



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 8 Term 3 2023

Friday 8 September

From the Principal's Desk:

It's been an action packed last couple of weeks and a great way to finish the term with so many successes to celebrate. This week alone, we had students participating in the HB Dance Festival, the HB Cross Country Championship, and Mathletics running alongside Book Fair Week, a (semi) polar plunge and Pet Day!! And let's not forget 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' production practises!! With so many things going on, it is timely to remember that in a small school these things only happen through the efforts of a dedicated teaching team and the support of whānau and our school community. Thank you.

There are always opportunities to help in a variety of ways. At the moment mid-term Board of Trustee elections are underway, and I know that Pukehou Whānau and Friends along with the Pukehou Bus Group would welcome new members. I appreciate that life can be busy, but I would encourage anyone considering helping to have a chat to those already involved. The reward is well worth it!!

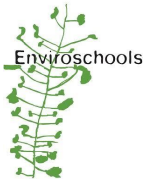


On that note, school is in need of some TLC!! Next term we'll be holding a **Working Bee**. Last year we had a phenomenal turn-out and as a result the school was looking spic and span!! Please pencil in...

SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Enviroschools Update

Our fab ESTA (Enviroschools Teacher Aid) Laura, continues to work away behind the scenes on small projects with a dedicated team of eco-warriors! They have started work on a Pātaka Kai, and recently, thanks to a generous donation (thanks Fumie) were able to plant a number of strawberry plants in our gardens...although the likelihood of there being many spare strawberries is slim!



This week we also received a number of Mānuka saplings from our CHB Enviroschools Facilitator, Melissa Wiggins (donated from Tuki Tuki Landcare). These were planted along our boundary fence, adding to the planting we've already done. Over time, this will grow into a barrier from the elements, provide shade, and filter the water that flows from the hills above. It's great to have Melissa on board, she is passionate about her role and we look

forward to partnering with her in the future to grow this aspect across the school.



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Pukehou Quiz Night Update



Thank you to everyone who came to our Pukehou Quiz night and helped us to raise much needed funds for the ongoing operation of Big Bill (Pukehou School Bus).

We would like to thank the families that supplied gifts for the food hampers, the PBG who worked hard to organise the event and a big thank you to Darren C who entertained everyone as quiz master for the evening!

We were well supported by some great sponsors this year so please remember to support them when you are considering products or services. We send a BIG THANK YOU to all of them for helping to make the evening a success.



Congratulations to our winning team "KRASHRAVE" who took home the Quiz Night trophy as well as the bragging rights. It was a tight race with other tables not shy on the 'purchase of answers'.



Pukehou Bus Group Update

The Trustees have had to make the hard decision to increase the Bus Fees.

It comes at a time when we are aware many are feeling the effects of our struggling economy, however for the past years the operating expenses of running the bus have been heavily subsidised by sponsorship income and fundraising activities.

In the last 12 months we have not been able to raise enough funds to meet the ever-rising costs of running the bus.

For the bus service to continue we need the users of the bus to assist by paying higher fees. This increase will come into effect in Term 4.

It's a tough gig managing the operation of Big Bill and we are always looking for new helpers and ideas to help with covering the ongoing costs.

Don't be shy, we're actually a lot of fun!



RAFFLE WINNER



Pukehou, just north of Waipawa was the home of this K5 bus which was used as local school buses in the early 1960s.



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CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS:



A huge THANK YOU to Miss McHenry for her time and support in getting these two dance groups to the Hawke's Bay Festival on Monday this week.

We're super proud of these students! They worked very hard. Ka Pai!



Our Mathletes!!

Over the last two terms Rachael (Mrs. Strong) and Laura have been training our mathletes for the annual Hawke's Bay Athletics competition. This is a prestigious event drawing from schools throughout the region. Recently our Year 7 and Year 8 teams participated in a practise hosted by Tikokino School, with both performing admirably. Last night it was competition time at St. Joseph's School in Hastings!! Our Year 7 team of Lucy, Otilie, and Archer (Year 6) finished a very credible 15th in a tough competition. They were stoked at their performance (as were we) and are already planning for next year. This was followed by our Year 8 team of Ruby, Rebecca, and Kiara. They went into the event confident in themselves, knowing they had put in the hard work. This was justified by them winning the team competition, finishing in **1st place!!** This is a phenomenal result!! In the long history of the event this is the first Pukehou School team to place, let alone win! We are super proud of both our athletics teams!! Thanks to Sarah H who supported the Year 8 team on the night with oodles of goodies and donuts!!



