



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



For Week 6 Term 3 2025

Monday 25th August

Acting Principal Korero

Kia ora Whanau

Central Hawke's Bay Inter-School Cross Country

On Thursday, six of our talented students represented Pukehou School at the Central Hawke's Bay Inter-School Cross Country event held out at Flemington. It was a true winter's day, with icy winds and bitterly cold conditions adding an extra challenge to an already demanding course.

The track was rugged and muddy, making every step a test of strength and determination. Despite these tough conditions, our runners showed incredible resilience and commitment, tackling the course with courage and grit. Each student displayed the values we are so proud of – perseverance, teamwork, and a positive attitude – proving that true success comes from giving your best effort, no matter the circumstances.

We look forward to publishing the final results once they have been sent to us.

WHAT'S COMING UP

We have two exciting events coming up next week that we know our students will thoroughly enjoy!

On **Thursday, 28th August**, the entire school will be travelling to **Central Hawke's Bay College Hall** to take part in the **annual Science Roadshow**. This is always a fantastic opportunity for students to engage in **hands-on, interactive experiences** based around the fascinating world of science. It's a wonderful way to spark curiosity and inspire a love of learning in our tamariki.

Then, on **Friday, 29th August**, we will celebrate **Daffodil Day**. We can't wait to see our students arrive in their most **creative, bright yellow attire** to show support for this important cause. Let's fill the school with sunshine and positivity!

Thank you for your continued support in making these events memorable for our learners.

Ngā mihi,

Mark Giffkins

Acting Principal

For all that cancer takes, give all that you can this Daffodil Day.

On **Friday 29th August** you are invited to dress in **yellow** for Daffodil Day.

There will be a \$ collection \$ for the local Cancer Society. Thank you in advance for your \$upport.



READ TO SUCCEED!

Reading to our tamariki is essential for their development and growth. It not only helps to expand their vocabulary and language skills but also sparks their imagination and creativity. Through stories, tamariki can explore new worlds, understand different perspectives, and develop empathy. Reading together also strengthens the bond between adults and children, creating a shared experience that fosters a love for learning.

Encouraging a reading habit early on sets the foundation for lifelong learning and success. Kia kaha, let's make reading a cherished part of our tamariki's daily routine!



What's
on
top?

Kāhui Ako

Ruahine • Te Angiangi



IMPORTANT DATES:

(Check updates on the HERO Calendar)

AUGUST

Thurs 28th Science Roadshow @ CHBC

Fri 29th Daffodil Day - Dress in **yellow**, bring a gold coin donation

SEPTEMBER

Sun 7th Father's Day

Mon 8th Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30 pm

Fri 12th TEACHER ONLY DAY ~ School Closed

Tues 16th HB Cross Country

Thurs 18th 4 Year Old Discovery Day

CHB Rippa Rugby Tournament

Fri 19th End of Term 3



Interschool Tennis kicks off in **Week 2, Monday 13 October**, and runs for about six weeks. Please note there is **no tennis on Labour Day – Monday 27 October**. Teams and players must be registered by Friday 19 September.

See the HERO post for more information.

Our next **Discovery Day for 4 Year Olds** will be on

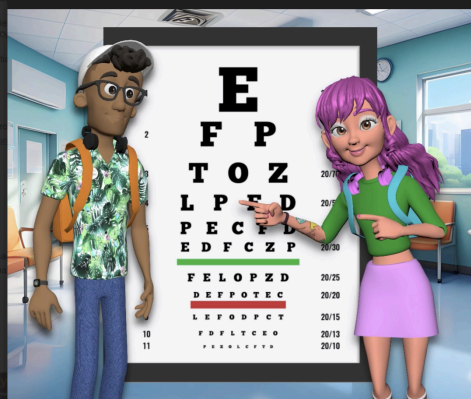
Thursday 18th September from 9.30 am - 11.00 am.

Email fleur.mcdowell@pukehou.school.nz or phone

Jacqui on (06) 856 8169 for more information.

Be eye smart

1. Spend time outside everyday
2. Less screen time - take a break
3. Book an eye test
4. Wear sunglasses



Wicked mountain bike event for every kiwi kid with attitude, energy and wheels!!

Victoria Esplanade, Palmerston North
Sunday Sept 7th, 2025

Entries and more info at

www.ibike4kids.co.nz

Everyone gets a medal and plenty of spot prizes
Schools Participation Prizes
Three Mountain Bikes - Major Spot prize

Plenty of mud!

