



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 2 Term 1 2025

Thursday 13 February

Principal Korero

It has been fantastic to welcome our students back to school. They have hit the ground running and there is a settled feel across the school. The classes are humming with an audible learning buzz in the air!

To start the year we have welcomed Max and Hunter and their whānau into the school fold along with Pippa and her whānau. They have slipped seamlessly into school life here at Pukehou School. Likewise, Emma (Miss. Lawson) has been a welcome addition, and I know she has enjoyed getting to know her Kea class learners (and vice versa)!



Having our swing ready to go on day one was the culmination of a lot of hard work over a long period of time, but it was well worth it. It has been a real pleasure to see children soaring on the swing at break times! So, thank you to everyone that contributed over the years and especially our Parents, Whānau, and Friends (PWF) group who through your generous support raised the funds needed. It wasn't easy but the fruits are well worth it, and I'm sure many future Pukehou students will appreciate your efforts in the years to come.

Building Project Updates

As you may be aware, it was a busy time here at school over the break. There was extensive work carried out by the team from Turfkeys as part of our 10 Year Property Plan. This involved the upgrading of our water supply system to future proof school. We have improved our capture of water from the roof and have the ability to add to this from our bore when needed. Our capacity is much improved. Our wastewater system will also be upgraded, however, the majority of this work will occur in the next term break to minimise the impact to students.



As part of the project, there was significant demolition of our old shedding, so at present school still resembles a construction zone in places.

We are waiting on plans for this, but this area will be redeveloped too. Hopefully we will also be in a position soon to report on our office administration block and hall projects with a concept designs and a timeline 🙌

TEACHER ONLY DAY

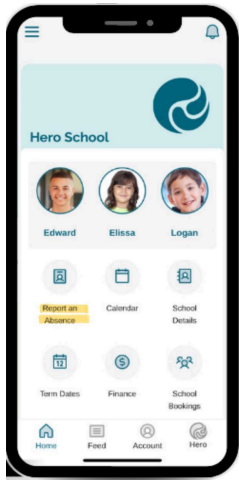
I realise we have only just returned to school, but please note there is a Curriculum Teacher Only Day this term, as directed by the Ministry of Education, for teachers to undertake professional learning around the refreshed mathematics curriculum. It is one of two this year. A number of CHB schools will be attending the day which is facilitated by the Kāhui Ako. So please add the day to your calendars:

Friday 28th March

Hāpara

This year as part of our commitment to keeping children safe online, we are using Hāpara Highlights across the school. Highlights gives teachers visibility into what students are doing online, the ability to create curated learning sessions and a streamlined way to share useful links and resources. The goal of Highlights is to help students build their digital citizenship skills with meaningful feedback. With that feedback, students will be able to make positive decisions and stay safe while learning online.

On a similar note, I know that the Kāhui Ako are organising another community hui around cyber safety, so please stay tuned for that.



Attendance

Please use HERO for informing the school of a student absence.

This is the most effective way as both the office and classroom teachers get a notification. When doing so, please feel free to add a comment or note if needed to provide further information,

Community

HERO will again be our main platform for sharing important information and notices. You can stay informed by viewing school notices in the **Community Feed**. You will only receive information relevant to your family. There is also the ability to comment or respond to these posts!

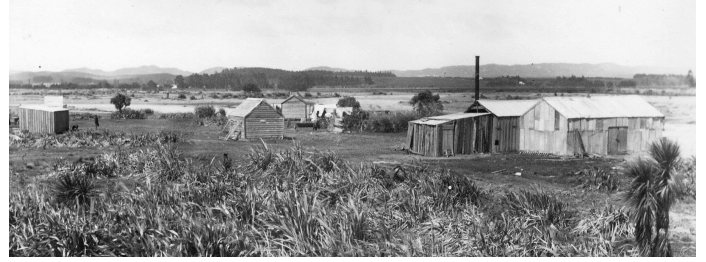
Learning

HERO will also be our main tool for sharing progress and achievement with parents receiving real time reporting. There will be two learning stories shared this term, and with our improved access to digital devices, we aim to have students (especially our more senior ones) drive this themselves.

So, if you're not fully connected to HERO, please contact the office or your child's teacher so we can help.

