



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Term 2, Week 4

Friday 27 May 2022

Principal's Message:

Last week we celebrated Bully Free Week NZ culminating in 'Pink Shirt Day.' It was hugely encouraging for us as a school, and for the community, to see how positively our tamariki responded and contributed to what was a hugely successful week. Thanks to Mrs. Osborne for all her mahi in organising the events, and I'd like to again commend the hugely talented and committed teaching team we have here for embracing the pink! As part of the week our Year 8 Kaitiaki ran a house event, and feedback from staff and students alike was that they did a phenomenal job. But, I'm not surprised!! I have been working with them fortnightly, focusing on specific aspects of leadership, and it has been a real pleasure. They are developing into wonderful role models. Likewise, our PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) have begun running lunchtime games this week which is exciting to see.

I have previously mentioned that staff are on a journey to implement and consolidate Mana Enhancement practices.

As a staff, we are receiving fantastic support and I'm excited about our current initiative to develop a Mana Enhancement programme for our Year 7-8 tama. Our Resource Teacher, Dwayne, is developing an activity based programme that is underpinned by Mana Enhancement. One of the proposed activities is for them to lay a hangi as part of Matariki celebrations here at school. More information will come in relation to this day shortly, but it is provisionally planned for the afternoon and evening of Wednesday 22nd June. Our senior boys will be asking for kai koha leading up to the day, so please pencil this in!

We will also be participating in an exchange with Poukawa School on the Monday of that week. Planning will be finalised next week but at this stage the idea is for Kōtare and Kāhu to

travel to Poukawa for a Ki o Rahi tournament, and for Kererū and Kea to host the corresponding Poukawa classes here at Pukehou. The seniors have been practising and developing their Ki o Rahi skills and I have loved running around with them. Perhaps, we could consider a parent vs student game as part of our Matariki celebrations too?!!

The Pukehou Whānau & Friends group met this week. It was humbling to see and hear how passionate they are to support the school and its vision. Their fundraising efforts make a huge difference to the opportunities we can offer here at school, and I would encourage anyone interested to offer their support. We discussed some exciting future projects for our school environment which left me fizzing!

Rob Pratt

Principal

The Mana Enhancement Programme is culturally-centred and unique to local perspectives. It uses a **tikanga Maori** approach to teaching and learning. It encompasses the values of **arohatanga** (care, respect, love, compassion), **whakawhanaungatanga** (relationship, kinship and a sense of family connection), **manaakitanga** (to extend aroha, love and compassion to others), **kotahitanga** (unity), and **kaitiakitanga** (guardianship and protection).

This programme recognises teachers and learners both as individuals and collective members of the community. The process of co-construction enables strength-based conversations. It develops rapport, a fundamental requirement for positive communication. Dynamic interaction occurs which means people share their experiences, discuss their responses, and explore mana enhancing strategies to problems. These elements are used to help people connect to their mana, their sources of strength, their world and their cultural identity.



Join the Board and help shape a positive future for all students at Pukehou School!

One of the board's primary objectives is making sure every child reaches *their* highest possible standard in educational achievement.

Pukehou School Board elections will be held in September this year. Between now and then we will be sharing a bit of information about what we do. You could also come along to one of our meetings to see how things work.

At our last Board meeting we noted our thanks to the awesome team at Pukehou having reviewed impressive academic results even after a disrupted first term. We also look at the hauora / wellbeing of the school, policies and finances and link everything back to our long-term plan, objectives and values.

How about joining the team?

Talk to Pixie, AK, Jess, Aiden, Blair, Vanessa (staff rep) or Rob for more info

Parent : Teacher Conferences

These will be held in Week 10 on

Wednesday 6 July and

Thursday 7 July

from 1.30pm until 6.00pm.

Use the Skool Loop App to book your 15 minute appointment. Contact Jacqui if you have any issues.

A warm welcome to Mrs Lee



Tennis Racquets The children are really improving their coordination and tennis skills. Thank you to the PWF for the new nets that arrived yesterday - very much appreciated.

We currently have very few tennis racquets and would like to increase our stock. If you have any old racquets collecting dust in the shed or cupboard and would be happy to donate them to school, the children would be very grateful.

Kia ora koutou,
Ko Sarah Lee tōku ingoa.
I'm excited to be the new Reading Recovery teacher at Pukehou School. I've been teaching for many years, since 2011 in Hawke's Bay and CHB. I've been married to Matthew for 20 years and our daughter, Samantha, is 18. In my spare time I like to read, walk and learn Te Reo Māori.
Ngā mihi
Mrs Lee



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Reminder You can use the HERO app to send an absence message, view and pay your invoice and see Community Notices. Have you downloaded the app yet?

Netball subs have been added to the relevant invoices. Please pay these promptly as the school has had to cover the cost until you reimburse us.

Spare Clothes - Please make sure that your children have a change of clothes in their bag to use if they get wet or muddy during the day. We aim to keep our classrooms as clean as possible.

Lost Property - Thank you for your support in keeping the amount of clothing on the rack this term to a minimum. Naming items certainly helps!

House Points:	Pukeiti	Pukenui	Kauhehei	Kahuranaki
Week 3 - 4	5,762	4,510	5,160	4,300
Term Totals to date	7,887	5,960	7,935	6,300

The Year 8 students are running a Gift Hamper Raffle to raise funds for their Leavers Hoodies. Tickets are available from any Year 8 student or the school office. \$2 / ticket. This raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 22nd June 2022.

IMPORTANT DATES:

MAY

Fri 27 - Children's Writing Stories go live on HERO

JUNE

Mon 6 - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wed 22 - Matariki Community Event

Fri 24 - Matariki Public Holiday

Mon 27 - BoT Meeting @ 6.00pm

JULY

Wed 6 & Thurs 7 - Parent:Teacher Conferences

Fri 8 - End of Term 2

Mon 25 - Term 3 begins



Keep up with what is going on at school

We try to ensure everyone receives important messages regarding activities and events going on at school. To do this we use a number of different platforms, as illustrated below. Wherever possible we try to ensure messages are recorded on more than one platform so you don't miss anything.

Please ensure we have your up to date email address and that you are connected to



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