



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 6 Term 1 2024

Friday 8 March

Attendance matters

Engaging ākonga in learning has been a long standing and complex challenge in Aotearoa. Attendance is the first step in accessing learning and is essential for educational success, achieving qualifications and attaining wider social and economic outcomes. There is a well-established relationship between attendance and achievement. Research indicates each day of absence from school predicts a similar drop in attainment, however it also tells us that it is never too late to turn attendance around.

Attendance and Engagement Strategy 2022

As part of the Attendance and Engagement Strategy, the Ministry of Education has set some **targets** around attendance:

Measure	2024 Target	2026 Target	2015 rates	Current (2021) rates
Percentage of ākonga attending school regularly (attending more than 90%, an average of 9 days a fortnight)	70%	75%	69.5%	59.7%
Percentage of ākonga who are moderately absent (attending more than 70% up to 80%, missing two to three days a fortnight)	6%	4%	6.3%	8.5%
Percentage of ākonga who are chronically absent (attending 70% or less, missing three or more days a fortnight)	5%	3%	4.6%	7.7%

Without discounting the challenges that 2023 presented, attendance did raise some concerns.

2023	90-100%	80-90%	70-80%	0-70%
Term 1	6.5	63.6	23.4	6.5
Term 2	52.1	32.9	12.3	2.7
Term 3	49.4	34.2	11.4	5.1
Term 4	52.5	33.8	7.5	6.3

It's worth considering that **one day a week of absence** equates to **one whole term a year!** When a student is away, they often miss vital learning that is part of a sequence of learning, and it can be challenging to catch up.

Pleasingly, this term has started well. 68.2% of students are regularly attending (over 90% attendance) with 13 students sitting at 100% attendance!!

Local History and Pūrākau (stories)

As part of our school curriculum, we are wanting to get a better understanding of our local story and the significant places in our community. It was a pleasure to catch up with past Principal Brian Eales this week and share some of the stories and knowledge he gathered from his time here. We're especially interested in learning more about our Waharoa and Brian was able to tell some of the stories around it. However, we would love to be able to korero with those involved in the design and carving of it.

We're also grateful to the Papanui Catchment Group for their support which will allow us to visit a number of the significant waterways around the Roto-a-tara basin. While there will be an environmental focus on water quality, stories of the past will be an important part of the journey too.

It was a pleasure this week to be invited along to the Te Aute College Athletics day where they start the day with a House Marching competition, which I was privileged to judge. Having spent some time in my youth pounding the parade grounds in both the RNZAF (Air Force) and the NZ Police, I had a fair idea of what to look for, however, I was blown away by the boys. Each house's routine was packed full of energy, originality, and difficult manoeuvres. Ngarimu (VC) took out the honours though. Their timing and cadence was top level!!

Tima Kākāriki - Green Team

We're excited to be able to continue with our Green Team again this year and will soon be calling for student applications. This will again be led by our wonderful Teacher Aide, Laura, and we're very thankful for the generous support of the Rural Support Trust which will allow us to continue with this important initiative. One of our goals will be to establish a plan on what we need to do to move from a Bronze to a Silver Enviroschool. The challenge with all initiatives is to make sure that any changes are embedded and sustainable.

Camp Aramoana - Kāhu Class

I was super fortunate to attend the Kāhu Class camp at the Aramoana Environmental and Education Trust camp last week. What an amazing resource it is! After our warm welcome and pōwhiri from Ngāti Kere and Heather Gregory (from the trust), we quickly settled into camp life.

Our vision is to develop confident, creative learners with a 'can-do' attitude, and on camp these attributes were clearly evident, which was heartening.

Tenting adds to the adventure, and the weather presented some challenges with heavy wind and rain leading to some tent evacuations in the wee hours one morning! But our students took this in their stride. They showed similar heart when snorkelling in Stingray Bay. Some were naturally cautious but they quickly grew in confidence, exploring the pristine waters with wonder.

In this day and age of ever increasing business, the great thing was the down time. Some children have lost the ability to amuse themselves or just relax without external stimulation. On camp, it was fantastic to see our students enjoy these moments, playing with friends, creating games and imagining.

Camps and especially outdoor ones like this have added risks and pressures. So I'd like to thank Rachael (Mrs. Strong) for all her hard work and organisation leading up to it and while on camp. We were well supported by a great parent team...and sometimes it's hard to know who has more fun at camp, the parents or the children?! Thanks Lee, Julie, Todd, Paul, and Franek for the wonderful way you supported our students.

