

Week 1 2023

Principal's Message: It was great to welcome all our tamariki back to school this term. We have missed their smiling faces, and they have all settled quickly back into school. As you may be aware, there have been some changes this year. Mrs. Strong (Rachael) has returned to Kāhu class to teach our Year 7-8's, and I am confident that she will have them humming and that there may well be a few laughs on the way! We also welcome Rumer McHenry who will be teaching our amazing Kotare learners. Rumer is a beginning teacher, and she has fitted in beautifully. It was wonderful share in her excitement to and enthusiasm (and nerves) she as prepared her first classroom.



I am excited by the potential learning experiences this year. Each term will have a different curriculum focus which will be integrated into classroom programmes. This term we are exploring the Aotearoa New Zealand Histories curriculum, specifically Turangawaewae me te Kaitiakitanga - Place and Environment. Term 2 will have a science focus, Term 3 the arts (and a production!!), and Term 4 an inquiry. Definitely lots of opportunities for our students to be curious and to **wonder.**



Our Year 8 students will have the opportunity to complete the William Pike Challenge this year. We will be supported by the CHB William Pike Trust and Marian Campbell as we enter into this for the first time. Marian will be mentoring our students as they work through the Outdoor Activities, Community Service, and Passion Project aspects of the challenge. There will be a CHB launch on the 23rd of February and two other activities this term! I'm pretty excited by the leadership potential of this group of Year 8's. They absolutely shone running our House Water Fun Day yesterday!

As above, please make sure you have the **HERO App** installed. We are happy to help if needed :)

Rob Pratt (Principal)



IMPORTANT DATES:

FEBRARY

Mon 6	SCHOOL CLOSED for Waitangi Day
Mon 13	Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm
Wed 15	Weetbix Tryathlon
MARCH	
Thurs 9	Pukehou Swimming Sports
Thurs 16	CHB Interschool Swimming Sports
APRIL	
Mon 24	Teacher ONLY Day
Term 2 starts on Wednesday 26 April	



Term 1 Sport **Registrations:**

Inter School Tennis register by Wed 8 Feb Fun Day Mon 13 Feb Comp. starts Mon 20 Feb

Players must be able to serve and hold a rally to play. A Grade and B Grade competitions.

Teams are made up of 4 players. They must have a parent/adult to manage them. Teams can be made up with players from different schools.

Please let Jacqui know on Tuesday 7 Feb if any children are keen to play in a Pukehou team.

Netball Pre season programmes for Year 7 & 8 players. See Jacqui if you would like an information sheet.







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



og in to customise your account, use for absence notifications and see

School and Community notices





Fortnightly newsletters are emailed to our contact lists. If you would prefer a paper copy please let Jacqui know.







PUKEHOU SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

In light of the short lockdown we had at the end of last year and the emergency situations in other places around the country recently, we ask / remind you to please provide a small box of items, for each of your children, to be held at school for the duration of the year. These boxes (a 2L Ice-cream container or similar) will be sent home at the end of the year for you to 'refresh'.

Here are some ideas:

Barley Sugars	Survival Blanket
Small box of Juice	Small tin of fruit or rice for example. Must have a ring tab.
Muesli / Chocolate Bar	*Something special
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*eg: photo or soft toy that means a lot to the child and will get a smile. Some parents like to include a personalised letter / note to reassure their child.

Secure the container and mark the child's name and class clearly on the lid.



Change of Admin Hours:

Jacqui will only be in the office until 3:00 pm now, except on Thursdays when she will be on site until the second bus has departed.

Rob will be available to assist you if there is something that can't wait.

Otherwise, please email office@pukehou.school.nz, phone 06 856 8169 or call / text 021 214 3346 Thank you





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