



# Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Term 3, Week 3

August 7th 2020

## **Principal's Message**

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

Spring daffodils, blossoms and lambs have begun gracing our landscape and it is wonderful to feel the temperature slowly warming. Our students have begun training on Te Aute Trust Farm, preparing themselves for the upcoming Poukawa, Otane and Pukehou Cross Country in Week 6. A huge thank you to Te Aute Trust Farm and their staff for allowing this to happen.

Thank you too to the amazing community members who gave up their time this week to raise money for the PWF and Bus Group by undertaking the crutching on Drumpeel Farm. A wonderful fundraiser involving both the Bus Group and PWF. Due to earlier fundraising events in the year being cancelled our wonderful bus group have donated their 50% to the PWF. Thank you! [Read on further in the newsletter to see our Kahu students report on the event.](#)

To everyone who attended the parent teacher conferences this week, our staff enjoyed talking to you all about the fabulous progress your child/ren are making. If you were not able to attend and want to meet with your child's teacher after school one day, please contact them directly.

Finally well done to our year 6 - 8 boys who competed in the Hastings Boys High Year 7 & 8 Football tournament on Wednesday. It was a pleasure to take these boys to this event and encourage them from the sidelines. They competed with grit and determination and put on a display of impressive skill and sportsmanship. Well done boys! Thank you Matt, for helping with transport and your support on the day.

Noho ora mai

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## **SAVE THE DATE: Pukehou, Poukawa and Otane Cross Country**

Yes it is that time of year again, our students will be competing with the home field advantage. Please save the dates to come along and support their efforts. Tuesday 25th Aug 10am - 1pm (postponement Thursday 27th Aug).



Our wonderful Pukehou Y6-8 Football team who competed at the Hawkes Bay Yr 7/8 tournament on Wednesday. These boys were the only CHB team present and did us proud. Well done boys! Take note of our oldboy Liam who was our escort and referee at the tournament. Thanks Liam!



## Celebration is in order: Mid Year Achievement Data

At Monday's Board of Trustees meeting our staff presented Pukehou's mid year achievement data on the core curriculum areas of Reading, Writing and Maths. The Board have asked for this to be shared with the community to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students and staff. Finding a balance between growing our students academic achievements and their personal health and wellbeing has been a path that we have been working on over the last three years and will continue in the years to come. Our mid year data shows significant improvements in our students academic achievement, despite the recent interruption COVID-19 caused, these results are well above the New Zealand average. We are please to report:

Core Curriculum area	Writing	Reading	Mathematics
Percentage of <b>Pukehou</b> students working at or above their expected New Zealand Curriculum Level	84%	90%	90%

Our staff continue to work in the Accelerating Learning in Literacy programme in 2020, with our main focus on Writing. Our involvement in this programme in 2019 saw a significant shift in the number of students reading above their chronological age, we look forward to seeing a similar impact in our students writing results. Well done to all our tamariki and dedicated staff!

## Mother Daughter Evening

At the conclusion of our Navigating the Journey (pubertal change) unit, Rachael Strong and Nurse Lou will be holding a Mother Daughter Evening where girls and their mothers, or other significant female, can come along to discuss the changes of puberty, menstruation and how to manage these changes both physically and emotionally. If your daughter is nearing this time please feel free to come along. Invitations have been sent home with the girls, please reply to Rachael so she knows how many to cater for. **Thursday 13th August at 5:30pm in Kahu class.**



### ECO Warrior Peach Jam

School grown peaches expertly stewed to make our very own Year 6 Eco Warrior Peach Jam. A limited supply is available now from the office. \$5.00 per jar. Get yours now!



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