



# Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 4 Term 2 2024

Thursday 23 May

## Principal's Ponderings



It was awesome to see our school awash in 'pink' last Friday as part of **Pink Shirt Day 2024**. The day is focused on eliminating bullying and celebrating kindness, inclusion, and diversity. Our fabulous PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) ran a number of small games where students could shine and show those values. They planned, organised, and ran the games themselves, showing genuine leadership.

Kindness is woven through our value of Manaakitanga - Respect. So far, there have been 146 Golden Tickets given out for Respect this term (more to be counted today) with a vast majority of them for students who have shown kindness. I'm confident there will be a number of students being presented with well-deserved values wristbands after today.

Thinking about our motto of *Wisdom begins with wonder*, I came across an interesting quote recently from Theodore Isaac Rubin (Psychiatrist & Author): **"Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom."** In this day and age, and the crazy world we live in, kind thoughts, kind words, and good deeds has to be our starting point.

## REMINDER!

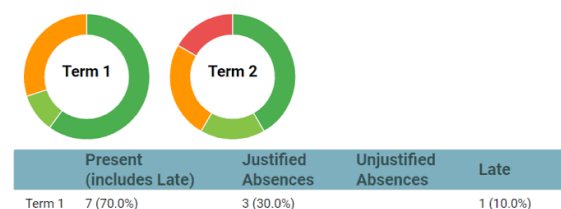
Please remember that on **FRIDAY 31st of May SCHOOL will be CLOSED** for a Teacher Only Day. Our teaching team will be attending a Kahui Ako led seminar with other teachers from throughout CHB. It will be a day jam packed full of exciting learning opportunities as we delve into the curriculum 😊

**Attendance** I know, given all the illness we've had to deal with this week, talking about attendance rates seems a bit contradictory! However, attendance is a priority for the government, and we support the increased accountability that comes with this.

On Monday the Board discussed attendance (as we do at each meeting). It was agreed that one of our actions as part of the Attendance and Engagement Strategy will be to send out letters to families highlighting attendance. This will begin next term. The Board has set a starting point of **85% Attendance for letters to be sent**. Within these letters will be a breakdown of a student's attendance and information around how to support improved attendance.

In the meantime, parents and caregivers can get a real time update of their child's attendance on **HERO**. [It would look something like the example below]

Attendance (half days) in 2023



# Kāhu Class

## Kowhaiwhai designs



Students created a small design using koru. Then they created their design by either using translation (sliding the design), reflection (flipping the design) or rotation (rotating the design). These are some that are finished.

## Exploring AI

We have been focusing on character vignettes. Students wrote some delightful and truly factual vignettes about me, these certainly made me laugh.

We also had a hilarious time creating AI versions of ourselves using an AI character creator. Here are a couple of examples.



Comos Seligman (AI version)

Cosmo is a 11 year old boy with short messy hair, brown eyes and light skin. He has a red, blue, and white striped jacket, a blue jersey and blue Canterbury shorts with blue socks on.



Archer Hansen (AI Version)

An 11 year old boy with blonde navy hair with a fringe. He has blue eyes and wears black Canterbury pants and a dark blue champion hoodie. He has red soccer boots on with long black socks underneath. He is standing in a soccer stadium holding a soccer ball.



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## Sports Reports



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**Unison HB 11th Grade Football Div 2** ~ CHB Renegades (Incl Archer, Jaxon Jonny) vs Haumoana, played at Waipukurau Sports Park on Saturday 18th May. Score: CHB 7 / Haumoana 3.

**Netball** ~ On the 18th of May the Kāhu netball team played the Otane Flames. It was a tightly contested game. The score was 26/12 to Otane however the Kāhu team won the last quarter. A huge thank you to Lucia who stepped into the breach.

### **Swimming ~ HB Year 7 & 8 Interschools Swimming Competition 7th May Results**

Year 8	25m backstroke	Tilly/Ottillie placed 7th equal	21.77	Ella 13th	23.37
Year 8	25m breaststroke	Sophie	10th	24.90	
Year 8	25m freestyle	Ottillie 7th	17.21	Tilly 14th	18.81
				Ella 16th	19.91
Year 7	25m freestyle	Mackenzie	5th	19.41	
Year 7	25m breaststroke	Mackenzie	5th	26.91	

Pukehou School was very well represented at the **CHB Swim 4 Lives Swim-a-thon Challenge** on Friday 17th May. Ditmar was one of only 2 children in the Paddle event in which he completed 21 lengths in 30 minutes. Ka Pai! Sophie and Ella took up the individual challenge of swimming for 10 minutes, each completing 18 lengths. 👍 The Pukehou Stars team of 🌟 Maja, 🌟 Kayla, 🌟 Lucy S and 🌟 George S completed the 10 minute continuous relay, clocking up 24 lengths! Not to be outdone, the Aqua Angels team 😊 - Heidi, Laura, Emma H, Linda G & Jacqui - completed 26 lengths in the same event.

