



# Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 4 Term 3 2023

Friday 11 August

## From the Principal's Desk:

**Pukehou Whānau Voice** - Te Whakangārahu Ngātahi 2023 - thank you so much to those who completed our survey. We will collate the responses and share them with you once done. Your responses provide a great starting point for our strategic planning journey. On Monday the Pukehou School Board met and set up a sub-committee to guide us through this process. They - Pixie, Jess, AK, and Ben - will meet again nearer to the end of August. We will keep you fully informed along the way, and there will be further opportunities to add your voice through consultation. However, it's not too late to complete the survey as it remains open.

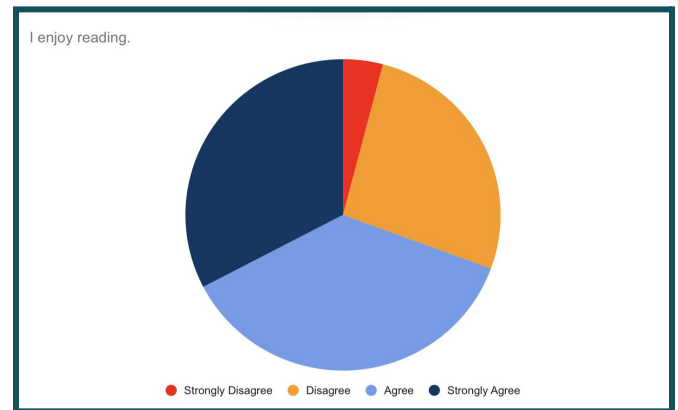


Drum roll please... I have great pleasure in announcing that the two winners of a \$50 Prezzy Card are Lucy Richmond and Tamsyn Davies!! Congratulations and thank you. We will arrange for the delivery of these next week.

**Me and My School Survey** - The Board and Staff also discussed the results of this survey taken by our students in Years 3-8, focused on engagement and agency. Bearing in mind that children often live in the moment and their responses reflect how they are feeling in that instant, there was positive reaffirmation in many areas, but it also raised some aspects we'd like to drill down into further. We will prepare some infographics to share this next week

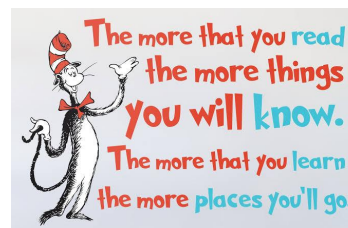
A portion of the survey was related specifically to reading and this created some robust debate. Although, more context is needed to get a better understanding of the validity of the data.

## Reading



One of the questions teachers debated was the response to the "I enjoy reading." There were a significant number of students who disagreed with this statement as there was no context provided.

Is this reading in general or is it our instructional reading programme? Do they read for pleasure or enjoy sharing a book before bed? We also recognise that for many learners there is a lot of pressure to be able to read and some struggle initially, as children develop at different ages and stages. This impacts upon their enjoyment too.



### Help at home

There are many things whānau can do at home to grow that enjoyment. But simply it comes down to:

Making reading a **SPECIAL TIME TOGETHER**  
Making reading **FUN**  
**TALKING** about the books you read



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## CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS:



Otilie was player of the day last Thursday and her hockey team (Flemington) won 6 nil vs St Josephs.



Taiaroa was named player of the day in his soccer team last Saturday...  
"For being an all round team player and putting 110% effort into his ball skills".



Archer and Jaxon are playing for the CHB 11th grade football team.

The "Renegades" have had a great season learning heaps and recently won 7-5 in an exciting match against Port Hill at Park Island in Napier.



This is just a quick shout out to let you know about the Hawke's Bay Home & Garden Show, open from Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> until Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. Visit 200 exhibitors between 10 am-5 pm Friday and Saturday or 10 am-4 pm Sunday.



Be sure to say hi at the **Premier** stand and enter one of our draws to win a great Hamper filled with pantry goodies or 15m2 of Beautiful Patio Paving!!! We will also be running insane specials on the day, so bring your plans or measurements and get ready to move those projects forward!

**Premier Group supplies high-quality paving stones for driveways and patios, designer bricks, Schist stone and retaining wall blocks across New Zealand. Buy our products from our network of stockists or contact us online for a quote.**

## iBIKE 4 KIDS

Entries are online only at any of the links below. There are no entries on the day.

Our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/iBike4Kids>

Our Website: <https://www.ibike4kids.co.nz/>

Tickets: <https://event-12524-bb0e.lilregie.com/booking/attendees/new>

Sunday Sept 10th  
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## HELPFUL WHĀNAU TIPS

# Litterless Lunches



**WASTE-FREE AND WONDERFUL!**  
WASTE FREE LUNCHES ARE NOT ONLY  
GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT; THEY ARE  
HEALTHIER AND SAVE MONEY TOO!