IMPORTANT DATES:

SEPTEMBER

- Friday 22** - Pet Day
End of Term 3
- Sunday 24** - Daylight Saving Begins. *Put your clocks forward.*

OCTOBER

- Monday 9** - Term 4 Begins
- Wednesday 11** - Board Nominations close at noon
- Saturday 14** - General Election
- Friday 20** - HB Anniversary
- Monday 23** - Labour Day



Teacher Only Day Monday 13th November

Next term we'll have our second Teacher Only Day as provided by the Ministry of Education. The focus is on curriculum and the Pukehou team will be looking at localised curriculum and place based education. We know this will cause some inconvenience and thank you in advance for your support.



Pukehou School
will be a voting
place on
Saturday
October 14th.



Well done to everyone who dressed as a Book Character yesterday.

Here are just a few of the wonderful costumes paraded on the day.





Springtime is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents.

What's in this issue?

- » Calm, cool, co-regulation tips
 - » How tamariki learn to read
 - » Is your kid ready for sleepovers?
 - » Adorable and tasty slice recipes
 - » What's on near you
 - » Going outside for healthier eyes
 - » Itchy, scratchy springtime support
 - » Molluscum contagiosum... what is it?!
 - » Slimy spooky craft
- + \$3,600 of EPIC GIVEAWAYS

Ask your tamariki to **find this issue's Te Reo Māori words** including kōrero pukapuka, tiakarete ika, kaipuke, rā, mate pāwera, and moeroa. <https://issue2309.totstoteens.co.nz>

PETS DAY PROGRAM

12noon Pets and Parents Arrive
Lunch

12.30 Welcome on the Court

12.45 Judging

1.30 Parade - Judges Choice and Best Dressed Awards.

Followed by 50m Dog Dash
Book Fair/Classroom Viewing

And don't forget to dress up those pets!

Pet Day
Food available
Mittakers - chocolate
Baking
Sausage sizzle
Juicies

Everything \$2

Waipukurau Little Theatre

Celebrating **130 Years** of CHB Drama 1893 - 2023

Two Victorian farces directed by **Jules Hamilton**
+ Live Orchestral pieces performed by **CHB Musicians**

Gala Opening Dinner Friday 27th Oct
Show Season Sat 28th Oct - Sat 4th Nov

Tickets: eventfinda or Beta Electrical Waipukurau

DIGITAL SAFETY HEALTHY DEVICE USE

What's on top?

To follow up from our Cyber Safety Evening, here were some general take away tid bits to consider in your household:

- No devices in bedrooms. Device use should be monitored at all ages.
- Can you manage online behaviour at night by turning your WIFI off?
- Add a Youth Helpline number to your child's phone so they have an alternate 'safe space'.
- Use filters and monitoring apps to manage and support safe online behaviour (see your school for a recommended list of tools).
- What age is your child? Different age = different rules.
- For younger children, put off sole device ownership as long as possible.
- Are you as a parent aware of online risks? Talk to your school about great educational videos and links that can support this wild world of technology.

Kāhui Ako
Ruahine - Te Angiangi

House Points:	PUKEITI	PUKENUI	KAUHEHEI	KAHURANAKI
Weeks 9 - 10	6,670	3,735	5,725	5,990
Term totals:	31,010	30,145	35,750	32,450



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.

How about joining the team?

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



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What does the Board do?

The board is responsible for determining the strategic vision for the school/kura. When developing its plan, the board considers the school's vision, aims and objectives. The plan will detail the board's targets and guides its future decision-making. The strategic plan is a binding agreement between the school board and the Minister of Education. If you are still reading after all that you should definitely consider putting your name down!

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



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Who can become a Trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board at election time. School boards need to represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our tamariki. Pukehou needs trustees who are focused on supporting teaching and learning and the ongoing improvement of student achievement.

Join the team - make a difference

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