Thanks to everyone who sponsored or donated to this event, raising funds to enable Primary students in CHB to receive FREE swimming lessons. It's not too late to contribute - please contact Jacqui if you'd like more details.

## **Sports Draws**

### **Football Unison HB 11th Grade Div 2**

25th May CHB Central Renegades v Napier Marist 9.00am @ Russell Park

### **Netball**

25th May Yr 1-2 Pukehou Kererū vs Waipukurau Green on Crt 7a @ 10.00am  
 Yr 3-4 Otane Stars vs Waipukurau Kowhai on Crt 4 @ 9.00am  
 Yr 5-6 Tiko/Pukehou Tornedos vs Takapau Toru on Crt 5 @ 10.00am  
 Yr 7-8 Pukehou Kāhu vs Waipawa Tactix on Crt 1 @ 10.00am

### **Hockey**

23rd May Mini Sticks St Joseph's / Pukehou vs Elsthorpe on Turf 2 @ 4.30 pm  
 29th May Kwik Sticks Pukehou vs Takapau on Turf 1 @ 4.35pm  
 30th May Mini Sticks St Joseph's / Pukehou vs Waipawa on Turf 1 @ 4.30pm



## **HOCKEY July Holiday Programme**

Registrations are now open and due to coach availability, places are Limited. Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th July in Hastings. **REGISTER HERE** - <https://www.hbhockey.org.nz/registr.../trials-camps-forums-1> (payment is required at time of registration). This is the only Hockey program in the July holidays, due to turf time. Any enquiries please let me know and feel free to share this info around. [qualitycoachingservices@gmail.com](mailto:qualitycoachingservices@gmail.com) Kind Regards, *Todd*

House Points:	PUKEITI	PUKENUI	KAUHEHEI	KAHURANAKI
Week 3 - 4	14,300	13,900	15,100	11,850
Term totals to date:	23,250	20,730	24,950	19,950

**BOT  
Member  
Profile**  
  
**Byron Gillies**



Hi, my name is Byron Gillies, I am married to Michelle, we have 2 boys - Carter aged 5 and Hudson aged 3. We have lived in Otane township for the last 5 years. Some of my interests include Hotrods, pottering in the shed, helping the boys with projects and cooking on my BBQ. I am new to being on a board but I have been on the committee for my Hotrod club for many years. I am looking forward to being part of the school board and getting to know you all better.

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

**MAY**

**Wed 29th** Pita Pit Lunch Option

**Thurs 30th** HB Jnr Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

**Fri 31st** **School Closed for T.O.D.**

**JUNE**

**Mon 3rd** **School Closed for King's B'day**

**Thurs 6th** CHB Gymnastics Festival

**Wed 19th** 4 Year Old Discovery Day

**Fri 21** PWF Matariki **D I S C O**

**Thurs 27** CHB Ngati Whai Festival

**Fri 28** **School Closed for Matariki**



Please remember that our *Director of First Impressions*, Jacqui, is no longer in the office on a Friday. This means that there will be times when the office is unattended, although wherever possible Mr. P will be available. If calling and the school phone is not answered, try calling the **school cell phone 021 2143346**, or send a text.

There are some other ways you can help. We recognise that plans change, but please try and confirm travel arrangements (bus) by Thursday. Also, if you are not using **HERO** yet we strongly encourage you to sign up now. This is the best way to notify us of an absence. Administration can easily check and teachers also get an absence message. Feel free to contact us if you need help signing on.

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**PITA PIT – LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
Orders close 9am Wednesday

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**Newsletter Survey.**  
We'd really appreciate your honest feedback on our newsletters, anonymously if you prefer. If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to read and respond to the survey, ideally by tomorrow, Friday 24th May. If you can't put your hands on a paper copy, you can find the link to the electronic version on HERO. Thank you to those who have already returned the survey - great response!