



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 10 Term 4 2025

Thursday 11 December

Principal Korero

Wow, the last two weeks have flown by, and we've certainly squeezed a fair bit in. I was fortunate enough to go to camp in Welly with Kāhu class. It was an action-packed five days, starting at the high ropes course at Adrenalin Forest. Visits to Te Papa, Capital E (where we created our own games), Parliament, Zealandia, Wellington Zoo and Indoor Go-Karting followed. There was learning, challenges, and a whole lot of fun had. I was proud of our senior students, as many of them overcame fears and challenges while away.

Success doesn't happen by chance. A phenomenal amount of planning and organisation goes into a camp, including fundraising. Thanks to Rachael (Mrs Strong) for all her mahi. I know the tamariki loved it! We had a great team of parent volunteers who threw themselves into camp and the activities. Thanks, Bram, Julie, and Pixie. You were amazing.

It was hard to pick a highlight. I love the zoo. The heights our kids went to at Adrenalin Forest were amazing. However, it was hard to go past the Go-Karting...there were thrills and spills, with competitive natures coming to the fore! The kids were buzzing afterwards.

Also, I'd like to thank Mr G for coming back and steering the ship while we were away. I know they had a wee bit of fun back at school. I would have loved to have been part of Wheels Day!



Splash Planet Fun Day

Thanks to Centralines and Constable Che', our Bus Monitors were able to be recognised and thanked for their efforts this year with a day at Splash Planet. It was a scorching day, and while the park was pretty full, they had a blast. It's a big commitment to volunteer to be a bus monitor, and we hugely appreciate those who put their hand up. I'd also like to acknowledge and thank Rachel and HB Bus Services for getting us to the event and helping with supervision.



PRIZEGIVING & CELEBRATION

Just a reminder that parents and whānau are invited to our end-of-year celebration this coming **Monday, 15th December. @Pukehou Marae.** We are excited to be hosting the event at the marae 😊

Gates open at 5.00 pm for a Board (Free) Sausage Sizzle, with festivities starting at 6 pm (please have children there by 5.45 pm).

Hall Construction

Work has begun, and there has been a fair bit of demolition and exposure of the walls to identify the scale of the weather-tightness issues. Things are progressing nicely, but it's hard to envisage the final product at this stage!



Rob Pratt (Principal)







[Our Kids Online](#)

2-Minute Tuesdays -

Parenting Tips and Tricks!

with Rob Cope



IMPORTANT DATES:

(Check updates on the HERO Calendar)

DECEMBER

Mon 15th Final Assembly / Prize Giving (Pukehou Marae)

Wed 17th Last day of term - 12 midday finish!


JANUARY

SCHOOL CLOSED

Term Dates

Term 1	Mon 2 Feb - Thurs 2 Apr
Term 2	Mon 20 Apr - Fri 3 Jul
Term 3	Mon 20 Jul - Fri 25 Sept
Term 4	Mon 12 Oct - Tues 15 Dec (tbc)

End of Term Reminders:

- ☐ Return all Library Books and Readers
- ☐ Return Sports Tops
- ☐ Check accounts on HERO
- ☐ Please clear bus fee accounts
-  12 o'clock finish on Wednesday 17th

4 Game-Changing Books For Parents

If you're raising kids in the digital age, these four books are absolutely essential. From screen addiction to brain development to anxiety and resilience, these titles will give you the science, the strategies, and the clarity every modern parent needs. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYwy3wTBfhk>

How Much Tablet Time Is Safe for Growing Brains?

With developmental delays in children skyrocketing, this video asks a crucial question every parent needs to consider: how much tablet time is actually safe for our children's young, developing brains?

DIGITAL SAFETY

TALK APPROACH

- **Time limits:** Set clear boundaries on screen time and stick to them
- **Access:** Keep devices in shared spaces, not bedrooms, so you can see what they're doing
- **Listen and discuss:** Regularly kōrero with your child about what they're seeing online
- **Know their world:** Learn about the apps, games, and websites your child uses



