



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 2 Term 3 2025

Thursday 24th July

Acting Principal Korero



Tuhia ki te Rangi
Tuhia ki te whenua
Tuhia ki te ngakau
o nag tangata
Ko te mea nui
Ko te aroha
Ti hei Mauri Ora!

Write it in the sky
Write it in the land
Write it in the heart
of the people
The greatest thing
Is love
Behold there is Life!

Kia ora Koutou

I thought it best to be open and transparent about my passion for supporting the Chiefs, that said I can now move on to introducing myself. As Rob alluded to in the last newsletter, my name is Mark Gifkins, more commonly known as Mr G, and I am Pukehou's Acting Principal for the next ten weeks while Rob enjoys a well deserved sabbatical.

At the end of 2024 I retired as principal of Parkvale School in Hastings, after enjoying twenty three magical years at the helm. More recently I have been appointed to the Acting Principal position at Pukehamoamo School while their principal was on sabbatical and now I am extremely excited to be Acting Principal at Pukehou School.

In just the short amount of time that I have been at Pukehou School, I have come to appreciate what an amazing school you have all created. The school itself and the surrounding grounds are picture perfect and provide an exceptionally supportive environment for learning.

The staff have been warm and welcoming, and I have quickly identified the outstanding quality of teaching that is occurring in all the classrooms. Developing positive relationships with the students is a true focus displayed by all staff, ensuring rooms are vibrant and exciting learning spaces.

The children have been sensational, their openness, friendly and kind manner is a true reflection of the values the school holds to the forefront.

I have looked at the school calendar for this term and am extremely excited to be part of all the wonderful events ahead. Next week we have the Onga Onga Sevens, where we will be competing in the soccer, netball and hockey competitions. I will be spending the day going between these events and cheering the students on (I am quietly confident that we will do well as practices have been sharp).

In week four we will be travelling to Poukawa School to compete in the annual Inter-Rural School Cross Country. The students have been participating in daily runs around our field in preparation for this challenging event. Once again I look forward to supporting our runners as they take on the rugged course set by Poukawa.

After the cross country we then begin to prepare for the CHB Rippa Rugby Tournament to be held later in the term at Coronation Park in Waipawa. This has always been a favourite event for me and I look forward to coaching some teams to represent Pukehou School.

While all this is happening we will also be fully involved in rehearsals for the upcoming production which will be on show in early term four.

Once again can I extend my true thanks and appreciation for the kindness and open arm welcome you have all given me. I look forward to meeting you all in the weeks ahead.

Best wishes

Mark Gifkins
Acting Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

(Check updates on the HERO Calendar)

JULY

Wed 30th Onga 7's Tournament (ppmt 31st)

AUGUST

Mon 4th BoT Meeting @ 5.30 pm. All welcome.

Thurs 7th Cross Country @ Poukawa (ppmt 8th)

Wed 13th Whole School Marae Visit

Fri 15th Bus Group QUIZ NIGHT

Thurs 21st CHB Cross Country

Remember to get your lunch order in for the **Poukawa Cross Country** event. You should have received an email from Jacqui on Monday with the information about what's available and an online link to order. Orders are due by **Friday 1st August at 3pm**. There will be home baking for sale on the day along with a raffle.


We are delighted to welcome Hudson to Pukehou School. We know you will have a wonderful time in Kererū class, making new friends and learning so much!



Sports Report:

Netball: These young girls are playing and communicating amazingly well together. Miley got a goal last week too! Keep it up for the rest of the season girls. We're proud of you all!





PUKEHOU QUIZ NIGHT

Aug. Friday 15th
7pm

AT THE **PUKEHOU SCHOOL HALL**

RAFFLE, SPOT PRIZES & AUCTION ITEMS!

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

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE

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 SCHOOL PWF!







Seasons for Growth®

An evidence-based change, loss and grief educational programme

In a small group of peers, young people are assisted to understand their experience of loss and grief. The programme provides a safe learning environment for young people where they can give their voice to their experiences, understand their feelings, learn skills that help them adapt, connect with others, and recognise 'I'm not the only one'.

Young people attending may:

- have a parent absent from their lives due to relationship breakdown or separation
- have lost a close family member due to illness, age, suicide, violence, or accident
- have a close family member absent due to time spent in mental health units, prison, or rehab
- be living in alternative care away from their own parents or home
- be experiencing other loss or change in their family life

DATE: Tuesdays for 8 weeks starting July 22nd

TIME: 4.30pm – 5.15pm

AGES: 6-8 years old and 9-10 years old

VENUE: St Peters Church Hall, Waipawa

COST: \$20 per participant

TO REGISTER either:

email: sally.white@acw.org.nz

enroll online: at www.acw.org.nz/grief-services

Completed enrolment form required before commencement of programme.

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To challenge, inspire and enable the potential of tomorrow, today...

