



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 1 Term 4 2023

Friday 13 October

From the Principal's Desk:

Our Vision

As we head to the end of the year and plan for the future, I have been reflecting on our vision to build a confident and creative community with a 'can-do' attitude. From our whānau survey earlier in the year, there was some fantastic feedback provided, reaffirming the relevance of our vision:

- My children's teachers have known what makes them tick. They feel 'seen' and therefore have the confidence to give things a go.
- A can-do attitude is vital and will set kids up for life. Great experiences and a friendly environment for having a go with opportunities to take responsibility.
- All kids give things a go.
- Relevant vision. Positive approach used at school and in classes.
- Doing this well.
- Pukehou School is a great community. No improvements needed!
- We definitely want creativity and confidence, and children who try 'their' best in less obvious ways.

It was also suggested that the word 'community' in our vision was ambiguous...was it referring to the school community or the wider community? A desire for more leadership opportunities was expressed. These will be considered in our Strategic Plan for 2024-2025.

And as I sit here thinking of the busy term ahead, it is a term packed full of opportunities to be creative and to grow in confidence through showing a can-do attitude.

Production will be one of the highlights of the year. It will be one of those memorable moments children reflect on as adults. Likewise we have the William Pike Challenge Wilderness Camp immediately after. It was great to touch base recently with Marian Campbell who has been mentoring our Year 8's through the William Pike Challenge. She was blown away by the efforts of our tamariki!!

I have the most amazing job as I also get to go on the Kāhu camp to Wellington the week following (two camps in two weeks!). I'm possibly more excited than the kids, and I know Rachael (Mrs. Strong) has organised a jam packed week of activities!!

And squeezed between these camps will be our Poukawa-Pukehou Athletics day which Poukawa are organising and I'm sure it will be another memorable day.

Gymnastics

This term through the support of the Sport HB Tū Manawa Fund we will welcome the Omni Gym into school for gymnastic lessons! I know we have some budding (and talented) gymnasts in school and I can't wait to see the results. This will run for four weeks before finishing with a whole school visit to the Omni Gym in Napier in week eight.

2023 Reporting

With everything going on, in what is always a difficult balancing act, our dedicated Teachers will also be striving to complete assessment and reporting for the year. There will be one Learning Story shared on HERO, and Reports are due to go home on the 14th of December (the day after prizegiving).

Pukehou Table Tennis Report

We had a very consistent attendance on Friday afternoons of over 10 kids, sometimes up to 15 (from 7 to 14 year olds, including 2 girls), so much so that we had to extend the time from 3:20 to 5:00pm

Players come from a range of schools.

Many of our players participated in local and regional competitions:

- Hawke's Bay Residentials (with Archer from Pukehou School being runner up in under 13!!)
- Hawke's Bay Open (National Event), with one of our kids winning the under 13.
- Palmerston Kids development competition, with one of our kids winning the under 11 & under 12 grades.
- Palmerston Open (National) with one of our kids finishing runner up in the under 11 grade.
- And many kids are finishing winners or runners up in doubles.

Tomorrow we are taking six children again to Palmerston North after being granted wildcard entries for the National Squad competition.

Adults play Thursday night with 4 or 5 players, so we often have kids coming along as well. It is a gold coin donation for adults (and no cost for children).

A Pukehou team was entered in the Inter Club competition playing against Napier, Taradale, and Hastings ... and we won against Napier in the final!!

If you are interested, please contact Jean-Pierre jeanphiehret@gmail.com

Nau mai haere mai, Welcome to Pukehou School



This term we welcome Miss Millie Simmons to Kererū Class for four weeks. Millie is a candidate teacher at EIT in the Bachelor of Teaching degree programme.

We also welcome Zoe and her family, Sarah, Jaron and Sam all the way from Germany!

We are pleased to have you both with us here at Pukehou School!



School Board Elections

Parent Election Results Declaration

(no voting required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations received was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Hansen, Angela Kay (AK)

Slavin, Blair

Signed

Jacqui Gilbertson

Returning Officer

Congratulations to AK Hansen and Blair Slavin who, following the election process, have been appointed to the board for another three year term.

Also on the team are Jess Trew, Pixie Seligman, Ben Harker, Vanessa Osborne (Teacher Rep) and Rob, with Jacqui as our long standing Board Secretary.