Local Context - Taonga Tuku Iho

This term, we will be exploring the Tuki Tuki river as a treasure or heirloom handed down by our ancestors. This focus will underpin our classroom learning programmes and inquiry as we investigate the importance of this significant waterway over time.



Flax Mill: Photo provided by CHB Museum



On our Junior Gatsby trip today.



Kererū's Art Deco Picnic.

**New Staff
Member Profile**

**Emma
Lawson**



Kia ora, I'm so excited to be teaching in Kea this year alongside Mr Pratt. This is my 6th year of teaching, having previously taught at Mahora School and Hastings Intermediate, as well as relieving in many Hawke's Bay Schools. I was drawn to the role at Pukehou School.

Originally I'm from the Isle of Arran in Scotland, and moved to New Zealand in 2008. I lived in Wellington and Adelaide before deciding to move back to Hawke's Bay to complete my studies. I completed my Bachelor of Teaching at EIT, and recently completed a Level 8 qualification in Disruptive Technologies, in which I looked at the impacts that AI, Cybersecurity and Big Data are having on our children and education systems.

Outside of teaching, you will usually find me out and about enjoying the beautiful Hawke's Bay walks and food spots with my partner, playing a few games of pickleball, or baking a loaf of sourdough.

House Points:	PUKENUI	KAUHEHEI	KAHURANAKI
Week 1-2	3,350	4,381	2,150
Term totals:	3,350	4,381	2,150

House Hui and Assembly

This year we have moved to three houses. We have retained Pukenui (Mrs. Strong), Kahurānaki (Miss. Lawson and Mr. P), and Kauhehei (Mrs. Slavin and Mrs. Sowman). Our school assemblies will be on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.15pm every even week (this is week 2), and as always, parents and whānau are invited to attend. On alternate weeks, we will have house hui which will involve houses getting together to sing, play games, and develop relationships, providing opportunities for tuakana-teina.



Proud recipients at our first 2025 Assembly, yesterday.



IMPORTANT DATES:

(Check updates on the HERO Calendar)

FEBRUARY

Mon 24 Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6 pm

MARCH

Wed 5 Pukehou / Otane Swimming Sports

Fri 14 CHB Swimming Sports

Fri 28 Teacher Only Day - school closed

Mon 31 Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6 pm

HOCKEY HOLIDAY PROGRAMS ~ APRIL .2025

REGISTRATIONS WILL CLOSE WHEN MAXIMUM NUMBERS ARE REACHED

Quality Coaching Services HOCKEY Holiday programme registration is open for the upcoming April holidays.

Get in quick to secure your spot as spaces will fill up fast!

☀️ Year 3 - 9

🏒 All abilities welcome

💰 \$50 a day

🕒 9am - 3pm each day

Napier programme: Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th April

Register here - <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/262c06>

Hastings programme: Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th April

Register here - <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/39dcc9>

Yes, We are running this on ANZAC Day.

All enquiries please email qualitycoachingservices@gmail.com

Thank you to those who promptly returned the forms sent home last week, giving necessary information and general permission for EOTC events.

It would be ideal to have all forms back next week so we have all up to date contact details etc..

Lost the forms? No problem - Jacqui has more!

Thank you in advance.

Thrive after Three!

Challenges - Crafts - Digiplay

Every day after school 3:30-4:30pm

Te Huinga Wai & Waipawa Library



WELCOME TO

FIERO CODE

THE GAMIFIED WAY TO LEARN TO CODE

Coding for kids!

ARCTIC ADVENTURE

A free coding competition.
Build your own arctic maze, win a robot!

Come down to the Waipawa Library or Te Huinga Wai to learn how to sign up! Or scan the QR below to sign up from home!

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CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY LIBRARIES

Pukehou Bus Group Firewood Working Bee

It was awesome to have 4 splitters going for 4 hours - heaps of wood sawn and split. A great wider community effort - especially seeing Ian there, whose child left Pukehou 20+ years ago! #pukehouforlife #fundraising #firewood.



If you don't yet have the ERoad Tracker App, please let Jacqui know and she will help you get a link.

Invoices for this term were emailed out today. Don't hesitate to contact Jacqui if you would like a hard copy sent home. We encourage you to pay smaller regular online payments to reduce your stress and help with the Bus Group cash flow. 🚌 Thank you.

🔥 **Contact the school to place your orders for firewood!** 🪵