



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 1 Term 1 2024

Friday 9 February

A time to reflect

And just like that we're two weeks into a new school year! It was fantastic to welcome our tamariki back into school, and it never ceases to amaze me how much they grow over the Christmas break!!

It has been a really settled start to the year, and I have been impressed with the way our students have quickly reestablished friendships, remembered routines, and shown a readiness and excitement to get back into the business of learning.

It has been a pleasure to welcome new students and their families into our school and community. Riley (Kererū Class), Kamara (Kea Class), Drayus and Callyn (both Kāhu Class) have fitted in beautifully, and I have been impressed with the way they have quickly embraced our values, adding to their respective classrooms with their positive attitudes and kind nature.

February is a month that always gives us cause to reflect as we start each school year. Waitangi Day is hugely important as a national celebration. As a school, we are obligated to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and while at present robust discussion and debate around the principles are making the headlines, it doesn't lessen the importance of Te Tiriti for us. It often provides the foundation for classes to develop their own classroom treaties at the start of each year. As educators our role is to not only teach students about this significant historical event but also teach the skills needed to critically evaluate what they learn. In the present climate, these skills and an openness to learning are essential.

From a more local perspective, February 3rd is also a time to reflect upon the 1931 Hawke's Bay earthquake. As a school, we're excited to be taking part in the Junior Gatsby Picnic next week at Napier Soundshell, as part of the Art Deco Festival. Yr1-3 will celebrate at school. However, it should not be forgotten that this tragic natural disaster forever changed the face of Hawke's Bay.

And that leads us to February 14th. A year has passed quickly by for some, and painstakingly slow for others. It is still raw. There are a number of [events](#) to commemorate the one year anniversary. We will be 'standing together in black and white' and we will be observing a minute's silence at midday.

Our students, and many across the district, were certainly impacted by it, and it's worth remembering that a large number of students (and their families) have had four years of heightened anxiety and interrupted learning. The resilience they have shown over this time needs to be recognised, celebrated, and recalled when there are challenges or difficulties.

Building Works

Over the Christmas break we have had some alterations made to our classrooms with sliding glass doors placed between each class. As intended, they have already created a sense of openness, connection, flow and collaboration. I look forward to seeing how they add to the teaching programme. The great thing about them is the flexibility they provide. They can quickly be opened or closed depending on the need at the time.



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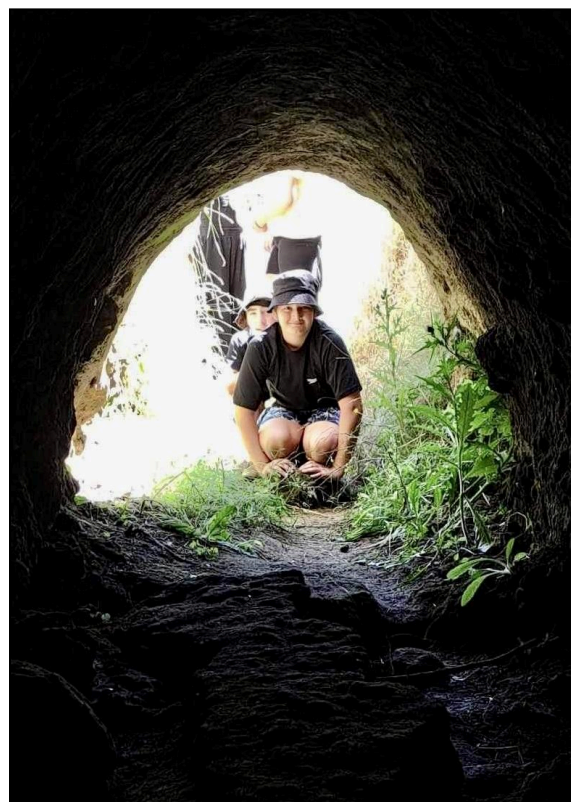
William Pike Challenge (WPC)

Kāhu class participated in their first outdoor activity this week, travelling to Lindsay Bush to learn some survival skills. It's great that Lindsay Bush is open again and thanks to all those who have worked to get it to this point. Our students explored the bush, created some shelters, navigated the tunnel and learnt some river crossing skills! The efforts of the CHB WPC Trust team of Marian, Rae, Jane, and David were certainly appreciated on what was a beautiful day! After a great first year on the programme last year, I can't wait to see how it develops this year...we have our sights set high!

Thanks

With the WPC, the Junior Gatsby, Beach Education (today!), and the Kāhu class camp in three weeks, we have already had to call heavily upon our parents and whānau for assistance with supervision and transport. Thank you. Your help is very much appreciated.

