



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 4 Term 3 2024

Thursday 15 August

Maths Fast Tracking

As you are aware there have been some major announcements lately as the Government has moved to fast track the refreshed and revised Maths Curriculum. Sadly, the accompanying rhetoric has been framed to undermine schools and the teaching profession. Teachers and school leaders go to work every day to support your children to succeed. Students in our country are among the best in the world for creative thinking, achieve in the top dozen countries in Reading and Science and score above the average of other OECD countries in Maths. New Zealand Council for Educational Research's (NZCER) Dr Charles Darr, one of the lead researchers involved in the study quoted by the Government, says: "We've been tracking student achievement in mathematics at Year 8 for more than ten years, and in that time, there has been no evidence for improvement or decline."

What we know from our own experience and the research is that every child is unique. The work of a teacher is to use a whole toolbox of skills and expertise to personalise the learning that will best meet each child's needs.

The real crisis we are facing in our schools is not teaching and learning, but a crisis of funding and resourcing. A major barrier to us meeting the needs of every child currently is the lack of resourcing for learning support.. At least three in 10 students who need learning support nationally are currently not getting it. The government has indicated that this is an area they will be looking closely at. Increased learning support is imperative.

As shared earlier in the year, we have invested in the PRIME maths resource as the foundation of our Maths curriculum. 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. While we wait to see what the new curriculum will bring, we are confident that PRIME is meeting the needs of our learners at present so they become numerate members of society in the future.

Progress and Achievement Reporting

Teachers constantly monitor student progress throughout the year to inform their teaching and learning programmes and practice. Prior to reporting at the end of last term, teachers made an Overall Teacher Judgement (OTJ) to identify what level students are currently working at. These OTJs are used to provide a picture of achievement across the school which is analysed and evaluated by the teaching team and the Board to identify trends and patterns and where extra support and resourcing might be needed.

The Pukehou School Board has an aspirational target, aiming for 80% of our students to be meeting or exceeding their curriculum level expectation in Reading, Writing, and Maths. Our mid-year data indicates that 65% of students are meeting or exceeding expectations in Reading, 64% in Writing, and 71% in Maths. It is worth noting in Reading that 33% are above or well above expectations, and in Maths that figure is 18%!

Through discussions between the teaching team and again at Board level, the **impact of attendance on progress** and achievement cannot be overlooked. It is a key contributing factor. For schools across the country, Term 2 reflected lower attendance due to the effect of winter illnesses. While we recognise that absence through illness is both inevitable and necessary, we would again like to emphasise the importance of regular attendance. **#getthere**

In Reading, Writing, and Maths, there are a key group of students working towards expectations (27.3%, 24.8%, and 19.5%). We are confident that, through good teaching focused on individual needs and regular attendance, many of these students can meet expectations by the end of the year.

It takes a village to raise a child, and we appreciate the support that our parents and whānau provide. Learning underpinned by a strong home and school partnership will lead to more success. There are many simple ways you can support your child's [learning at home](#). By simply showing an interest in their learning, sharing a book, or discussing every day tasks you can help your child learn.



Sports Reports & Draws

Football

Due to the miserable weather, our football game was cancelled. We were meant to play Porthill. This week we are facing Napier Marist at Park Island. This is the penultimate game of the season.

- Archer

Netball

We woke up to rain and wind but our netball game still went ahead. Warm up was at 8:30am, by 9:00am we only just had enough players to take the court. Our first and second quarters were played in pouring rain. For the last quarter we had two subs and the sun came out for a bit. The score was 25-10 to Argyll 😊, but we don't really need to talk about that.

Hockey

On a freezing cold Wednesday night we played hockey against an Onga and Argyll combined team. We got the first goal of the fierce game pretty quickly, from there on it was a really exciting game to watch and play. In the end it was a 1 all draw, what a great way to end the season!

- Lucy

Football Unison HB 11th Grade Div 2

Aug 17 CHB Central Renegades vs MCL Taradale Hawks @ Jnr Park Island 13 @ 10.30 am

Netball

August 17 Yr 7-8 Pukehou Kāhu vs Porangahau on Crt 2 @ 12.00 noon (Final game)

Hockey

Aug 15 Mini Sticks St Joseph's / Pukehou vs Waipukurau on Turf 4 @ 4.00 pm (Final game)

BOT Member Profile

Pixie Seligman



Hi, I'm Pixie and I have been Board Chair at Pukehou for nearly 7 years, though my association goes back further as I was lucky enough to be a Pukehou kid as well!


I am nearly 13 years into a Diploma in disputes resolution and laundry management, having had to repeat papers on a weekly basis. Before this I worked in Wellington and the UK in international trade / agricultural policy. Arguing with the Australians about access for Aotearoa apples was good practice for negotiating smoko time with toddlers / tweens. I am currently catchment coordinator for Tukituki Land Care.

Pete and I have Otilie (Yr8), Cosmo (Yr6) and Cleodie (Yr5) and a varied collection of other animals on our small block near the school.

It's so pleasing to see that the spirit of Pukehou School is thriving but maintains the same culture of freedom for our tamariki that I remember. Having observed a high-pressure education environment abroad, it makes me value all the more the huts that are built, Pets' Day, tree climbing and the rounded education with our very experienced and dedicated teaching team.

| House Points: | PUKEITI | PUKENUI | KAUHEHEI | KAHURANAKI |
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| Week 3 - 4 | 13,280 | 10,840 | 7,510 | 11,496 |
| Term totals to date: | 22,430 | 20,890 | 17,080 | 20,646 |



Entries are now
open for Term
3/4 Miniball.
Sign up in the
school office. 

