



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 3 Term 1 2024

Friday 23 February

One hour a day!

From the beginning of Term 1 2024, under the new Government's first 100 days plan, schools are expected to spend an average of one hour a day teaching each reading, writing, and maths. This could be in dedicated lessons and in other learning areas as students read, write, and engage with maths in a variety of purposes and contexts.

Learning to read, write, and do maths is important in everything we do here at Pukehou School. Both the Board and our teaching team have reviewed policy and are confident that we are meeting our obligations. The way our day is structured, naturally lends itself to explicit blocks of instruction in these areas. Each day starts with Structured Literacy which incorporates aspects of both reading and writing. After a 'brain break' and some read 'n' feed (where the teacher shares a book with students as they eat brainfood), we move into a longer Literacy Block which allows for explicit instruction in both. Following morning tea, there is a solid hour block set aside for Numeracy (mathematics). More about our maths programme is shared later on.

We also recognise the need for balance. Students still need to be active and they need to explore, investigate and express themselves in inquiry, science, and the arts. Literacy and numeracy is integrated into these areas too. And for our younger students, play, to develop oral language and social skills, is vitally important. As Murray Gadd (a writing guru) said, reading and writing float on a sea of oral language.

Whakawhanaungatanga

As I write this, I'm at a Ministry of Education curriculum lead session. One of the first discussion points in our group was

"He aha he mahi e kaka ake ai tō tātou hapori? What would make our community stronger?" This is something that is vitally important, and something that we have discussed as a Board recently. Partnership is necessary for success, and we'd love to know from you what we can do as a school to help build community.

Finally, I'm super excited to be heading off to camp with Kāhu class to Aramoana next week. Rachael (Mrs. Strong) has been working tirelessly to organise it, and I'm sure we'll have a blast. I can't wait to get to know our senior students even better outside of the classroom and see how they come together as a team.

As
you

Pukehou School Discovery Day



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

Join Kōwhiri 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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All our policies and procedures are available on SchoolDocs. The Pukehou School Board reviews them over a three year cycle, and parents and whānau are encouraged to provide feedback.

This term our reviews are Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Board Responsibility, Parent Involvement, Communicating with Parents, Community Conduct Expectations, Documentation and Self-Review Policy, School Planning and Reporting, and Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement.

We'd love your input, and there could be some chocolate fish up for grabs! Simply follow the steps:

1. Visit the website
<https://pukehou.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

Enter the username (pukehou) and password (pukehou174).

2. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
3. Read the policy.
4. Click the **Start your review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
5. Select the reviewer type.
6. Enter your name (optional).
7. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
8. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.



may be aware, PRIME Mathematics makes up the core of our teaching and learning programme for mathematics at Pukehou School. And while we've been using it for some time, the programme has been refreshed and revamped and we're pretty excited by the changes!

For some background, PRIME Mathematics is a structured programme that builds a solid foundation in mathematics by developing deep conceptual understanding with a strong focus on problem-solving. It is an evidence-based programme that combines the standards and best practices of top-performing education systems, such as Singapore and Hong Kong, against international benchmarks on mathematics achievement.

The PRIME Mathematics programme is sequenced so that new concepts are regularly revisited, reinforced and built upon to enable your child to confidently move to the next step. It is fully aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum. PRIME Mathematics ensures effective teaching and learning for your child, allowing your child's teacher to constantly monitor their mathematical reasoning and adjust the teaching to suit their needs. Teachers are able to provide valuable and immediate feedback on whether students have mastered the concept. Misconceptions and errors can be quickly addressed.

We also recognise that for students just starting out in school, there is a need for materials and hands-on tasks to help develop mathematical thinking and understanding. PRIME has developed a range of 'big books' to cater to this need.

This year PRIME has introduced the Maths Pro online platform to support the teaching of the core curriculum. It provides instructional resources, independent learning activities and assessment with real time, actionable insights for student understanding and progress.

Not only has the content been refreshed but levels and Course Books have been consolidated. For example, where there used to be a 2A and a 2B there is now just a 2. We recognise that these are costly but we strongly believe in the effectiveness of PRIME. In the near future we would like to hold an information session for interested parents and whānau, but in the meantime, if you have any queries, please feel free to contact any of the teaching team here at school.



What's in this issue for parents?

- » The terrible twos
- *Getting the most out of Open Days
- » Gut health for young athletes
- *Tempting chocolate treats
- » Healthy eyes for a better future

- * What is your child's learning style?
- » 7 Tips for parents who have ADHD
- * How to talk about periods
- » The ultimate party-planning guide
- * PLUS awesome giveaways . . .

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Ask your tamariki to find this issue's Te Reo Māori words including waha, akonga, kaiaka, kēke, tātahi and karu.



Did you see this article in the CHB Mail?

