



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Term 4, Week 8

Friday 10 December 2021

Principal's Message:

Greetings everyone to our last newsletter for the year, and what a year it has been for everyone associated with school.

Firstly I would like to thank all the Staff for what they have done for the children in their care this year, especially with COVID-19 being a big part of our lives again, with all the rules and regulations we have to follow to make things happen!

Last week Mrs Strong and Mr Lorkin organized Camps for their classes and this is no mean feat at this time of the year. I thank them for the time and effort they put in to help make these successful. To Mrs Osborne and Mrs Slavin who went along as parent helpers thank you! To all our other parents who supported us a huge 'THANK YOU' - we are unable to do these types of activities without your help and support.

To our PWF group and Bus group, thank you all for your support for the parents, staff and children in the school. Once again your roles have also been hindered due to COVID-19.

Staff in 2022: Mr Rob Pratt will be joining the team as your Principal and I wish Rob every success in his new role here at Pukehou School. Mrs Lauren Riwaka will join the team also as our Year 7 and 8 teacher. Lauren has included in this newsletter a 'blurb' about herself and family. Mrs Strong will continue to teach the Yr 5-6 class, Mrs Osborne will have Yrs 3 & 4 along with some Yr 2 students. Congratulations to Mrs Slavin who has won a position with the Kahui Ako as a Lead Teacher Across Schools. She will continue to teach the NE and Yr 1 & 2's, but will share her role in the classroom. At present we are still working on what that may look like as Mr Pratt is also involved in this process.

Final Assembly and Prize Giving: This will be held on Tuesday the 14th of December at 9.30am. Due to the guidelines (rules) set by the Government, under Level 2 we are not able to have parents attend, even though we are in the Traffic Light system. I have rung the Ministry of Education and double checked this and I do apologize to parents of Year 8 children especially that we are unable to accommodate your requests. As a staff we are working on recording the Assembly so that as parents you will be able to watch. We will send out further information about this once we have it sorted.

Swimming: Parents can I please ask you to remind your child/children to bring their swimming gear each day. We are very lucky to have a pool, many schools don't now so every opportunity we can have to revise and instill in our children Water Safety skills is an advantage and will help save lives in the future.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for having me in the school as your Acting Principal for Term 4 and I wish you all a Happy Christmas and safe holiday. All the best for 2022.

Sandra Connor

Acting Principal



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INTRODUCTION:

Mrs Lauren Riwaka - A bit about me:

Christmas is here, 2022 is quickly approaching, and one of my wishes has come true. I am lucky enough to be joining the Pukehou staff as the Year 7/8 teacher after spending many of my primary school years here as a student (many moons ago). Since beginning my teaching career seven years ago, I have always hoped to return to Pukehou and be able to recreate the amazing experiences I had as a pupil; this time on the other side as the inspirer. My teaching experience has always involved teaching in the senior school including my current position at Bledisloe Primary School as the Year 5/6 teacher and previous to that at Heretaunga Intermediate as the Year 7/8 teacher and team leader.

When I am not teaching, I am a busy mum of two boys. Tamatoa (5) and Te Arahi (2) keep me on my toes each and every day and Tamatoa is very excited to be joining Pukehou School too. With my husband Bronson, our wee family are always out and about exploring our area including hunting in the Ruahine and Kaweka ranges and swimming at our local beaches. A highlight of my year however was travelling the South Island with my boys and seeing the beauty that is our home. My love for the outdoors often comes through into the classroom as I try to keep learning engaging, hands-on and relevant to our world today.

I can't wait to get to know everyone who is a part of the special Pukehou community, please do not hesitate to introduce yourself, ask me questions or come and have a chat. Until next year, have a wonderful holiday, a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Lauren Riwaka

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the wider Pukehou whānau, I would like to thank Sandra for being our acting Principal this term.

Sandra has had a long and varied career in education and Pukehou School has benefited from her knowledge and experience. Sandra's enthusiasm for doing the best for all tamariki is clearly evident and she has provided a fresh perspective ahead of the exciting changes next year.

Dylan Lorkin is also leaving after five years at Pukehou. We wish him well at Flaxmere. I know many students and staff will miss his sense of humour and DJ skills!

We also farewell a number of Pukehou families as their youngest children move on to secondary school. Our best wishes to the leaving families, and our grateful thanks for the support you have provided the school in so many ways.

Our kura would be a very different place without the committed support of all our amazing families and local businesses who volunteer to help and support where they can. Together we achieve great things for our school - from running the bus to providing playground enhancements and ukulele lessons this term.

We are lucky to have such a wonderful team at Pukehou. They have worked incredibly hard this year to ensure continuity of learning and the fantastic academic results shared at our last board meeting are testament to their commitment to our tamariki. There have been great successes and experiences outside the classroom too!

Next year we look forward to welcoming Rob Pratt as Principal and Lauren Riwaka as our Year 7-8 class teacher, as well as a good number of new students.

Roll on 2022 and the opportunities it will bring!