**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**



## How to pack a Litterless Lunch

- **Reusable food containers:** ditch paper and plastic bags and pack kids lunches in reusable, eco-friendly containers such as food-grade stainless steel lunch containers that can be used throughout the school year.
- **Refillable drink bottles:** refillable stainless steel drink bottles encourage kids to enjoy tap water right throughout the day. Being BPA free, they are a safe substitute to plastic bottles which are a major contributor to landfill.
- **Buy in bulk and save:** cut back on packaging, avoiding individually wrapped

snacks such as yoghurt, dried fruit, chips and juices. Buy larger sizes and transfer portions into reusable containers, saving both resources and money.

- **Shop and cook with kids:** involve children in preparing meals for a fun family activity. Kids are more likely to enjoy eating their own creations and less likely to throw away food knowing the work that went into it.
- **Buy fresh & in season:** eliminate quick fix pre-packaged lunches so that only compostable scraps like apple cores and banana peels remain after eating. Not only is it healthier for the whole family, it supports New Zealand farmers. You can save money by buying what is in season too.



### Props for our production

If you have any of the following items and would be happy for us to borrow them, please contact Jacqui, or send them to the office. We promise we will take good care of them.

- Snake & Pipe (snake charmer, not smoking!)
- Monkey mask / outfit (child size)
- Gong & Mallet
- Garden Gnome
- Wooden bucket (approx. 10L)

Kia ora, welcome to Kereru Class.

Our small, friendly new entrant class is a safe, nurturing environment that includes a mixture of structured lessons and play catering for a range of learning needs and styles. Student interests and wonderings are nurtured and cultures, backgrounds and beliefs celebrated.

If you are looking at schools for your child, please email us, phone Jacqui or pop in and say hi. Our door is always open. We look forward to meeting you and supporting your child in their learning journey at Pukehou School.

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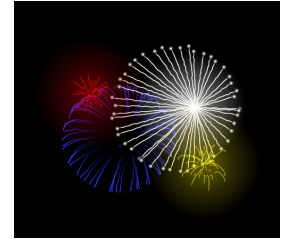
**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**AUGUST**

**Tonight ...** Matariki Celebrations at Russell Park  
**Sat 12 & Sun 13** Firewood Working Bee  
**Tues 15** 6.30 pm - Cyber Safety Parent Evening See details below  
**Fri 25** Daffodil Day  
**Wed 30** Pita Pit lunch option

**Tonight ... 6pm-8pm @**  
 Russell Park, Waipukurau

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



Reminder: **Parents Cybersafety Evening**

CHB College hall on Tuesday 15th August from 6.30 - 8.30 pm.




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

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



**Next meeting:** [Date tbc...]  
 Think about joining us to share your skills and enthusiasm. We're all here for our children.

**SPORT:** Ask at the office for registration information and entry forms.

Sporting Code	When	General info	Where
CHB Miniball 	Terms 3 & 4 Registrations close 24 August.	Thursdays - Yr 5&6 Fridays - Yr 1-4 & 7&8	Centralines Sports Complex and War Memorial Hall, Waipukurau
CHB Junior Touch 	Starts Monday 30 October, for 5 weeks	Yrs 1-2 on the Turf \$50 per team Supply own coach/ref per team Yrs 3-8 at Russell Park \$15 per team Referee provided	Russell Park, Waipukurau
HB Primary Triathlon 	Monday 27 November Entries close 18 November	Individual or Team	HB Regional Aquatic Centre, Hastings



**Firewood Working Bee**

**Sat 12 / Sun 13 August**

Call Miles 027 223 9608 or  
 Pixie 027 721 2423 for more information.



House Points:	PUKEITI	PUKENUI	KAUHEHEI	KAHURANAKI
Weeks 3 - 4	9,920	9,200	11,405	6,260
Term totals to date:	13,870	12,250	15,355	9,960

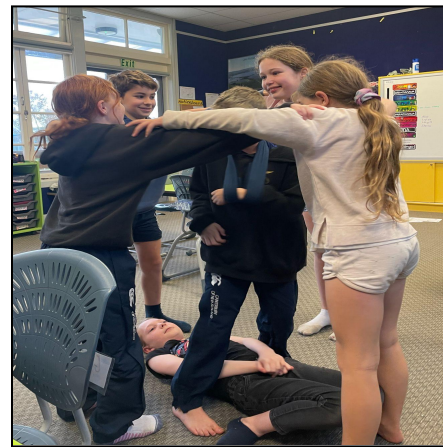
# What is happening in Kōtare



What a full 4 weeks Kōtare has had! We have come back from the school holidays full of energy and are all ready to learn.

We have done some exciting things this term. This includes getting ready for production. We have been practising and growing our confidence within drama by playing games and practising our lines.

Kōtare's favourite drama game is Building a machine and character walk.



Students have made a bike in this photo ↑

↑ Students made a blender in this photo

We also had a furry visitor in Week 3 ↓



In mathematics, we have been really focused on our times tables and ensuring we are practising every day. Students are becoming faster each day.

Kōtare students had an awesome time and did such a great job at Onga 7's. They showed sportsmanship and a can-do attitude throughout the whole day. Ka pai!

## I can't wait for the rest of the term!

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