S4L (Swim for Lives) Lessons

As a heads-up, please be aware that next term, we're fortunate to be receiving [S4L \(Swim for Lives\)](#) whole school swimming and water safety lessons at the Waipukurau Indoor Pools. This will entail five one hour lessons (one per week) starting in the first week of Term 2 (on the first day - Monday!).



This is an awesome initiative and we're thankful for the opportunity. The **Swim-a-thon** contributes to this programme, and if you're keen to support future programmes jump on in. It will now be held on **Friday, 17th May**.

**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.
(06) 856 8169 heidi.slavin@pukehou.school.nz

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IMPORTANT DATES:
(Check the Calendar on HERO for updates)

MARCH

Wed 20	4yr old Discovery Day 10am - 12noon
Mon 25	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6.00pm
Tues 26	Spring Bulbs Orders due to the office
Wed 27	Pukehou Swimming Sports
Fri 29	Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED

APRIL

Mon 1	Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 2	Easter Tuesday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Sun 7	Daylight Saving ends
Thurs 11	CHB Inter School Swimming Sports
Fri 12	Last day of Term 1

House Points:	PUKEITI	PUKENUI	KAUHEHEI	KAHURANAKI
Week 5-6	8,250	6,500	8,050	6,700
Term totals to date:	38,160	29,215	28,165	28,010

Health Message:

**Mel Davis / Kate Harington Health Promoter, Healthy Active Learning
Whānau & Communities Group, Hawke's Bay | Te Matau a Māui**

<https://www.rph.org.nz/public-health-topics/schools/water-only-schools/templates/goth2o-final-logo-with-call-out-drop-lightb.jpg>

Your body is about 50–80% water, depending on your age and body weight. Water is involved in many processes in our body, including digestion, absorption, transportation, dissolving nutrients, temperature regulation and getting rid of waste products.

Did you know?

The average person can survive for about 40 days without food but most people will die if they go for more than 5 days without water.



A message from the Pukehou Whanau and Friends fundraising team...

We hope everyone is having a great start to 2024! Let's begin with a Shout Out to Sarah and Jess. Thank you to these two long standing PWF parents for their massive contributions to Pukehou School over many years!

As Sarah and Jess have moved on with their College children and families, we are now in need of more committee members.... We do need new faces to continue providing all the extras for our tamariki at school, so if you would like to be part of the fun - involvement little or big, please, please let us know. Meetings are once a term, and most organising is done informally. Contact Pixie or AK if you have any questions.

*🌸 For Term 1 we have the **Spring Bulb fundraiser**. Hopefully you received an order form earlier this week. All funds raised will go towards upgrading the devices in the classrooms - these are a very necessary resource and we look forward to getting lots of support - as well as seeing photos of some gorgeous spring colour in a few months time! As an incentive to the students, we'll have some Easter treats for the 3 top selling families.*

🎉 Looking further ahead to Term 2, we are hoping to have a Disco which is always great fun.

***Our next meeting is scheduled for
Thursday March 14th, 4pm at the Waipawa
Library. We would love to see you there!***

Ngā Mihi and have a safe and happy weekend!

Email: whanauandfriends@pukehouschool.nz



Coming to Central Hawke's Bay

She is not your rehab

MATT BROWN

One man's journey to healing and the global anti-violence movement he inspired.

Thursday 14 March 2024

6pm - 7.30pm (doors open 5.30pm)

Civic Theatre, 14 Northumberland St, Waipukurau

Bookings essential | Tickets \$5
Scan the QR code | www.eventfinda.co.nz
For further information phone 06 857 8060



Ruahine Cadet Unit



Come and meet with us when we have our Recruitment Evening on

Tuesday 12th March 2024

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Find out about the skills cadets learn, the activities they take part in and events attended.

We are located at:

The Waipukurau Memorial Hall, 10 River Terrace, Waipukurau

For any further enquiries please contact rcu@cadetforces.org.nz or visit us on Instagram and Facebook at Ruahine Cadet Unit RCU.



Hastings Girls' High School Ngā Rau Huia o Ākina



OPEN EVENING

6 - 7.30pm, Tuesday 26 March 2024
508 Pākōwhai Road, Hastings 4120

We welcome any students and whānau to join us for an open evening where you can explore our school and meet some of our staff and students. There will be an opportunity to hear from our Principal, learn more about our junior hubs and enrolment process.

World Oral Health Day Wednesday 20 March 2024

A HAPPY MOUTH IS... not merely a slogan; it's a way of life. It celebrates and promotes the multi-faceted nature of oral health, revealing its significant connections to our overall well-being.