Progressive Otane

MEET THE CANDIDATES



Progressive Otane has organised a "Meet the candidates" meeting and invite you to come along



Date - 28th August 2025
Time - 7pm
Venue - Otane Town Hall

All candidates shall speak.
Majority Council at large
Aramoana - Ruahine General
Ratahi Maori Ward
Regional Council





CHB Interschool Cross Country – Thursday 21 August 2025



Resilience



Grit



Effort



Commitment



Determination



Courage



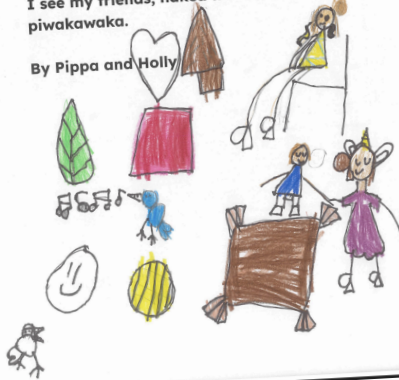
I hear crunchy leaves, the teacher talking
and birds tweeting. ✓

I feel fluffy carpet and happy children. ✓

I taste soft marshmallows and salty chips. ✓

I see my friends, naked trees and a
piwakawaka.

By Pippa and Holly



I hear footsteps banging on the deck and
mouths eating.

I feel the fluffy floor, welcome and happy.

I smell food cooking, shoes, and stinky socks.

I taste cheesy pizza, crunchy nuggets, and
nutty cake.

I see the moon, you, and my boat.

By Marnix and Bobby



I hear screaming, wind, glass shattering.

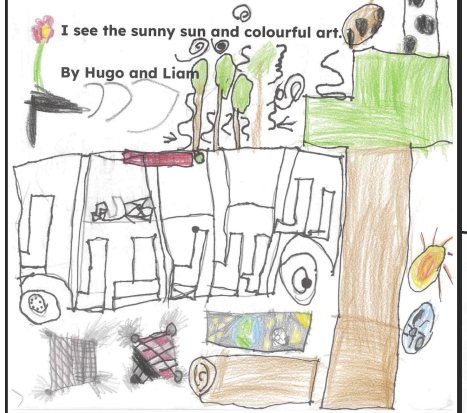
I feel soft pillows, trees and soft wood.

I smell birch, pollen and flowers.

I taste sweet apples and chocolate cookies.

I see the sunny sun and colourful art.

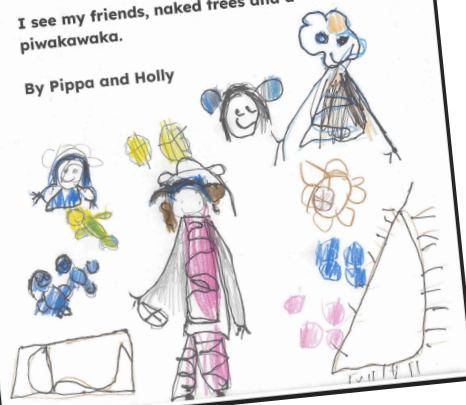
By Hugo and Liam



I taste soft marshmallows

I see my friends, naked trees and a
piwakawaka.

By Pippa and Holly



Kererū kids worked
in pairs to write
these poems then
individually
illustrated them.

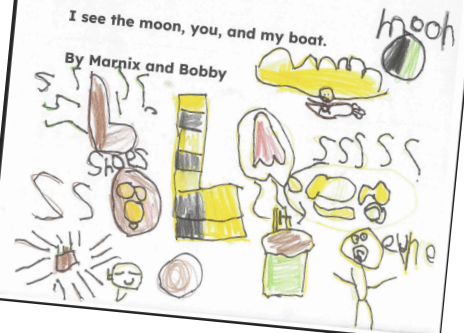
Lovely work Kererū.
Thanks for sharing
it with us.

I smell food cooking, shoes, and stinky socks.

I taste cheesy pizza, crunchy nuggets, and
nutty cake.

I see the moon, you, and my boat.

By Marnix and Bobby



I hear birds chirping, seats moving and Riley
stomping.

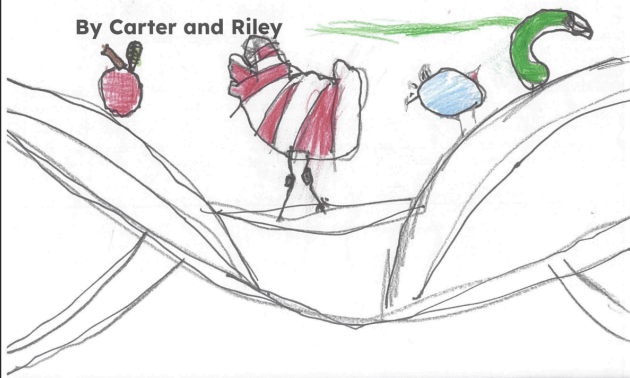
I feel the ground, the smooth door handle
and the cool clouds.

I smell the air and flowers.

I taste juicy watermelon, apples and
chocolate cupcakes.

I see flowers, parked cars and my hut in the
peace path.

By Carter and Riley



I hear the teacher, breathing and wind
blowing.

I feel the smooth table, a fluffy jersey and
sharp pencils.

I smell food, fresh air and sweet flowers.

I taste juicy watermelon, feijoas and apples.

I see naked trees, swings and a slippery
slide.

By Amaia and Frieda