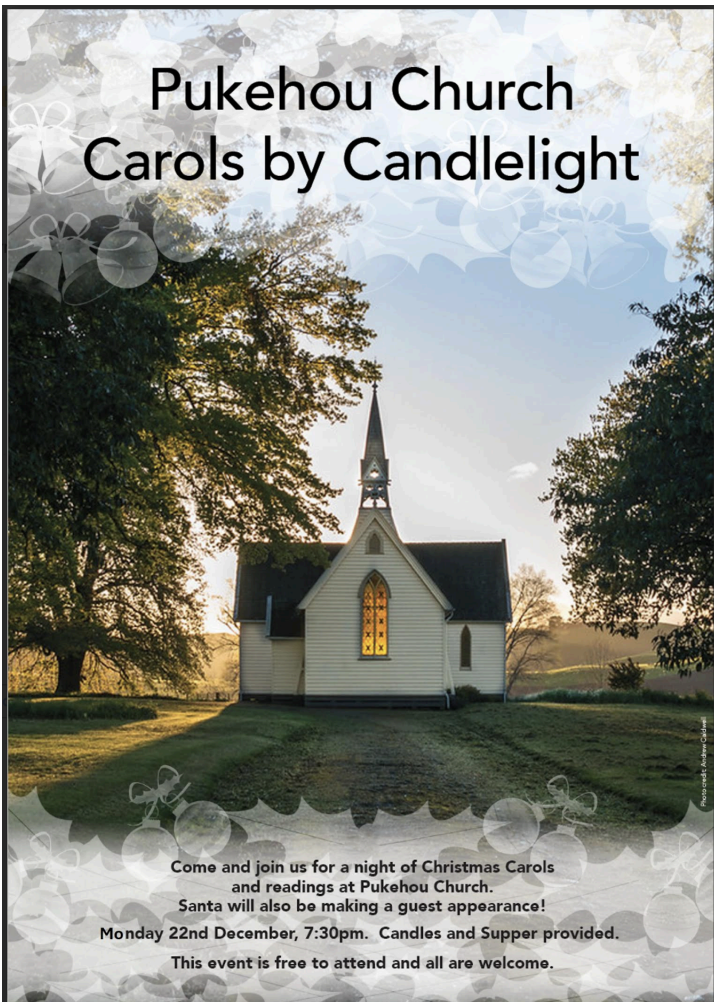
**What's
on
top?**

Kāhui Ako
Ruahine • Te Angiangi



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdYE3CaVLYY>

Pukehou Church Carols by Candlelight



Come and join us for a night of Christmas Carols and readings at Pukehou Church.

Santa will also be making a guest appearance!

Monday 22nd December, 7:30pm. Candles and Supper provided.

This event is free to attend and all are welcome.

FREE
EVENT

Sam & the Fam



Song Time

Come along to hear a collection of songs Sam has written about a variety of topics such as breakfast, favourite things, grumpy toddlers, ice cream flavours and tiptoeing animals!

Aimed at children 7 and under - Everyone welcome.

Entry is FREE!

WHERE: Te Huinga Wai: The Knowledge and Learning Hub

WHEN: Saturday December 13th 10:30-11:15am



TOTS TO TEENS

CHILDHOOD IN AOTEAROA

FOR YOUR PARENTS

Out now!

MŌRENA,

Summer is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents:

issue2512.totstoteens.co.nz/

What's in this issue for parents?

- » Phones causing parenting panic
- » Fix your frantic mornings
- » Never too late to learn to swim
- » Flying with allergies
- » Fiji resort rewind
- » Squishmallow-style treats
- » Expert tooth tips
- » Santa craft for kids



Thank you to everyone for supporting our digital magazine, it means we are able to share it with more kiwi parents and whānau, in a format that is super visual and user friendly (75% of your parents will be reading on their phone!).

We are proud to be Aotearoa's favourite parenting magazine, with 160,000 free magazines distributed for free each year nationwide.

Stay in touch!

Have we sent our digital version of Tots to Teens Magazine to the right person in your school/ECE? If not, please let us know by emailing digital@totstoteens.co.nz

We'd love to hear your feedback, so please keep in touch and let us know what you think.

Thank you from all of us at Tots To Teens xx

HORSE RIDING SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 12th - Fri 16th January

Mon 19th - Fri 23rd January



A hands-on horse riding programme for all levels. Build confidence, connect with horses, and enjoy the great outdoors. No experience needed!

Booking options: One-day | Multiple days | Full week

Location: Clive, Hawkes Bay

Contact: Julia

Phone: 027 822 3185

The Lawn
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