World Oral Health Day (WOHD) serves as a vital reminder that a healthy mouth is integral to our overall health, well-being, and quality of life. Poor oral health can lead to pain and discomfort, social isolation, and loss of self-confidence and poor education and health outcomes.



Head to World Oral Health Day (New Zealand Dental Association (nzda.org.nz)) to join the challenge and win prizes. There are challenges suited to all age groups.

Contact info@nzda.org.nz for more information.



Join Toothie, FDJ's beloved oral health mascot, and NZDA to celebrate World Oral Health Day this year!



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CHB Hockey: I have the pleasure of letting you all know that I have taken over as Secretary for the Central Hawke's Bay Hockey Association. I am excited to help grow hockey in our community.

Winter Hockey Registrations are now open.

Please contact the school office or ask your child/ren to pop in and sign up.

MINI STICKS: Years 3-5 : \$240 per team 8 weeks Thursdays
9 May to 27 June & 25 July to 22 August

KWIK STICKS: Years 6-8 : \$320 per team 8 weeks Wednesdays
8 May to 26 June & 24 July to 21 August



Games will be played at the Centralines Sports Park at 3.30pm

-TROPHIES: We are missing a few trophies from seasons gone by. If you have one please let me know.

If you have any questions regarding hockey in CHB, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Annabelle Campbell, Secretary, Central Hawke's Bay Hockey Assn., 027 6646 353

What's
on
top?

SUPPORTING
LEARNING AT HOME

You can help your child's learning every day, by supporting and encouraging them and being excited by their learning.

- reading at home should be fun and easy. It should be something you both look forward to and a time for laughter and talk.
- display your child's work. Put it on the fridge. Be proud of it. Share it with others.
- be positive about maths and show your child where you use maths. This will help them build confidence.
- talk about what your child writes. Be interested. If you don't understand what their story is about, ask them to tell you more about it.

2024 Programme

BETWEEN THE LINES

**Central Hawke's Bay
Readers & Writers Festival**

**Thursday 11th
- Sunday 14th April 2024**

There is something for every reader in the amazing 2024 Festival line-up. Be quick to secure your tickets!

www.betweenthelines.nz

Tickets are available at
mytickets.co.nz/d/betweenthelines

YOUNG WRITERS WORKSHOP
CHB Municipal Theatre – Waipawa
Thursday 11th April 2024, 9.30am-2pm
A free event for young creative writers nominated by 15 primary schools across CHB. This annual event nurtures the love of the written word in our future authors. Our 2024 workshop is being led by the current Te Awhi Rito NZ Reading Ambassador Alan Dingley. This free event is sponsored by a grant from Creative Communities.

PET SUBJECTS
CHB Municipal Theatre – Waipawa
Thursday 11th April 2024, 7pm
Bestselling author Catherine Chidgey currently has two books on the NZ Top Ten Fiction list: The Axeman's Carnival and Pet. What a coup for CHB to have Catherine in conversation with Louise Ward of Wardini Books!

THRILLED
61 Bridge Street, Ongaonga
Friday 12th April 2024, 7pm
A panel of the three 2023 Ngaio Marsh Award winners, Charity Norman, Michael Bennett and Steve Braunias, will entertain us with tales of crime and mystery, led by local author Catherine Robertson, in the delightful c1911 original country store in Ongaonga.

"BUTTER, BUTTER" HIGH TEA
Ongaonga Hall – Bridge Street, Ongaonga
Saturday 13th April 2024, 2pm
Join us for high tea with Petra Galler and sample some delicious cakes from her beautiful book "Butter, Butter". Interviewer Doug Hales will be speaking to Petra about her decadent recipes inspired by her Jewish heritage.

QUEEN BEE
Pukehou Church
Saturday 13th April 2024, 7pm
What an honour to host poet, author, Professor and NZ Poet Laureate 2017-19, Selina Tusitala Marsh ONZM. Selina will speak with Peter Malcounonne about her interesting and diverse career in the oldest church in Hawke's Bay.
Thank you to Paper Plus Waipukurau for your sponsorship of this event.

FINALE
CHB Museum – Waipawa
Sunday 14th April 2024, 10.30am
A chance to celebrate local authors including Tim Gilbertson, Tim Upperton, Owen Clovagh and Richard Anderson.
This free event is brought to CHB thanks to sponsorship from the Community Pride and Vibrancy Fund.



LEGO Challenge -

Be a little creative every day.

Using 10-20 bricks, put them together in a different way every day.