Central Hawke's Bay College wishes to invite all Year 7 & 8 Students and their Parents/Caregivers to attend our

OPEN EVENING

On Wednesday 6th August 2025, 6.15pm to 8.30pm
Assembly Hall

6:15pm—Hall Opens
6:30pm—7:00pm
8:30pm—Finish

Displays in the Hall. Visitors arrive.
Addresses from the Principal and Students. School tours commence.
Visitors can go home or return to the Hall to talk to staff if they have questions.

See our excellent facilities
Speak to current College students

Talk to our experienced staff
View examples of students' work

Learn how the College can meet the educational needs of your children

WINTER ILLNESS

Colds, flu and other respiratory illness are common in schools during winter. Here are some simple tips to prevent the spread of illness:



- Wash and dry hands regularly, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing, and using the toilet
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hand
- Regularly clean high touch surfaces – door handles, taps, table tops, phones, computer keyboards, etc
- You should keep your child at home from school if they are too sick to learn and need time to rest and recover
- Get a flu jab NOW – it's FREE for people who are pregnant, over 65s, and people at higher risk of getting very sick. Check with your healthcare provider to see if you are eligible

For more information see: info.health.nz/pregnancy-children/childhood-conditions/

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora



Spaces available in Waipawa

Lulu and Max Before and After School Care offers a nature-based programme where kids can enjoy fun activities like cooking on the fire, building, science experiments, crafting, and games in a supportive and engaging outdoor environment.

We pick up from:

- ✓ Otane
- ✓ St Joseph's
- ✓ Waipukurau
- ✓ Waipawa
- ✓ Terrace
- ✓ Argyll and Pukehou

Waipawa bus stop

www.luluandmax.co.nz

022 402 7692

Lulu and Max

SPEAKING ROLES BY NUMBER OF LINES

N.B. In the following list, the number shows how many SPOKEN lines each role has. An asterisk () before the character's name indicates that this character ALSO has solo or featured sung lines.*

*Herbert Pickle.....	Showman	Jaxon	86
*Obadiah Blastpipe.....	Steampunk megalomaniac	Lucy B	45
Branston Pickle.....	Son, exhibits performing fleas	George W	43
Lily Pickle.....	Daughter, exhibits singing cats.....	Kayla	42
*Dr Horace Heckle.....	Disreputable 'quack' doctor	Jonny	41
*Flossie Dentures	Aristocratic runaway	Kaoru	33
*Mrs Tickle	Housekeeper	Maja	32
*Tyrus Snide	Disreputable 'quack' doctor	Emmett	31
*Ratfink	Obadiah's henchman.....	Camille	30
Professor Pickle.....	Inventor and exhibitor of scientific curiosities	George C	26
Petunia Pickle.....	Wife and melodramatic artist.....	Mackenzie	20
Ibis	Audience and member of the public	Cleodie	16
Mercure	Audience and member of the public	Stella	14
Harry Houdidit.....	Escapologist.....	Sebastien	12
Vagabond Charlie.....	Ventriloquist's dummy	Cara	9
Lord D'Enture	Flossie's father	Archer	6
Victor Chatterson	Ventriloquist.....	Alex	4
Maximus Girder	Strongman.....	Marnix	4
*Donald Dufflecoat.....	Inventor and member of the public	Grayson	4
*Mrs Longlegs.....	Inventor and member of the public	Arihi	3
Flea 1.....	Member of the Flea Circus	Miley	2
Flea 2.....	As above	Lilly	2
Gladiator 1	Member of the troupe	Keanu	2
Flea 3.....	Member of the Flea Circus	Eva	1
Coco	Clown	Ditmar	1
Cookie	Clown	Oscar	1
Buffalo Bill.....	Member of the troupe	Henry	1
Gladiator 2	Member of the troupe	Bobby	1
*Ragamuffin 1 & 2.....	Heckle and Snide's helper.....	Naevyn / Cullen	1
*Cog 1.....	Obadiah's minion.....	Carter	1
Ragamuffin 3:		Rukutan	

Non-speaking roles: *Cats 1-3 (who also play wild animals 1-3); Dungo (member of flea circus); *Ragamuffins 2-4; Policemen 1-2; *Cogs 2-4; Scamp and Lady (performing dogs).

Cats: Pippa
Riley
Annaia

Dungo: Liam

Police: Lucca
Leo

Scamp: Frieda

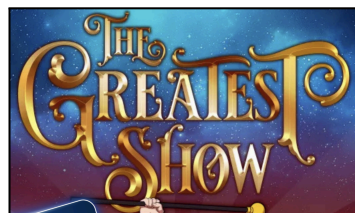
Lady: Zoe

Ragamuffin 4: Hudson

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Cog 2: Holly
Cog 3: Hugo

Well done to
all of the
students who
auditioned for



with hugely
appreciated
assistance from
Rachelle Dekker and
Tim Stevens
(Waipawa M&D), the
cast has been
announced!

This production will
be 'on stage' on 15th
(Matinee), 16th & 17th
October (Week 2 Term 4).

Tickets will be
available from 8th
September, not
before.

Directed by

Rachael Strong

Director's Assistant -

Alice Charlton-Jones

