



# Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Term 1, Week 2

February 12 2021

## Principal's Message

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

It is fantastic to have all the students back in the classrooms and there is a real buzz out in the playground since the start of term. We welcome all the new families to our Pukehou whanau and look forward to celebrating your children's growth and achievements at our school.

Over the next few weeks and months if you are visiting school you will likely see lots of unfamiliar faces as we begin major planning works with the Ministry of Education for our next ten year property development. This will entail a lot of contractors visiting our school to conduct property related surveys. We will also shortly be installing the ACM panels on the side of the classrooms so Brandon Blair can begin the installation of our mural, thanks to Nick Ayto for his offer to install these. We are super excited to see this progressing, courtesy of all the hard work undertaken in 2020 by our wonderful Pukehou Whanau and Friends (PWF). Similarly we are expecting news shortly of the installation dates for the new playground. A huge thank you to Simon White for the work that he and Doug Maulder put into clearing the last of the old playground and scraping the top of our field, ready for new grass seed once we start getting some consistent rain.

Our focus in 2021 will be learning more about Pukehou, ourselves, our place in our environment and what we can do as individuals and as a collective community to better protect our environment for future generations. We would love to hear from you if you have any knowledge of history from around Pukehou that could assist our learning (Maori and early European). It has been confirmed also that 2021 will see the Ngati Whai kapa haka festival back in Term 3. This was postponed in 2020 due to COVID 19 restrictions. We would love assistance with this fantastic festival and would definitely like to hear from anyone who can play the guitar and would like to, and be able to, assist us.

As always, your child's education is a partnership between home and school. We would love to hear from you if you have any questions or if you would just like to see what they are up to. Feel free to pop in to see any of the staff. Our doors are always open and we love celebrating your child's successes with you.

Nga mihi

Chris Birch

## **Meetings with the Teachers:**

Remember to book your appointments with the teachers via the Skool Loop app.



These 10 minute meetings will be held on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th February between 2:15 pm and 6:00pm. It is your responsibility to make these appointments. If you are unable to attend on either of these days, please contact the teacher/s and make arrangements for another time.



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### **TEACHER ONLY DAY - 1st April 2021**

Our Kahui Ako (CHB Community of schools) will be having a professional development Teacher Only day on Thursday 1st April making the Easter weekend longer for all CHB school students. Please mark this in your calendar and make alternative arrangements for your children on this day. We thank you for your support.

### **Education Review Office (ERO) working with our school in 2021 and beyond:**

Pukehou will be working with Judith Reid from the Education Review Office in 2021 as part of the roll out of the new review system for State schools. We are excited to have Judith as our reviewer as she has a long history of working with Pukehou from past reviews. The procedure will be quite different from that of previous years after the Government has instructed ERO to overhaul their systems. The new review cycle will see ERO in school every term throughout the coming years (no longer once every 3 - 5 years as in the past) with the aim of continuous improvement and working with schools to ensure the best outcomes for all. This is a totally new model for education and ERO, which we are excited to be a part of.



### **Pukehou Bus Group Update:**

**Relief Driver:** We welcome Bryce Kennedy to our driving position whilst Ross is on leave. Bryce is also the relief driver for Omakere school, who we thank for allowing us to use him during Ross' absence.

**Please remind your children:** We have noticed that some students are not waiting for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching the side doors. Please ensure you are supervising your children at their stop and

keep them back from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the doors are open. Also remind them to use quiet inside voices whilst on the bus to allow our drivers to concentrate on the road. We thank you for your assistance in keeping our children safe.

**2021 T1 Fees and unpaid 2020 fees:** Please get these paid as soon as possible. Our bus group needs all the assistance they can get running our bus for our students. Late and unpaid fees make their job that much more difficult. Invoices were sent home this week, but if you are unsure of your fees, please contact Jacqui in the office who can let you know of any outstanding balance. Please remember these should be paid to the Pukehou Bus Group, not to the school bank account. Thank you!



### **Five Year olds and new families to our district:**

Do you know of any new families or families with almost five year olds that we can get information to about our awesome school? If so please let us know how to contact them so we can introduce ourselves and welcome them to our community. [office@pukehou.school.nz](mailto:office@pukehou.school.nz)

### **Term 1 Sport:**

Registrations are open for the following codes:

**Tennis** - CHB Interschool competition. Mondays 3:30pm, starts 1 March, games played in Waipawa, Waipukurau and Takapau. Children need to be able to serve and hold a rally. Registrations close Friday 19 February. Sign up in the office.

**Volleyball** - CHB Competition, Yr's 5-6 & 7-8. Tuesdays, 23 February - 13 April, held at the AW Parsons Sports Complex in Waipukurau. Registrations close Monday 15 February. Sign up in the office.

**Cricket** - Join an existing Saturday morning team OR attend a skills based session in Waipukurau, also on Saturday mornings. Contact Sarah or Marcus on 021 721 244 or at [schawbuilding.co.nz](http://schawbuilding.co.nz)

**Book Club** - orders will be processed on Thursday 18 February.



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Kaitime provide affordable packed lunches to those schools who do not qualify for the free lunches scheme available through the government.

As parents ourselves, we know first hand the financial struggle aswell as time restraints can affect the quality of kai your children receive and that is where we come in. By providing a service that is affordable, healthy and convenient.

\$20 per week allows your child to receive morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea and collect it from the school office. For more information and how to register your child visit our website [www.kaitime.nz](http://www.kaitime.nz) or Facebook.



We advertised **KAITIME** last year and have been approached by a parent to spread the word again this year.

There is an option for a one-off purchase or a weekly subscription.

We need a minimum of just 5 orders to make this happen. Check out the website and let Jacqui know if you are interested so she can get Pukehou on the list.

The school community's link to the latest **Tots to Teens** digi-magazine is

<http://issue2102nin.totstoteens.co.nz>

You'll notice we have introduced Te Reo Māori words throughout the magazine. Ask your tamariki to find:

- Peke kura
- Papa tākaro
- Torotiti
- Matihiko
- Witi



<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/staying-safe-online/> is the link to a **Staying Safe Online Guide**. It includes scam advice, bullying support, parent advice and top tips to stay safe.

House Points:	<b>Pukeiti</b>	<b>Pukenui</b>	<b>Kauhehei</b>	<b>Kahuranaki</b>
Week 1 & 2 totals	2,960	3,180	3,360	<b>4,470</b>
Term Totals	2,960	3,180	3,360	<b>4,470</b>

### 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!!!  
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**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:

- Sun 14 Feb** Valentines Day
- Mon 15 Feb** BoT Meeting @ 6pm
- Fri 19 Feb** Assembly (every 2nd Fri)
- Tues 23 & Wed 24** Parent Teacher meetings from 2:15 - 6:00pm
- Tues 2 Mar** Pukehou Swimming Sports, in Waipukurau
- Thurs 11 Mar** CHB Interschool Swimming Sports
- Sun 21 Mar** CHB Swim-a-thon
- Thurs 1 Apr** Teacher Only Day
- Fri 2 Apr** Good Friday
- Sun 4 / Mon 5 / Tues 6 Apr** Easter
- Fri 16 Apr** End of Term 1



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