(February 8th)

This incredible service is available throughout CHB NOW!!

↓ Make a note of the contact number = 0800 2KA ORA (0800 252 672) ↓

↓ 5pm to 8am weed days and 24 hours on weekends and public holidays . ↓

IMPORTANT DATES: (Check updates on the HERO Calendar)	
FEBRUARY	
Tues 27 - Fri 1 Mar	Kāhu Camp Aramoana
MARCH	
Sun 3	Working Bee
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

Tele-health service introduced in Central Hawke's Bay

There will be a new way to access after-hours healthcare in Central Hawke's Bay from Monday - a rural telehealth service.

Waipukurau GPs have provided after-hours healthcare for years, including weekend clinics, but with a shortage of available GPs and difficulty recruiting new ones, it has been

decided it is time to apply the rural telehealth service in Central Hawke's Bay.

The service was launched nationwide last year to assist rural practices where access to general practitioners is limited.

The service, which operates from 5pm to 8am weekdays, and 24 hours

on weekends and on public holidays, can be accessed by calling 0800 2KA ORA (0800 252 672).

The number will be answered by a nurse, and if further advice is needed a nurse practitioner or GP can be contacted. If a prescription is required, this can be supplied via the telehealth service.

Face-to-face consultation, if required, can also be arranged via telehealth.

There is no charge for a nurse consultation, however, payment is required if a further telehealth consultation with a clinician is needed.

If a patient has a Community Services Card or is over 65, they will

be charged a lower fee (\$19.50).

There is no charge for children under 14.

The rural telehealth service will be available throughout Central Hawke's Bay from 5pm on Monday, February 12.

In case of a medical emergency, ring 111.

Invoice\$:

Several items have been added to family invoices this term for miniball, tennis, Kāhu Camp and Prime Maths Books for all students. Yr 7-8 Technology fees are yet to be confirmed.

Thank you in advance for checking your HERO account regularly. If you would like a printed or emailed invoice, please don't hesitate to contact Jacqui.



Thank you very much to those families who have paid for Term 1 so promptly.
You're wonderful!



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House Points:	PUKEITI	PUKENUI	KAUHEHEI	KAHURANAKI
Week 3-4	14,100	10,740	8,190	11,810
Term totals to date:	29,910	22,715	20,115	21,310

WAIPUKURAU LITTLE THEATRE
The Drowning Girls




Written by
 Beth Graham,
 Charlie Tomlinson,
 Daniela Vlaskalic

Directed by
 Madeleine Howard

Thurs 14 to Sat 23 March 2024

Tickets: www.littletheatre.net.nz, Betta Electrical or Eventfinda

Extensive use of water - splashing may occur



Following up on the email sent out to everyone on Monday...

Have you nominated Pukehou School yet?

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

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The Big Little Sponsorship

WIN

\$10K SPORTS GRANT

FOR YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL



EDEN PARK

Nominate your primary school for a chance to WIN one of two \$10K sports grant!

Hi Pukehou School,

The Big Little Sponsorship is back, so spread the word and nominate your school for the chance to win one of two \$10,000 sports grants – one for the North Island and one for the South Island. You can spend it on whatever you need, like new equipment, sports uniforms or coaching sessions. Anything to help your little champions play a little freer.

Entering is easy!

Winning takes teamwork, so get the whole community involved by nominating your school. Teachers, students, parents, friends and whānau can all share the love and show their support for your school by nominating here or by visiting aainsurance.co.nz/big-little

Entries are now open so get your nominations in today!

[Nominate](#)

*T&Cs apply. Entries close 11:59pm Sunday 24 March 2024.

↑ Tickets for The Drowning Girls are on sale now!

Reflecting on the misconceptions of love, married life, and the not-so-happily ever after, this stunning play is both a breathtaking fantasia and a social critique, full of rich images, a myriad of characters, and lyrical language.

On stage from 14th to 17th of March and the 19th to 23rd of March, this unique and striking production is like nothing you've ever seen before and is not to be missed!



Our school is in much need of some TLC!! Next month we'll be holding a **Working Bee**. Last time we had a phenomenal turn-out and as a result the school was looking spic and span!!

Please pencil in... **SUNDAY 3rd MARCH**

Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 2024 ~ Cash orders through the school close on Monday 26 February. LOOP orders will remain open into March.



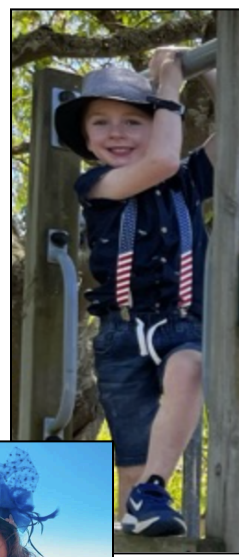
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