



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 3 Term 4 2023

Friday 27 October

From the Principal's Desk:

'Fresh' from a week of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits,' there is much to celebrate! Three amazing shows punctuated by commanding performances and appreciative audiences made for a great week. Success does not happen by chance though. Ours was the result of a committed team effort and serious hard work by both students and staff alike. If we think of our vision, confidence, creativity, and a 'can-do' attitude were clearly present.

There were many highlights and warm fuzzy moments. Starting off our run with a matinee was fantastic. A huge thanks to the educators from Waipapu Kids Abbotsford, Waipawa Kindergarten, and Lakeview Kindergarten who brought some amazing little learners to school for the show. It was lovely to see them explore our school and playground, connect with friends, and then sit engaged and engrossed throughout the whole performance.

However, the highlight for me has been how much our students have grown through the process. It was great to mingle after each show and talk with the audience and hear how "wowed" they were. Our students, who began as novices, finished as performers with real stage presence, and it wouldn't surprise me to see many of them involved in the performing arts later in life.

There is no doubt this endeavour has been a team effort, however, I would like to acknowledge Rachael (Mrs. Strong) for all her mahi as the Director responsible for coordinating all the moving parts that make a show work...and when you're working with a cast of 80 children this is no mean feat! He whetu koe - You're a star!



I'd also like to again thank Rocket Scaffolding for their generous support. They support a phenomenal amount of community organisations, and having a grandstand in the hall added to the atmosphere and allowed for a great viewing experience for the audience.

Athletics Our annual Pukehou Poukawa School athletic event is ONE WEEK away. It will be again held at Te Aute College and we are thankful for their continued support! The team at Poukawa School are organising this year's event. There will be a food stall on site and we'd love to see parents and whānau supporting tamariki on the day.

Teacher Only Day On Monday 13th November **school will be closed**. This is the second of the two days we have been directed by the Ministry to take this year, to explore the curriculum. We recognise that this will cause some inconvenience and thank you in advance for your understanding. Teachers are lifelong learners, and we'll be using the day to learn more about the amazing resource that is [Ngā Ara Tipuna](#). Not only are there connections to be made, but it will be great to see what we could do here at Pukehou School to replicate the process within our local curriculum and how we can incorporate it into our Strategic Plan for 2024 - 25.

Kia pai ō rā whakatā - Have a great weekend and go the All Blacks!!



School is in need of some TLC!! We will be holding a **Working Bee** in a few weeks time. 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

IMPORTANT DATES:

OCTOBER

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

Sat 18 Working Bee

Tues 21 CHB Inter-school Athletics

Fri 24 CHB College Yr 8 Transition Day



House Points:	PUKEITI	PUKENUI	KAUHEHEI	KAHURANAKI
Week 2-3	4,610	3,170	4,350	3,610
Term totals to date:	11,152	7,520	11,180	10,010

↓ Come along and support Lucy S at her own stall, selling her creative hand-made cards!

WAIPUKURAU
MONTHLY MARKET
 10am to 2pm
 Sunday 12 November 2023

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HELPFUL QUESTIONS

TO ASK YOUR CHILD HOW THEIR DAY AT SCHOOL WENT.

- Ask them about a moment in their day when they felt excited about what they were learning
- What's a question they have that came from their learning today?
- Ask them if there were any moments today when they felt proud of themselves
- Ask them to tell you about a conversation they had with a classmate or friend
- Ask them what was challenging or fun about their day?
- Ask them what they learned about themselves today?
- Ask them what they are most looking forward to tomorrow?



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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.



A huge congratulations to everyone for our successful Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits production. Our students were all AMAZING and we are super proud of them! With plenty of perseverance and grit to learn lines, actions and waiata, the cast displayed whanaungatanga/relationships, tangata whenuatanga/citizenship and manaakitanga/respect during practices and on stage. It was lovely to hear the buzz of positivity as whā nau shared their viewing experiences.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the performances possible and such a memorable experience for our students. Special thanks go to Mrs Strong for directing & costumes; the staff for support and organisation; Jacqui for costumes, ticket sales and ushering; Miss McHenry our sound and vision technician, Mr Pratt for lighting, ushering and seating; Emma and her team for props, set design and creation; Richard for filming; Mrs Slavin for photography; Harriet for make up; Rebecca for choreography, creating the programme and stepping into the director role; Danny for musical and acting director; and Mary K, Rob B and Rachael for casting. Thank you to the parents also for your support and attendance. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we all did.



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