Wishing you all a happy holiday

Pixie Seligman

Together with Aiden Cudby, AK Hansen, Vanessa Osborne, Blair Slavin and Jess Trew



Pukehou Whānau and Friends 2021 Christmas Cheer Raffle
This will be drawn next Tuesday, 14th December, in the morning.
If you have not yet returned your raffle sheets and money,
please do so on Monday. Only returned tickets can be included in the
draw.



A quick message from the PWF....

2021 has been a challenging year Nationwide for fundraising. The Pukehou Whānau & Friends (PWF) would like to let our community know we remain dedicated to our tamariki, and thank you for supporting what we have been able to do this year.

Along with successfully purchasing a gazebo and contributing to the school mural, we have continued to work towards the bigger playground project. Hopefully early 2022 will see parts of this long term fundraising come to fruition for the students to enjoy.

New members, and new ideas are always welcome and we are especially keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in helping us apply for grants. So...if you have been on the fence, maybe 2022 will be your year to jump on in!!!

Until then we wish you all safe and happy holidays!

Whanauandfriends@pukehou.school.nz Jess, Sarah, Tina, Becks, Pixie, AK & Mrs Strong.



A small group of students has been working with Conrad Nepe Apatu, the Resource Teacher of Maori from CHB College, and Hogan the Master Carving expert.

The boys have had 10 sessions with Conrad and Hogan this term, learning about the protocols of carving. These sessions have included visiting various sites, discussion, planning / hands on design and the use of appropriate equipment & tools. The results are truly amazing and something they can all be very proud of. Well done boys!



Reports: These are being sent home today. Please ask your children if they do not come forth voluntarily.

Lost Property: All items will be on display next week. Remember to contact Jacqui if there is anything in particular you are missing. It's astonishing that there are so many unclaimed items that haven't been missed!

Sports Shirts & Uniforms: Have you returned yours yet? If not, please do so next week.

Accounts: With the move to a new student database next year it will not be possible to get itemised invoices for this year after the end of this term. Ideally all accounts will be paid in full by then, saving Jacqui a lot of work! Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



Te Aute College Achievers:

Woohoo ... We are so proud of you boys and look forward to hearing about your future achievements.

Have a great summer break and all the very best for 2022.



What a great night last night at the basketball games. Kōtare had two teams in the semis and finals, both teams won their games. Livvy T and Dylan W were players of the games, one for each team, both receiving the match ball. Well done Kōtare and a huge thank you to the team coach / managers. Without your support the teams would not be able to participate.



The link to the latest **Tots to Teens digi-magazine** is <https://issue2112.totstoteens.co.nz>.

What's in this issue for parents?

- Are you a snowplough parent?
- Tips for raising body positive kids
- How to make your money go further
- Yummy ice-block and veggie pasta recipes
- Making friends with food for fussy eaters
- Family dinnertime tips
- Holiday fun
- AND amazing giveaways!!!



Ask your tamariki to find this issue's Te Reo Māori words including kai, akoranga, motuhake, ahiparaka, & whakamanawa.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our new digital magazine, it means we are able to share our magazine with more kiwi parents and whānau, in a format that is super visual and phone user friendly (70% of your parents will be reading on their phone!).



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Recipe of the week:

What a great gift idea! This recipe is classified as 'Kid Friendly', so have fun as you all get involved.
(You can use peanut butter instead of Tahini if you prefer)

No blend bliss balls recipe

BY BIANCA SLADE

TIME: < 30 mins | MAKES: 10



No blending and no baking it doesn't get easier than this. Photo: Bianca Slade

Sometimes simple is best, these no blend bliss balls are the perfect little addition to your lunchbox.

Ingredients

1/2 cup hulled tahini
1/3 cup honey*
1/2 teaspoon concentrated natural vanilla extract
Pinch of salt
1 tablespoons cacao or cocoa
1 1/4 cups desiccated coconut

Method

1. Place the honey, tahini, vanilla and salt into a medium sized bowl and mix until well combined.
2. Add the cacao or cocoa and mix to combine.
3. Add the coconut and mix. Use your hands to work the mixture together.
4. Once the mixture is well combined use your hands to shape and press the mixture into balls, I made 10. Place the balls into the fridge to set.
5. Serve, eat and enjoy.

House Points:	Pukeiti	Pukenui	Kauhehei	Kahuranaki
Week 7-8	15,150	11,050	11,700	8,850
Term to date	Will be	disclosed	at the final	Assembly

Dear Pukehou School,

We have an extensive selection of Christmas gift ideas in stock and ready to send now.

Not sure what they'd like? How about gifting a beautiful Christmas card gift wallet. Just pop inside a gift card for their favourite store, a visa pressie card or even some cash. This card features a pocket inside so it functions as a Christmas card and gift card holder all in one.

We thank you for your continued support during the last few years.

Malissa and The Pleroma Team

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IMPORTANT DATES:

DECEMBER:

Mon 13
Junior Xmas Fun Day

Tues 14
9.30am Final Assembly / Prize Giving
12.30 Fish'n'Chip lunch option

Thurs 16
End of Term 4 @ 12.30pm
Please collect children promptly if
they are not on the bus

2022
Wed 2 February Come back!!

Attached: Hockey Holiday Programme Information



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