



# Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 8 Term 1 2025

Thursday 27 March

## Principal Korero

We have had a busy couple of weeks with some fantastic education outside the classroom. Our visit to Pukehou Marae last week was amazing. For many, it was their first experience of being welcomed onto a marae with pōwhiri, and the tama from Te Aute College certainly made it memorable. Their waiata was stirring with our students mesmerised by their power and harmony! Whakatangata kia kaha! Thank you to Whaea Liz, Whaea Kiri, and Matua Rākai.

For myself and Rachael (Mrs. Strong), who organised the day, it was both challenging and humbling. Personally, it was an honour to deliver the whaikorero and I know Rachael felt the same around singing the karanga as we were welcomed on. I feel that showing our vulnerability and willingness as learners to step outside of our comfort zones is important for us to model as we often expect this of our students!

After the pōwhiri, students rotated through a number of activities and kēmu (games) such as poi toa, rakau, weaving harakeke, creating a porotiti, story telling, and making fry bread (which was delicious!!). It was great to see our students embrace all the opportunities across the day, soaking up the experience.

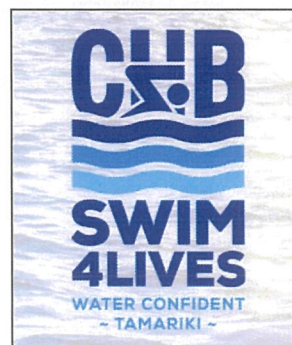
We had some fantastic parent and whānau support on the day at the pōwhiri and with running the activities. A huge thanks to our kuia, Marlene, who led the karanga with Rachael and also to Michaela, Sarah, Rachel, and Michelle who helped run activities. We can't wait to return.

As you are aware Rachael, Mrs Strong, has a teacher sabbatical next term. The learning aspect will be focused on Cultural Leadership to strengthen what we do in this space.

## Swimming

On Friday the 14th of March, we took a team of swimmers to the CHB Interschool Swimming event. Congratulations to them all for the way they carried themselves and performed during the day [results later in the newsletter].

And then this week, Rachael took a small team ~ Lucy, MacKenzie, Alice, and Kayla ~ to the HB Y7-8 Championships held at the HB Regional Aquatic Centre and the Sports Park. This was a great experience for them all and they were fantastic representatives for Pukehou School!!



We are hugely fortunate to have a school pool, and the growth that our students have made this year has been phenomenal. Following on from this, next term school will again be receiving lessons at the Centralines Sports Complex in Waipukurau.

We are thankful for this opportunity and would encourage you to support the CHB Swim4Lives trust with their annual **Swimathon** being held on **Friday, 2nd May**. Entry forms online or from the school office.



## Waiaroha Heretaunga & Peka Peka

If you haven't had the chance yet to visit Waiaroha in Hastings, I totally recommend it after our visit yesterday. I've driven past so many times and now wish I'd made the effort sooner. It's a fantastic resource with interactive displays, highlighting the importance of wai - water.

Our tamariki had a blast and were fully engaged 'immersing' themselves in the day as they learnt more about wai and its journey from the mountains to the sea. If you have a spare moment these coming holidays, it would be a great way to spend some time.

On the way home, we stopped at Peka Peka Regional Park wetlands. Pukehou School has a strong connection to this iconic restoration project, being involved in initial submissions to the council and some of the planting.

It was great to see our students wandering the paths and boardwalks, curious about what they could see and find, asking questions and sharing their knowledge. A huge thanks to Heidi (Mrs. Slavin) for organising what was a rewarding and fun day.

## Thank You

This week, the Pukehou School Board treated the team to a **Go Orange Morning Tea** in support of the **Cranford Hospice**. The orange cake, carrot cake muffins, egg sandwiches and jubes were delicious and very much appreciated!! It was a pleasure to be able to support Cranford Hospice as they do an amazing job caring for families and whānau in their time of need here in Hawke's Bay.



## WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO ATTEND SCHOOL

Regular attendance at school is key to your child's success! Attending school every day helps to:

- build good learning and working habits
- learn social skills with their peers
- learn responsibility
- develop routines

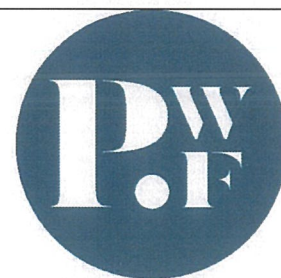
Your child will use these skills well into their working life! It ensures they don't miss out on important lessons, friendships and opportunities that will help to shape their future.

EVERY DAY COUNTS



What's  
on  
top?

**Kāhui Ako**  
Ruahine • Te Angiangi



**pukehou  
whanau  
+ friends**

The next **PWF meeting** will be  
held on Wednesday  
**April 2nd at 6.30pm**  
at **Skinny Mulligans**,  
Waipawa.  
*All Welcome!!!*

Remember ....  
**School is closed tomorrow**  
(Friday 28 March)  
**Teacher Only Day**



Daylight Saving ends  
next weekend -  
Sunday 6th April.  
Remember to turn  
your clocks back &  
enjoy the extra hour!