Come on Yr 7 & 8, we know you can
muster a team! More players needed
for the Yr 5-6 and 3-4 teams too!

Registrations close on
Wednesday 28th August.



Winter Wallies Warm Up Day

Parents / Caregivers ... Please help us raise funds
for the ongoing expenses of running the Pukehou Bus
by donating some Home Baking.

We will have a Sausage Sizzle and a Bake Stand
at the horse show fundraiser we are running
this Sunday, 18th August
at the Maraekakeho Sports Ground.

Contact Lou 0274739697 to arrange drop off.

Thank you in advance.

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

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| Fri 16 | Cross Country @ Otane School Otane / Poukawa / Pukehou |
| Sun 18 | Winter Wallies Warm Up Day |
| Thurs 29 | CHB Cross Country @ Flemington |
| Fri 30 | Daffodil Day |
| Sat 31 | Bus Group Wood Splitting session |



Pukehou School

WORKING BEE



Saturday 21st September
9am -12.30pm

It's been a while, and school is in need of some serious TLC.
We have a swag of tasks that need doing, so please pencil in the
date. Like last time, we'll finish of the morning with a shared
lunch. More details will come once the list of jobs is completed!

Pukehou School
Marathon-in-a-Term
Fundraising Hub
Find links to our Sign Up and FAQ pages, general info and campaign totals.

[Setup a Fundraising Page](#)

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FUNDRAISERS

\$1,695
TOTAL DONATIONS

Wow! Four weeks into our Marathon-in-a-term and I've been impressed with the efforts of our students!! Not only have they jumped on board and raised nearly \$1700 so far, they are churning out the laps each day on our runs. In fact my suggestion would be to donate a sum rather than sponsor a per kilometer amount because many of our students will run significantly more than 42km!!

All funds raised will go towards improving our stock of digital devices in school, and I'm pleased to say that with the funds raised through the PWF Spring Bulb Fundraiser we have been able to lease 30 Chromebooks and they are already being used in class!! However, this is an ongoing cost and there are still further devices needed across the school.

If you want to
get there,
get here



If you haven't had a chance yet to see the #getthere promotions aimed at increasing attendance, check them out. They can easily be found on social media, and our [Central Hawkes Bay](#) promo is well worth watching!!

#getthere

TERM 4 TEACHER ONLY DAY

Please be aware, that next term we have a directed **Teacher Only Day** planned for **Monday 11th of November**. Our focus will be on curriculum which is timely given the changes afoot! As school will be **CLOSED**, we recognise that this may cause some inconvenience and thank you in advance for your support.



**TE AUTE
COLLEGE**

Open Day 2024
Friday 16 August
10-2PM



Here's evidence of a
very muddy and
extremely enjoyable
ki o rahi session with
Hogan this week.





3 bedroom house for rent in Otane village

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Best street in town, lovely and quiet

For more information ph Anna 0272822528 or email leelandsra@gmail.com

ARE YOU KEEN TO TRI SOMETHING NEW?

The **2024 Harcourts Hawke's Bay Women's Tri** is coming back bigger and better on **Sunday 22nd of September**.

This awesome event is designed for women and girls aged 7 and up and is the perfect team-building.

We encourage participants of all abilities - including first timers – with a range of options to suit your fitness level.

There's everything from a 2.3km run/walk only event, to the Short Tri (100m swim, 5km cycle, and 2.3km run or walk), to the Long Tri for those seeking stiffer competition. And best of all, it's being hosted at the Mitre 10 HB Regional Sports Park, so there's no road running or open-water swimming involved. All events are organised under the watchful eye of the amazing team at Triathlon Hawke's Bay, so you can be sure you're in safe hands.

The **Harcourts HB Women's Tri** is all about women and girls coming together, having fun and tri-ing something new!

Entry fees go directly to the Heretaunga Women's Centre, so while you're out there feeling good, you are also making a real difference to the women of Hawke's Bay.

For more information, visit us at <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/80459/harcourts-hawkes-bay-womens-tri>



Saturday 31 August 9:30am

FIREWOOD WORKING BEE

We would love to see anyone that has a chainsaw or a splitter at this school fundraiser!

Contact Zane for details: 0272501168

R18+
RESTRICTED

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PUKEHOU QUIZ NIGHT

Sept. Friday 13th 7pm

AT THE **PUKEHOU SCHOOL HALL**

RAFFLE & SPOT PRIZES!

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE

GET A TEAM OF 6 TOGETHER (INCLUDES A LARGE PLATTER) \$150 PER TABLE

BEER, WINE AND FOOD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.

TICKETS FOR SALE FROM THE PUKEHOU SCHOOL OFFICE (LIMITED SEATS)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 021 214 3346 OR EMAIL OFFICE@PUKEHOU.SCHOOL.NZ

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE PUKEHOU BUS GROUP!

2024

HOCKEY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

NAPIER - 2ND/3RD/4TH OCTOBER
HASTINGS - 9TH/10TH/11TH OCTOBER

RUN BY QUALITY COACHING SERVICES & ENDORSED BY HAWKE'S BAY HOCKEY

For years 3 - 9
\$50 a day
9am - 3pm

Registrations are now OPEN for the Hockey Holiday Programme.....

Please follow the link below to register (note that payment is essential to secure your registration)

Once maximum numbers are reached, registrations will close! So be in first to avoid disappointment.

<https://www.hbhockey.org.nz/reg.../october-holiday-programme>

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