



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 2 Term 3 2023

Friday 28 July

From the Principal's Desk:

Voice

This term is important as the Board enters into the next stage of our strategic planning cycle 'Te Whakangārahu Ngātahi.' This is focused on planning together for Ākonga (student) success. School charters are replaced by a three-year strategic plan and an annual implementation plan. Consultation and collaboration are key cogs in the process and we genuinely want your input.

Thank you to parents and whānau who have completed the survey already. Everyone who completes the survey by **Sunday the 6th of August** goes into a draw to **win a \$50 Prezzy Card** (there are two to be won!).



The QR code (left) can be scanned and this will take you to the survey. If you need a 'hard copy' we're more than happy to send one home too.

To complement this, our students are currently completing a **'Me and My School'** survey. This survey focuses on student engagement and agency and will provide a rich source of information.

For both surveys, we will share a summary of the responses with whānau as part of the consultation process. Planning for the future success of our tamariki and learners is both exciting and humbling as it brings with it a very real sense of responsibility.

Our Values

Manaakitanga

is about empathy, kindness, and respect. It is about generosity and a desire to uplift others. At Pukehou School we...

Show **RESPECT** (the 'Golden Rule')

Have **INTEGRITY** (we walk the talk)

Are **POLITE** and use **MANNERS**

WELCOME visitors

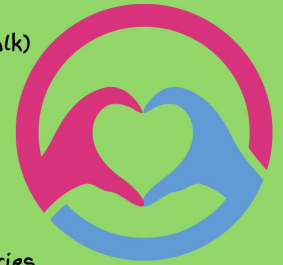
Are **ENCOURAGING**

Respect **BUBBLES** and boundaries.

CARE for **OURSELVES** and our **LEARNING**.

Take **PRIDE** in our mahi and set high standards.

CARE for **OTHERS**, the **SCHOOL**, and our **ENVIRONMENT**



While reviewing our values will be part of the planning process, this term we are continuing our push to grow student understanding. Students who are caught showing our values are awarded Golden Tickets which go into an assembly draw and a major end of term draw. This term we are collating the Golden Tickets and students who receive 10 for one value will receive an embossed silicon Values Wristband. There are a number of students who are well on their way to their first!!

Manaakitanga 

Respect 



Attendance

Children who don't want to go to school can be challenging for parents. But, attendance is important, and as part of the Attendance and Engagement Strategy the Ministry of Education has set targets for regular attendance. A student is regularly attending if they are at school for 90% or more days (9 of 10 over a fortnight). When this policy was developed only 60% of students met this target and it has dipped since then. The 2024 target is 70% and 2025 is 75%

We recognise that with the illnesses and events of the last few years, attendance has taken a hit. To put it into perspective, if a student was absent one day a week (80%), over a term that would be 10 days, over a year 40 days (one term!), and over four years this would equate to a year's lost learning!

As of this term, schools have more of an obligation to record and monitor unexplained absences and to identify learners who have been unjustifiably absent for five or more days in a term. From next year, there will also be more focus on the actions and interventions taken in these areas.

Netsafe 🚩

Thank you to those parents who turned up for our Netsafe hui. It was informative with lots of simple strategies to take home and implement. See below for another opportunity!

Assembly

With production on this term, we are fortunate to have the talented Danny Priestley back helping our tamariki sing! This will be happening on Friday afternoons so we have had to move our assemblies to fortnightly on Monday afternoons at 2pm. We had one this week so the next one will be in Week 4, and as always we'd love to see you come along.



Tino pai to our Golden Ticket winners Marnix, Hayley, Millie, Ruby



Ka rawe! Super students with classroom and Principal Certificates.

Gymnastics

We're super excited to receive support from Sport Hawke's Bay through the Tū Manawa fund for a gym revival. This means that next term each class will get four one hour sessions with an Omni Gym instructor before visiting the Omni Gym in Napier (where the foam pit is always a highlight!!). Thanks to our keen gymnasts Stella, Cosmo, Cleodie and Emma for providing supporting letters and videos for our successful application.





Girls' Self Defence Project

The Girls' Self Defence Project provides courses run by the Women's Self Defence Network – Wāhine Toa and in the first two weeks of this term many of our kōtiro (girls) participated in a full day of training.

The girls learnt different ways of dealing with unsafe people and situations and threats to their safety, such as dealing with acquaintance and stranger attacks, being followed, and issues relating to cyber safety. This includes learning how to give clear boundaries and messages to those known and unknown to her when feeling unsafe, trusting her feelings and listening to her instincts. The course offers each girl the opportunity to take a positive step to reinforce their ability to think confidently, speak strongly, and use their physical skills when necessary.