Rob Pratt (Principal)



Pukehou School Discovery Day



We invite 4 year olds
and their parents to
visit Pukehou School.

Join Kererū Class (year 0-2) for 'read and feed' (fruit break),
join in with art & craft, enjoy a play in the classroom and our
playground before morning tea at 11:30.



2024 Discovery Day Dates: 10am-12pm

Term 1: Wednesday 20th March

Term 2: Wednesday 19th June

Term 3: Wednesday 11th September

Term 4: Wednesday 4th December

Please contact Heidi to confirm numbers the week prior.
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IMPORTANT DATES: (Check updates on the HERO Calendar) FEBRUARY

Wed 14 Wear **Black & White**

Thurs 15 Junior Gatsby Picnic (Yr 4-8)

Mon 19 Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6.00pm

Tues 27 - Fri 1 Mar Kāhu Camp Aramoana

MARCH

Fri 15 **Red** Nose Day

Wed 20 4yr old Discovery Day 10am - 12noon

Wed 27 Pukehou Swimming Sports

Mon 25 Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6.00pm

Fri 29 Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED

APRIL

Mon 1 Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tues 2 Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thurs 11 CHB Inter School Swimming Sports

Fri 12 Last day of Term 1



PUKEHOU SCHOOL

2024 Pita Pit Lunches

28th February

27th March

29th May

26th June

31st July

28th August

25th September

30th October

27th November

PITA PIT – LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Orders close 9am Wednesday

To open a Lunchonline account..

it's simple all you need to do is register an account at

www.lunchonline.co.nz

1. Login/Place an Order
2. Create an account
3. Add member/s include name, school and classroom number
4. Under Lunch Orders select student name – Start order and place your order
5. You will be directed to the make a payment page
6. A pop up will confirm 'your order has been successful' or check 'Order History' tab
7. Any queries please call us on 0800 LOL LOL (0800565655)

FIREWOOD

FULL CORD DELIVERED
\$500

A FULL CORD of DRY oak firewood
delivered* for just \$500

Please contact Pukehou School
to register your delivery and make payment
p: 06 8568169 m: 021 214 3346

* A delivery fee may apply if travel is
further than 20km from Otane

GET IN BEFORE WINTER

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AMPD

AMPD IS A YOUTH GROUP FOR INTERMEDIATE AGED STUDENTS WHO ARE SCHOOL YEARS 6 TO 8. AMPD IS HELD ON FRIDAYS FORTNIGHTLY (SOMETIMES THURSDAYS) AT EPIC MINISTRIES AND RUNS FROM 6PM TO 8PM.

AT EPIC OUR AIM IS TO CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN MAKE NEW FRIENDS, LEARN NEW SKILLS, BE GUIDED BY POSITIVE ROLE MODELS AND HAVE AS MUCH FUN AS POSSIBLE!!!

AMPD DATES FOR TERM 1 ARE:

- 23RD FEBRUARY
- 7TH MARCH (THURS)
- 22ND MARCH
- 5TH APRIL

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT PENNY ON 027 653 4176



Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 2024

Cash orders through the school close on Monday 26 February. LOOP orders will remain open into March.

Invoice\$:

Thank you to those who keep an eye on their HERO accounts regularly and pay accordingly. If you ever have any queries regarding these, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Bus Invoices for Term 1 will be sent home today, or on Monday.

House Points:	PUKEITI	PUKENUI	KAUHEHEI	KAHURANAKI
Water Fun Day	4,000	3,500	2,450	2,400
Term totals to date:	13,500	9,925	9,875	7,750

Registrations are now open for the Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge 2024

Venue: Hawke's Bay - Clifton Station, 475 Clifton Road, Te Awanga, Cape Kidnappers

Date: Thursday 30th May

Participant Spreadsheet Due: Friday 10th May

Entries Close: Tuesday 28th May

For Parents/Caregivers to enter their children via the Online Entry Process, here is the entry information for your school group:

1. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that the parents select the **CORRECT ENTRY, DATE & VENUE** for their child
2. If their kids are not attending as a School Group, they must select "I THE PARENT will pick up the race number".
3. If their kids are attending as a School Group, they must select THE TEACHER WILL PICK UP THE RACE NUMBER when they come to the Bib Collection question
4. Please write the School Name in **FULL** (i.e. South Wellington Intermediate School **not** SWIS)
5. Here is the Online Registration Link: <https://2024junioroggc.events.mygameday.app/>
6. As long as all of these things are done, I will be able to link all the entrants together and have everything ready for you (or the teacher on the day) to pick up from event registration.



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Water Fun Day

2 Feb 2024