House Points:	PUKENUI	KAUHEHEI	KAHURANAKI
Week 7 - 8	6,405	6,140	7,415
Term totals:	27,894	39,365	24,543



### **Tennis Results:**



Pukehou vs  
Waipukurau *Played on Mon 17 March*

Singles - Mackenzie ~ lost 3 - 7  
Stella ~ Lost 7 - 1

George W ~ Won 7 - 5  
Archer ~ Won 7 - 1

Doubles - Archer/George ~ Won 7 - 3  
Stella / Mackenzie ~ Lost 4 ~ 7

Games were cancelled on 24 March   



Some Pukehou students played Summer Hockey in a combined team with Elsthorpe and ended the season with a win. Well done, now you can look forward to Winter Hockey!

### **CHB Inter School Swimming Sports finalists:**

Congratulations to all 10 students who represented Pukehou School on 14th March.

Special mention to the following **finalists**:

Hayley - Yr 4 Girls ~ 25m Breaststroke, 25m Freestyle & 25m Backstroke

Maja - Yr 5-6 Girls ~ 25m Breaststroke & 25m Freestyle

George W - Yr 5-6 Boys ~ 25m Breaststroke

Kayla - Yr 7-8 Girls ~ 25m Backstroke

### **MINIBALL Report:**

Last Friday Kāhu Kings played Waipawa, and St Joseph's school. Displaying athleticism, and providing great entertainment, the Pukehou boys could be the next Harlem Globe Trotters! Their tricks were great to see, as well as excellent sportsmanship. Keep up the good work Kāhū Kings!

A couple of weeks ago the Panthers only had two players on each side, but our Pukehou players won against Terrace.

Last week the Pukehou Panthers won both of their games. One was against Waipawa and the second against Otane. Pukehou Panthers are playing really well as a team and getting more used to the 3v3 rules.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

(Check updates on the HERO Calendar)

#### **MARCH**

Fri 28 Teacher Only Day - school closed

Mon 31 Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6 pm

#### **APRIL**

Wed 2 PWF Meeting - 6.30pm in Waipawa

Sun 6 Daylight Saving ends - Turn your clocks back.

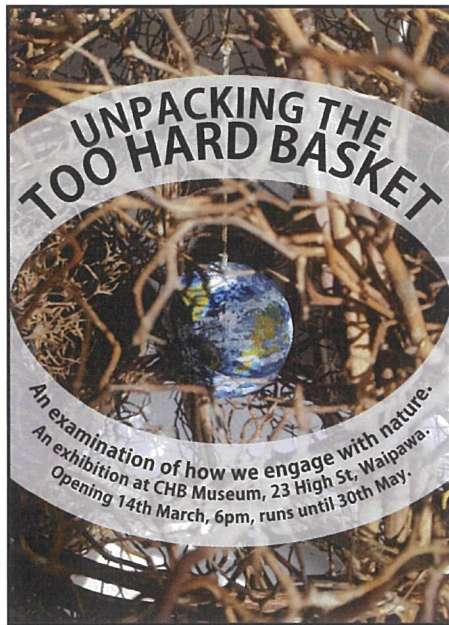
Tues 8 Parents Guide to Online World, 6.30 pm @ CHBC

Fri 11 Assembly 2.15 pm

End of Term 1







### **FREE to the first bidder:**

Fabulous dry, rodent-proof storage.

Collect from the School Hall.



### **Not to be missed! "Unpacking The Too Hard Basket"**

Do you want to encourage your children to live with a care for the earth? Visit the CHB museum in Waipawa and experience this exhibition. A culmination of education, creativity and community sharing awareness and love of the earth and the environment.

This is an exhibition of works that has been brought together to remind us of the beauty of nature, and to show us what we face losing. It was formed around the idea of connecting people who care for the environment, as well as providing a space for people and the public to learn about various things going on in the world right now. Over fifty local artists are featured, with works in a variety of mediums and formats, and there are numerous educational resources onsite as well. Rather than charge commission, artists can choose to donate as much as they want to various charities, and the public can vote on how those donations are distributed amongst those charities. On the opening night we raised over \$650 in donations.

The title of the exhibition is inspired by Jan Speeden's piece "The Too Hard Basket", which was created as a way to express the anxiety and frustration felt at the slow and reluctant progress being made to mitigate the effects of climate change. This seemed a perfect way to capture the essence of this exhibition, to express the complexity of our situation, and our collective reluctance to acknowledge or address what is happening in the world right now, and so "Unpacking the Too Hard Basket" was born.

The CHB Museum is open 7 days a week, 10am to 4pm, with free entry, and the exhibition runs until May 30th.

*Viv, Jan and The Millstream Gardens Whanau*

