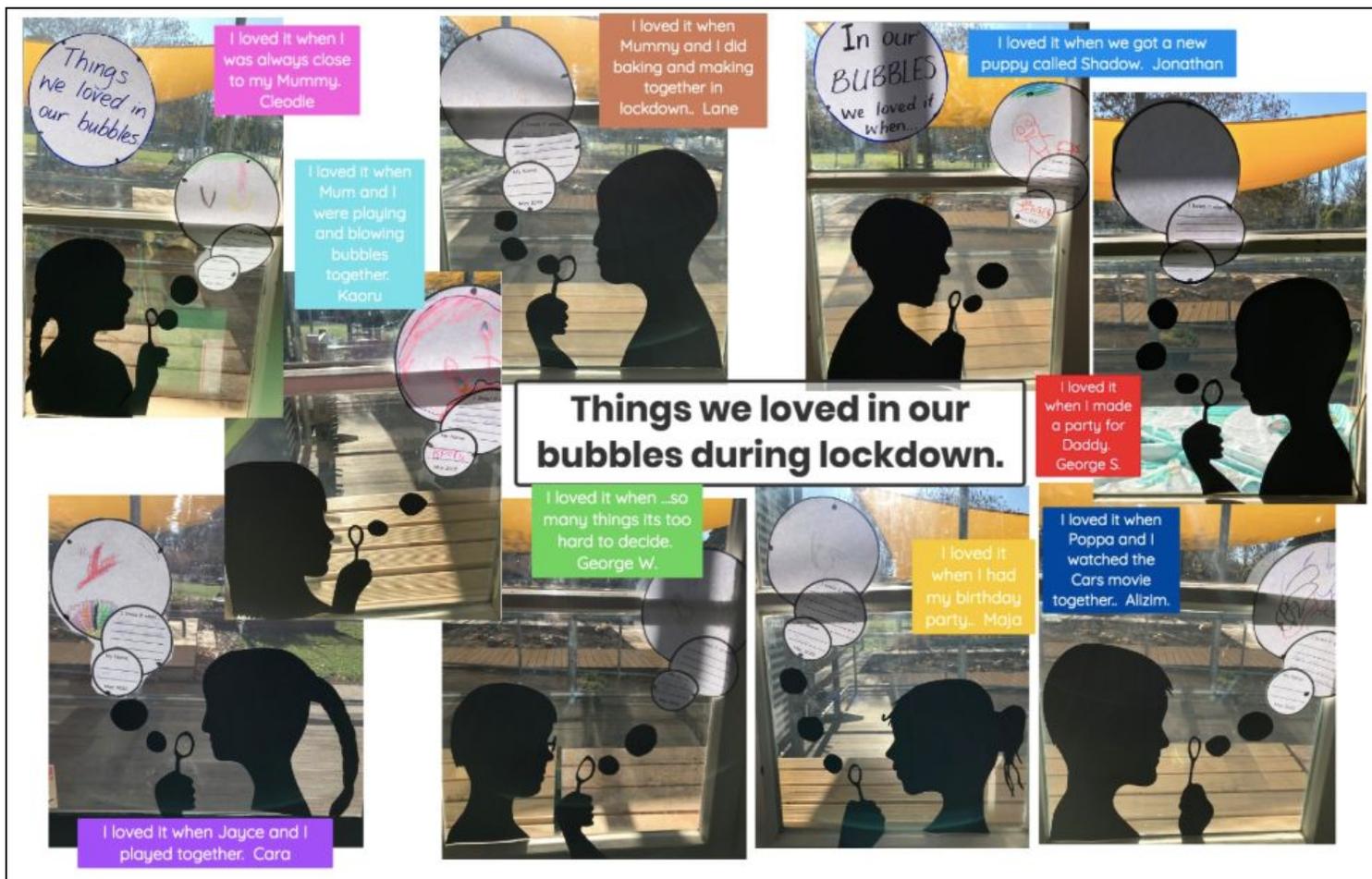
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