



# Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 8 Term 2

Friday 16 June

## From the Principal's Desk:

I love Cross Country and there were many highlights from Wednesday's event. It was great to be able to host both Otane and Poukawa schools and share our school with them. There was a real hubbub in the air with students and whānau from all three schools mixing and mingling, which is something we've all missed. As the starter, I get to share in the excitement and nerves of the moment with the children, and I am continually astounded by those students who know it's going to be challenging but embrace that feeling regardless. To see them proud of themselves, and their efforts, is humbling.



For an event like this to be successful, there needs to be a good team working behind the scenes. Thanks go out to our Pukehou teaching team here for their support and efforts on the day and also to our fantastic Pukehou Whānau and Friends (PWF) who worked tirelessly on the stall selling goodies as a fundraiser, especially Miles who was a maestro on the Property Brokers BBQ!! He also went above and beyond, mowing a track on the bottom paddock. The feedback was that it was an enjoyably challenging course to run, and it looked amazing on the day. Thanks to Pixie and Peter for opening up the farm for us!

The *Marathon in a Term* fundraiser definitely helped prepare our tamariki who looked fit and fast, and there were some fantastic performances on the day. I'm sure we'll have an equally strong team for the inter-school event next week! There is still time to donate to the *Marathon in a Term* as with two weeks to go that is another 10km!! Already we have over \$4000 donated which is a huge effort. Remember, each student has their own fundraising page and they can share a link for donations to be made.



As you may be aware, celebrations in the lead up to Matariki have begun across Aotearoa New Zealand. However, in 2023, Te Rā Aro ki a Matariki will be officially celebrated on Friday 14 July which falls in the second week of the term break. Matariki is about remembrance, celebrating the present, and looking to the future.

Pukehou School 1km a day - Marathon in a term  
Totals and Leaderboard

51 FUNDRAISERS      \$4,087 TOTAL DONATIONS

### WEEKLY LEADERBOARD

- Kōtare**
- Kāhu**
- Kea**
- Kererū**

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO MILEY, FRANKIE, RUBY K & JAXON WHO ARE OUR TOP FUNDRAISERS THIS WEEK!

In the last week of term we will be celebrating the progress and achievement of students with reports and conferences occurring which is exciting. It has been great to see whānau booking conferences using HERO, however, there are still spaces if you haven't yet done so.

We will also be celebrating our Kickstart Breakfast initiative in the last week of the term with a cooked brekkie!! We have an awesome team of students driving this and we will meet next week to plan the event. It will be open to whānau who can make it too. We will need support in the way of a kai koha. Stay tuned for more information, but pencil it in now!



## NETBALL DRESSES

A huge thanks to the Gwen Malden Trust and to Centralines for their generous grants which have allowed us to update our sports uniforms. The netball dresses really 'pop' and we can't wait to see what our redesigned sports shirts look like too! Hopefully, they will be here next week.

### Show Not Tell sentences ~ written by some Kāhu students

His behavioural patterns were menacing, the boy just would not listen. We even tried threatening him. The next screaming match was determined by whether or not he got what he desired.

His face contorted into an ugly mask of hatred, as a tantrum welled up inside him. His eyes squinting into my own. I block my ears.

My breathing uneven, the harness holding me steady. I could just barely recognise my teammates, my eyes forbade the precious view I came out here for. Finally, I reached where I dreamed I would be, the summit of Mt. Everest.

The cliff wall towered above me, rock cut my raw hands as my breath came in short gasps. I would never make it but I had to try.

Clenching onto the side of a jagged cliff with rocky valleys below, hoping not to fall. I hear hawk's cry from miles away, it is too quiet.

Her music echoed through the halls. It enchanted everyone who heard it. The sweet melody that came from the instrument she was playing was always a blessing to hear.

We request that ALL Pukehou sports tops & miniball singlets be returned to school next week. We hope to have new tops before the end of the term. It would be fantastic to have all of the old ones returned before we issue any new ones. Thanks.



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House Points:	PUKEITI	PUKENUI	KAUHEHEI	KAHURANAKI
Weeks 7 - 8	8,620	8,460	7,580	6,710
Term totals to date:	28,550	27,650	22,430	25,070

## IMPORTANT DATES:

### JUNE

**Thurs 22** CHB Inter School Cross Country  
**Mon 26 & Tues 27** Student Conferences (Book via HERO)  
 & Structured Literacy sessions  
**Wed 28** Pita Pit Lunch option  
**Thurs 29** Fish'n'Chip lunch option  
**Fri 30** Pyjama Day - supporting Ronald McDonald House  
 End of Term 2



Thank you to the fabulous team of bakers who provided a scrumptious selection of treats. The PWF really appreciates your help in making the cross country baking sale such a successful fundraiser!

# SUPERHEROES

Kids' Holiday Program Mon 10 - Fri 14 July 9am-12pm  
 Ages \*7-13  
 Riverbend 354 Te Aute Rd  
 BIBLE CHURCH Havelock North  
 Register now  
 or <https://www.joinform.com/bv1M/231418646467867>  
 For more information, contact Maria Henderson  
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**FREE**

FBI Faithful Bible Investigators

FBI is run in the mornings of the second week of the July and October holidays. It involves games, songs, skits, Bible times, quizzes, prizes and more! If you can't make it these holidays, register your interest to be reminded about future holiday programs.  
 \*5 days welcome at our discretion, preferably with an older sibling or friend.

A couple of our students participated in the Tough Guy Challenge at Haumoana on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Well done boys!



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Thanks to the awesome crew who helped chop firewood at the weekend. With four wood splitting teams in action we were able to get heaps done. There is still lots of lovely oak left so look out for the next working bee dates. Special thanks to Dave from Drumpeel who put in a good few hours on the chainsaw when his kids are still preschoolers – what fantastic community spirit!





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