



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Term 1, Week 4

Friday 25 February 2022

Principal's Message:

As this week draws to a close, Phase 3 has arrived and it feels as though we are all collectively holding our breath as Omicron marches inexorably onwards. It is a matter of *when* school will be affected, not *if*. Thankfully, health precautions aside, the children 'seem' relatively unconcerned at this stage and it has been fantastic to see relationships develop and strengthen.

Our houses, Pukeiti, Pukenui, Kahuranaki and Kauhehei came together last week for some fun activities to begin developing that team ethos. Our Year 8 Kaitiaki planned and ran the activities superbly with lots of laughter involved. They have tremendous leadership potential and I look forward to seeing them develop over this year. One of the best things about a full primary school (Years 1-8) is the potential that exists in tuakana-teina relationships and it has been heartwarming to see this happen naturally throughout each day. Our senior students often take the initiative to support and care for our junior students.

At school we are trying to keep some sense of normality. We need to recognise that our tamariki are having to find their way in a completely different and challenging world at the moment. While there is value in ensuring that our tamariki are informed, we need to ensure that they don't become overwhelmed. As much as possible, kids should be allowed to be kids! And while many events, including swimming sports, have already been impacted, planning is well advanced for Kōtare and Kāhu camps this term. We remain hopeful that these will go ahead as I know our tamariki - and teachers - are hugely excited. Thank you in advance to whānau who have put up their hands to assist, as without your assistance camp could not go ahead. We appreciate that life is busy, but are confident that you will have an amazing time too! Often when reflecting on school highlights, camp tops the list.

Finally, there is such a volume of information being communicated in this constantly changing landscape that we can often feel swamped. If this is the case, please feel free to contact us personally and we'll do the best we can to clarify any concerns or point you in the right direction. Likewise, in my short time here, it is obvious that we have a pretty special school whānau, so if support is needed, please ask.

Rob Pratt

Principal



Meet our new staff members:

Rob Pratt, Bethany Wickham and Lauren Riwaka



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House Points:	Pukeiti	Pukenui	Kauhehei	Kahuranaki
Week 3 - 4	1,530	1,490	1,390	1,540
Term totals to date	7,310	7,505	8,225	8,620



PWF Bulbs & Seeds - Information and order forms were sent home with the oldest child in each family this week. Jacqui is happy to supply you with additional order forms if required. Please order and pay no later than Tuesday 15th March. Thank you in advance for your support with our first fundraiser of the year.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following past Pukehou pupils. Tahlia P at NGHS, Harriet S, Amalia S and Aidan F at CHBC who are all 'Prefects' this year. Also Madeline O and Charlotte S at CHBC who are 'House Captains'. We know that you will all be wonderful leaders! All the best for a fantastic year.

Community update - 2022 Swim-a-Thon Postponement:

Unfortunately we have made the call to postpone the planned Swim-a-Thon in March due to the uncertainty of what might happen with Omicron in the community over the next few months.

We appreciate the amazing support that we have had over the 6 years we have held the event and we will look at holding it later in the year if the situation allows. If we are unable to hold it later this year then we will be planning for it again in 2023.

The \$36,000 raised over the 6 events so far has allowed us to support CHB Primary Schools with swimming lessons, as well as Deep Water Survival lessons, which has been fantastic. It has been a great honour to do that, and made possible because of the amazing support we have received from the many participants, volunteers and the business community. The CHB Swim 4 Lives group will be looking to explore alternative funding options in hopes of continuing its work to support CHB schools despite this set-back for 2022.

Once again thank you and keep safe - For your own and others well-being in the community.

Jo Ward

Chair, CHB Swim 4 Lives Group



We have had another very generous donation of sweet corn this year from Ludlow Farm.

Your support is needed to raise funds for the ongoing costs of running our bus. We are asking each family to sell as much corn as you can. Please see the attached information and order forms.

Can you help with bags?

If you have any brown paper bags at home we would greatly appreciate them for the delivery of Corn after the harvest. Please drop them into the office or give to your classroom teacher.



Thank you!



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Central Hawke's Bay Sports Academy 2022

Congratulations

.. to Rewi who has been successful in his application to join this group of 22 aspiring young athletes.

"This program helps identify and nurture potentially gifted and talented athletes within the primary school system throughout Central Hawke's Bay. This academy is designed to educate these young athletes on general aspects of sport and physical education, furthering their sporting knowledge, skills and involvement in sport at a high level".

Ka pai Rewi, we look forward to seeing your development this year.



For Sale:

2 Huntaway Bitch puppies
Very well bred - 9 weeks old.
\$250.00

Please phone Deb
0274 999901

Google pic.



Week 5

Well-being week at
Pukehou School

IMPORTANT DATES:

Pukehou Swimming Sports postponed until November.

March

Wed 2	Lunch order due for Fri 4th
Mon 7	Sweetcorn orders due
Tues 15	PWF Bulb orders due
Thurs 17 - Fri 18	Kōtare @ Camp Aramoana
Mon 21 - Wed 23	Kāhu @ Camp Wakarara

April

Friday 1	Teacher Only Day
Thurs 14	End of Term One
Fri 15	Good Friday

Term 2 starts on Monday 2 May

Attached:

Concerns and Complaints Process (FYI)

PWF **Lunch order** for Friday 4 March - orders due by 9.00am Wednesday 2 March, thank you.

Sweetcorn Information and Order Form

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.
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