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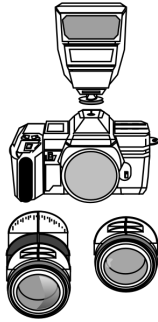


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**Teacher Only Day
Monday 13th November**

This 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.

School Photos



**Thursday 26th
October**

Link for parents to order :

<https://www.shaynejeffares.co.nz/pukehou-school/>

IMPORTANT DATES:

OCTOBER

- Sat 14** General Election. VOTE at Pukehou School!! 9am - 7pm
- Fri 20** Hawke's Bay Anniversary - School Closed
- Mon 23** Labour Day - School Closed
- Tues 24** Ali Baba Matinee 12.30pm
- Wed 25 - Thurs 26** School Production 6.00pm
- Wed 25** Pita Pit lunch option (www.lunchonline.co.nz)
Artworks website closes. Have you ordered yet?
- Thurs 26** School Photos Have you ordered yours yet?
- Mon 30 - Wed 1 Nov** Year 8 William Pike Wilderness Camp

NOVEMBER

- Fri 3** Poukawa / Pukehou Athletics Day
- Mon 6 - Fri 10** Kāhu Wellington Camp
- Mon 13** Teacher Only Day - School Closed

Payment and your order needs to be received by Tuesday 24th October 5pm



Each child has been allocated a unique code for you to use if you wish to purchase a calendar, diary, sketch pad, mouse pad or set of greeting cards showcasing their very own artwork. What a great gift idea!

These codes have been sent home with the children (A4 coloured poster - you can't miss it!). Please keep them in a safe place.

The website is open today until Wednesday 25th October. Happy shopping!

House Points:	PUKEITI	PUKENUI	KAUHEHEI	KAHURANAKI
Week 1	6,542	4,350	6,830	6,400



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Do you have a mobile phone to recycle?

SwapKit runs a mobile phone recycling scheme together with Sustainable Coastlines, a multi award winning charity run by people who have a passionate interest to inspire, educate and enable others to look after the natural environment and places we love.

To date, this scheme has raised over \$3 million dollars for NZ charities.

To support this scheme, simply send your phones to be put into the collection box in the school office.



A huge Thank You to Kevin from Pukehou Collectables for replacing the very sad door to the shade house. What a wonderful random act of community kindness, which is seriously appreciated.



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



Ticket Sales Update:

Both Wednesday and Thursday evening shows have sold out!

Matinee tickets are available on Tuesday 24th October - 12.30pm.

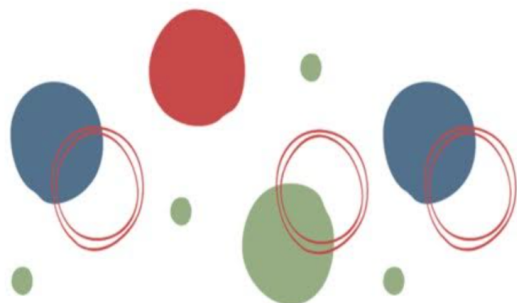
Contact Jacqui if you would like to purchase tickets.

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS:

HB Primary & Intermediate Cross Country 2023

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 - Final results

NAME	YEAR GROUP	PLACE	TIME BEHIND WINNER
Emma	Yr 3 Girls 1.5km	42 / 57	+1:22.6
Maja	Yr 4 Girls 1.5km	45 / 72	+1:26.8
George W	Yr 4 Boys 1.5km	44 / 71	+0:53.3
Jonny	Yr 4 Boys 1.5km	62 / 71	+1:48.1
Arden	Yr 5 Girls 2km	10 / 65	+1:30.3
Millie	Yr 5 Girls 2km	11 / 65	+1:34.2
Kayla	Yr 5 Girls 2km	39 / 65	+2:24.2
Lylah	Yr 6 Girls 2km	28 / 68	+1:19.0



CHILDREN'S CONTINENCE SERVICE

toilet tactics for kids

poosandwees.org.nz

Toilet Tactics For Kids

Wednesday 25th October

7-8pm

Venue :Waipukurau Primary School Hall
4 Saint Marys Road

Presenter: Lisa Smith, a Paediatric Nurse with over 40yrs experience working with children and young people. She has specialised in Children's Continence for the past 17yrs

Free to attend (funded by CHB Parents Centre)

To register contact Hannah Tully –
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