Some of the feedback from our very own 'wahine toa' follows:

- "It was fun and I feel more confident and brave. Thank you."
- "I think this is a good way to teach self defence as it was fun and interesting."
- "This course made me more confident in defending myself. It was extremely fun to learn the difference of self -defence."
- "It was such a good course. We learnt a lot of things to keep us safe and it was really fun. I loved to do the crocodile roll and ballerina kick."



Coming soon
to a venue near you!

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS:

Kiara plays soccer for Central Thunder. She is the only girl on the team this year and she certainly plays a good game! Last Saturday they won their game 3 -1 to Napier Marist Rockets. You rock Kiara!



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Subject - **Parents Cybersafety Evening**

Attention all parents

We want our school to be a safe place.

Because of the rapidly changing times our tamariki are growing up in, and the mounting challenges and harms they are facing online, we need to start talking about and tackling this as a community.

As such, we have organised Author, Filmmaker and Speaker Rob Cope, producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online" to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk to our parent community.

His talk will cover:

- **Cyberbullying** - How cyberbullies can reach our kids 24/7
- **Social media** - The pressure for kids to build an online brand that is often far removed from their authentic selves. FOMO, Highlight Reels
- **Gaming and the developing brain** - An oversupply of dopamine leading to dopamine deficiency, synaptic pruning, and the underdevelopment of social skills and empathy
- **Naked Selfies** - The pressure to send nudes from intermediate up through high school
- **Online predators** - The methods they use, how to spot them, and how to get out from under their control if your child has been trapped
- **Online porn vs healthy sexuality** - How consuming online pornography as a child or teen can create a sexual template where violence, aggression, and dominance are seen as normal and consent can become very blurry

Solutions:

- **Filters** - Which filters are best and how to install them
- **Smartphones** - How to lock down a smartphone to make it a safe phone
- **Boundaries** - How to put good boundaries in place around device use
- **3 golden rules** - The 3 golden rules that will keep your kids safe
- **Talking to your kids** - How to have difficult conversations with your kids
- **Challenging our own phone and device usage** - Reconnecting as a family

Here is a promotional video for you to watch [Our Kids Online Parent Evening](#).

The talk will be held in the CHB College hall on Tuesday 15th August from 6.30 - 8.30 pm.

We request that at least one adult from each family attend.

This topic is too big for us not to pay attention.

Please **book your tickets through your school office.**



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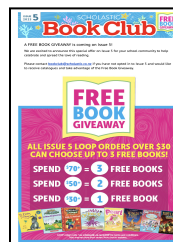
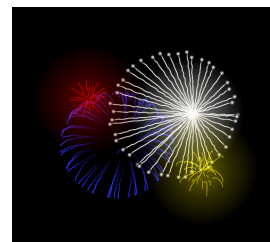
IMPORTANT DATES:

AUGUST

Tues 1	6.30 pm - Karamu School Open Evening
Thurs 3	Inter School Cross Country @ Flemington
Mon 7	2.00 pm - Whole School Assembly 5.30 pm - BoT meeting
Tues 8	6.15 - 8.30 pm CHB College Open Evening
Fri 11	Matariki Celebrations at Russell Park
Tues 15	6.30 pm - IMPORTANT Cyber Safety Parent Evening
Fri 25	Daffodil Day
Wed 30	Pita Pit lunch option

Friday 11th August | 6pm-8pm @ Russell Park

Russell Park will come alive as a place of connection, remembrance and renewal for all, there will be kai, entertainment, Tirama Matariki Light Trail. Dress up warm to energise the soul and warm the senses in the chill of winter to celebrate Matariki.



Please have cash orders to school by Friday 4th August.

To Parents and Caregivers

POSSUM CONTROL

Rural Pest Services Ltd is going to carry out possum control in the following areas starting from the 1 July 2023 through to the 30 May 2024 on the following Rivers from the boundary fence or stop banks to near the river edges. This has been an ongoing operation in conjunction with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council since 2006.

WAIPAWA RIVER, MANGAONU KU STREAM, TUKITUKI RIVER, TUKIPO AND MAKARETU RIVERS, NGARURORO RIVER AND TUTAEKURI RIVER.

All toxic material will be dyed green/blue. Warning signs will be displayed at all access points into the operational area when work is in progress and will remain in place until toxin caution periods have expired. The following baits and poisons will be put in bait stations on trees and fence posts:

Pestoff (Brodifacoum) in cereal pellet

Double Tap (Cholecalciferol and Diphacinone) in cereal pellet (to be used in and around DOC areas)

Feratox (Potassium Cyanide) in pellets will be added to some of these bait stations in areas where permission has been granted by MOH.

