

Term 3, Week 9

September 18th 2020

## Principal's Message

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.

Exciting times here at school with the old playground coming out this week and the green light given for the replacement playground plans. These now need to go to the engineer for structural plans to be drafted and council consent gained before work can commence.

Whilst I would like to give you a firm timeframe, this is not yet possible. It is hoped that we will see movement on this project later in Term 4 or over the summer holidays. We know lots of people in our community had a strong affinity with the old fort structure. In taking it down it was clear this was long overdue, with the state of the wooden supports. I am excited to include concept plans of the replacement design on the next page. You will notice the design is quite similar to that which has been removed, only with a lot more challenging components added. Height-wise we are staying at the same as the previous structure (3m) and some components such as the fireman's pole will be reused. Whilst it will seem a bit bare for the time being, we cannot wait for the new version to be built!





A huge thank you to Blair Slavin and Dylan Lorkin for their assistance taking the old fort down with me on Wednesday.

As always, if you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact their classroom teacher or myself. Our doors are always open.

> He waka eke noa We are all in this together

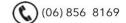
Noho ora mai Pukehou

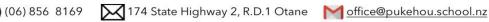
Chris Birch Principal principal@pukehou.school.nz



# **PWF Hui**

Our next hui is set for Tuesday 22nd September at 5:30pm in the school staffroom. The main agenda item is the Halloween Disco and Fright Night fundraiser. We always welcome more support and hope to see you at the hui!







#### Te Wiki o te reo Māori

This week is Māori Language Week. Our classrooms had a number of activities focusing on this important Reo. Do you know the history of the word Pukehou?

Our little slice of paradise was once known as Pukehouhou. The Houhou is our native five finger (Pseudopanax Arboreus) as can be seen outside the main entrance of the office. Puke means hill. So Pukehou (as it has been shortened to) means: Hill of Houhou or hill of five fingers.



# Our playground concept plans



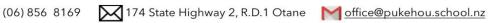






#### Do you know what happened to our hall?

It appears someone has tried driving off with the gates on the evening of Monday 14th September. Possibly they have been caught in someone's tow bar, which has ripped the cladding off the outside of the hall wall when they have driven off. If you know anything about this damage please let us know. We are currently working with builders to have the damage repaired as soon as possible.



### **School Drop off and Pick ups**

We have begun to notice students are being dropped off at school earlier and earlier. A reminder that families dropping off their children should not do so before 8:15 am and they should be collected no later than 3:15 pm. Our staff need the time in the mornings and afternoons to plan, mark work and attend meetings. We thank you for your support.

**PET DAY 2020** This is scheduled for next Thursday, 24th September. Fingers crossed for favourable weather and Covid Level 1.

**Lunch orders** If you would like to order Fish and Chips from Waipawa Fish Supply for Thursday 24th September, Pet Day, please get your order to the office no later than 9am on Tuesday 22nd. Order forms attached and available from the office. Cash payments only, thanks. Sorry, not late orders can be accepted.



Pukehou Whanau and Friends are excited to be selling these awesome Pepper and Me Packs as it's next fundraiser.... See the attached flyer

- 1. All you need to do is put the offer out to whanau and friends (would make great Xmas gifts you're welcome 😍)
  - 2. Record orders on the attached order form (a paper order form will be sent home via school-bag)
- 3. Return Orders and Payment to school office by Wednesday 21st October
- 4. Wait patiently for orders to arrive (approx start of Nov)

# It's that easy!!

We would love your support. All proceeds will be going towards the purchasing of 2 new reversible netball hoops. For some added inspiration on ways to use the products check out **Pepper and Me** on Facebook or Instagram.

I'm 5 years old!



#### Do you know any nearly five years old?

Please ask their parents to make contact with the school, either by phone, email or visiting us. Thank you.



#### Holiday programme for school aged children Yrs 1 - 8 (5 - 13 year olds)

We are pleased to share with you that another Maths is Fun programme is coming to the Waipawa Library in the October holidays, with questions to inspire fun and thinking with numbers. A lot of hands on fun activities, stories and discussion around the number strand.

Neither remedial nor extension... just fun with Maths without thinking you are doing Maths.

FREE to whanau because it is fully funded by the Eastern and Central Community Trust. See the attached flyer.

**Potatoes** Thank you to everyone who has supported this camp fundraiser. I'm sure you're enjoying the delicious spuds! There are less than 20 bags left in the office and we need these to sell before the end of next week. Please help us out.



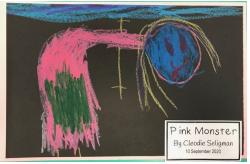


# **Kereru Art** - looking at contrast and using bright colours

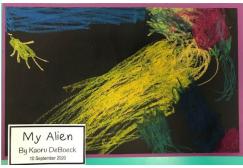


















Pukehou Calendar:

+ Fish'n'Chip lunch - order by 9am Tuesday

September 27: Daylight Savings

September 25: End of Term 3

October 12: Term 4 starts

September 24: Pet Day

We have some very talented artists at school. Wait until you see the beautiful and amazing works that will be on their Calendar Art - these will be available for online purchase next term, as calendars, diaries, note pads, mouse pads & cards.

House Points:	Pukeiti	Pukenui	Kauhehei	Kahuranaki
Week 8&9 Totals	6,930	8,559	12,390	12,850
Term Totals	31,073	29,603	37,418	36,850

#### 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?







If you would prefer a paper





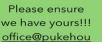
**Fortnightly Newsletters** Emailed to our contact lists.

Class seesaw accounts.

# 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 --- ^^.8 / (06) 858 5028



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