



# Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 8

5th June, 2020

## **Principal's Message**

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

It is wonderful to see the classrooms back up and running at (almost) full capacity. The way the students and staff have settled in and returned to normal practices is a testament to their adaptability and resilience. We wait with bated breath for next weeks announcement regarding Level 1 with the anticipation of returning to whole school activities such as sports, assemblies and a Marae visit in Week 12 of this term.

There has been some confusion around the timing of school holidays, but you read right. This term is a twelve-week term! All school holidays remain the same as set at the beginning of the year. Hence the Term 2 / 3 holidays begin on Saturday 4th July running to Sunday 19th July.

With the changes to the year and the interruptions to the learning programme, we have also had to be flexible with time frames around reporting. Please ensure you read the information below regarding the timing of mid-year reports and who will be receiving these.

Finally, I request all parents spend some time with their children this weekend practising road safety, namely crossing roads. We were incredibly fortunate on Tuesday when two of our students narrowly avoided being hit on the pedestrian crossing in Waipawa when a truck rear-ended a waiting car. Thankfully our boys were monitoring the traffic behind those cars that had stopped and saw, then reacted to what was about to happen. It is a timely reminder for us all not to become complacent and a great opportunity to practise crossing roads, monitoring driveways and watching out for our own and others safety. After reviewing this near-miss, the Bus Group are seeking advice from our school supports in the New Zealand Police to determine the safest location for our bus stops in Waipawa. I will keep you updated as this review progresses.

As always, if you would like to discuss anything in regards to your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact one of our team. Our doors are always open.

Nga mihi

*Chris Birch*

Principal

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**Creativity = Seeing beauty in the simple things. Sophie, Imogen and Kiara with their Autumn leaves bouquets.**

## **Reporting to Parents / Mid-year reports**

Usually, at this time of year, our staff are busy preparing mid-year reports. 2020 however, has thrown a spanner in the works when interrupted by the lockdown. As the students were only at school for seven weeks before being away for seven more we were not in a place where we felt comfortable assessing and reporting to parents. Hence our mid-year reports will not come out until after the coming school holidays. These reports will reflect how your child has transitioned back into the learning environment as well as their academic, social and emotional development.

**Who will get a report?:** Previously Year 1 and 2 students have all received an anniversary report, however, with the interruptions, all year groups will now receive a report at the Mid and End of Year. Those students who have already received an anniversary report this year will not, however, receive a mid-year report. If this affects your child and you wish to discuss their progress with the classroom teacher, we request you make an appointment to do so. All New Entrants will receive an interim report after 10 weeks of starting school along with a follow-up meeting with Heidi.

## **Teacher Aide Collective Agreement**

It is exciting to see our Teacher Aides in New Zealand finally recognised for the valuable work that they do in our classrooms and schools. The recent bargaining and Government offer sees a significant leap towards equity in the workforce and makes a career in education support a valid and exciting pathway for those who choose to work in this essential work. As our country's teacher aides vote on this agreement, work continues to have their salaries paid for by the Ministry rather than from the school's operational grants. This shift will see every school generate a number of dedicated teacher aide positions based on the roll of the school, rather than using school operational funding.

## **What's Going On Around Our School?**

### **Board of Trustee remaining meetings for the year:**

Parents are welcome to observe Board meetings. These are usually held in the staffroom beginning at 6:00 pm. The following dates are set for the remainder of the year.

**Meeting 4:** Monday 22nd June

**Meeting 5:** Monday 3rd August

**Meeting 6:** Monday 14th September

**Meeting 7:** Tuesday 27th October

**Meeting 8:** Monday 7th December



PUKEHO BUS GROUP

If you are available to assist with working bees, horse event marshalling or the Spring Colour Run please email your details to Jacqui [office@pukehou.school.nz](mailto:office@pukehou.school.nz) so she can put you on our register.

The Bus Group have just finished another firewood working bee. You can purchase a chord of mixed hard wood for \$400.00 or ¾ of a chord for \$300.00 (delivered). If you are interested please email [office@pukehou.school.nz](mailto:office@pukehou.school.nz) and Jacqui will pass your details on.

**After School Care:** A survey from Lulu & Max was forwarded to families on Tuesday regarding the need for after school care and holiday programmes in CHB. If you didn't receive this please let Jacqui know and she will resend it to you.

**2020 General Election:** If you would like to make a little extra money by working during the General Election, see the attached information.

The contact for this area is [John.Wilson@elections.govt.nz](mailto:John.Wilson@elections.govt.nz) Mobile: 0273 622 678

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