This will be an ongoing process with the bait stations being refilled every 12 months with the above products.

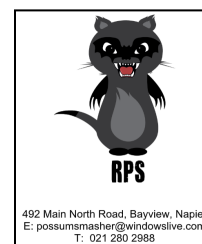
All baits are poisonous and are harmful to humans, especially young children. Do not allow children to wander unsupervised into the areas that have baits laid in them. Be vigilant especially if accompanied by young children.

Because of the risk of poisoning from baits and carcasses, please keep dogs and other animals under control and do not allow them to wander into or near these areas.

Maps of the area can be viewed via this link:

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!Apf6WxHkzTmuka4jo93Qifrodqvhng?e=v7nZw9>

If you require any further information, please contact Operations Manager: Jake Bowcock - 021 280 2988



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What's happening in Kāhu class ...

We are right back into the swing of things after the holidays.
Here are some highlights of our learning:



We have been creatively writing metaphors - comparing things directly.
See some of the **MYRIAD OF METAPHORS** we have created ...

A phone is the blade of a weapon, which you can sharpen to a point. KBR

My pocket watch is a metal heart ticking to the beat of time's melody. RK

A bar of soap rubs out the mistakes on an incredible story. RG

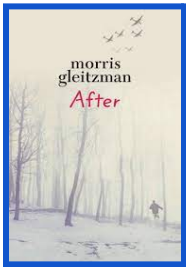
Trucks are freight trains on asphalt that tremble across the highway. JH

A needle is a tailor's silver finger. LS

The rubber band is the weapon that wounds other classmates. LT

Peanut butter is a puddle of goo, resting on my toast. EL

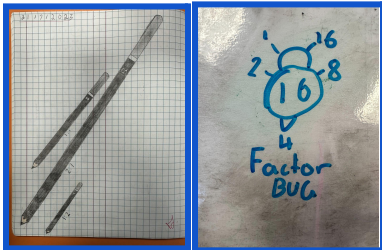
My pocket watch is a metal heart ticking to the beat of time's melody. RK



We have started our newest read aloud - '**After**' by **Morris Gleitzman**.

This is the third in the series set during WWII. These novels have really captured us. Written in the first person, they have been stunning to read aloud to the class.

In **mathematics**, we have been learning to draw things to scale.



- Adding mixed fractions
- Finding factors using factor bug diagrams
- Writing fractions as decimals
- Simplifying fractions
- Practising our timetables on

TTRS.

We have been learning the very catchy songs of our production.
Danny comes in on Fridays to help us with our singing and our exciting solos. Kāhu students have been busy learning their lines.



We have had some scene read-throughs this week during lunchtimes as we prepare for our humorous production. We have had a lot of laughs! A small group of students are going to be busy creating the set and props for the production.

We had a couple of practice sessions in preparation for Onga Sevens. Wednesday was such a highlight for the class, even though the weather was bitter.

So, it's been a busy couple of weeks.



Matariki Collaborative Art in Kea class

Reading Together Programme coming to CHB!

Tiny Nation

Tuesday 22nd August & Tuesday 5th September (you will need to come to both sessions)

10am-12noon

© The Pregnancy and Parenting Hub, 1 Cook Street Waipukurau

Reading together helps parents/whanau to provide effective support for their children's reading.

Bring your babies/toddlers along with you.

Morning tea will be provided.



All participants receive free books and resources.

To register email Hannah pregnancyandparentingchb@gmail.com

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
The importance of attendance...

Regular attendance at school helps build and maintain a child's learning, establishes positive daily routines and promotes wellbeing by connecting them to their peers.

What's on top?

Next meeting: [Date to be confirmed...]
Think about joining us to share your skills and enthusiasm. We're all about our children.

Onga Sevens 2023

The car door opened to a howling wind, the sky was a deep grey (if that's even a colour), my optimism for the day plummeted. Orange smoke stung my eyes as the flare went off, Onga sevens had started! Up on a stage they greeted us with songs and a haka, before inviting an ex-rugby player up. Ten minutes later the games had started! Each game was eight minutes long with no half time. They were the quickest minutes of my life. Netball, rugby, soccer and hockey were the games being played that day. Food was ridiculously expensive, one freddo frog was a whole dollar! Lunch was a problem as the lines grew like a swarm of ants. The first game was a success but it went downhill from there. Overall it was a cold, windy but fun day!

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House Points:	PUKEITI	PUKENUI	KAUHEHEI	KAHURANAKI
Weeks 1 - 2	3,950	3,050	3,950	3,700
Term totals to date:	3,950	3,050	3,950	3,700