



Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 11 Term 2 2026

Monday 29th June

PRINCIPAL KORERO

The last couple of weeks have seen our teaching team demonstrate our Pukehou 'can-do attitude' in completing mid-year reports. Teacher workload increases significantly during this time. However, it is also a highly rewarding process, as teachers take the time to reflect on the growth that students have made over the year, not just academically but socially as well.

Mid-year reports will provide a snapshot of your child's achievement and progress in Reading, Writing, and Maths, identifying their strengths and next steps for learning. Assessment takes many forms. Teachers draw from formal standardised assessment, group and individual classroom work, learning conversations, and their knowledge of your child. With our small class sizes, teachers know each child well, their interests, strengths and needs.

The refreshed curriculum has had an impact. Please remember that students have been taught some of the curriculum for the year that achievement markers have been lifted for students. Our students will continue to receive explicit learning for the second half of the year, and at the end of the year, achievement and progress will reflect a wider coverage of each curriculum area.

Learning Conferences will be held in the first week of Term 3, where reports can be discussed in more depth, along with student goals and ways that you can assist at home. More information will be provided to families this week and again at conferences on the curriculum changes.

IMPORTANT

TERM 3 TEACHER ONLY DAYS

In Term 3, we have two Ministry of Education Teacher Only Days focused on Curriculum and Assessment. They will be on **Friday, the 4th of September**, and **Monday, the 7th of September**. School will be closed on those days as the teaching team upskills and engages in professional learning to improve curriculum knowledge and assessment practices. We recognise that this may cause inconvenience, and thank you in advance for your understanding.

TERM THREE INTEGRATED UNIT

After the success of our Visual Arts integrated unit, we're pretty excited about next term's focus, too. As a result of student voice, we will become **Time Travellers**, exploring ancient civilisations!! This allows us to dive a wee bit into the refreshed Social Sciences curriculum and Global History, which is due for release next year.





Last week we welcomed Cat and Willy - along with their friends Worry Watchdog, Angry Dragon, and Cool Cat - into school for the **Think and Be Me** roadshow. The programme is designed to help tamariki manage BIG emotions such as anxiety and anger, using **'Cool Cat Thinking.'**

STEP 1

Notice it
Me rongu
Name it
Me tautohu

STEP 2

Calm your body
Kia tau tō tinana
Calm your brain
Kia tau tō hinengaro

STEP 3

Catch it
Kapohia
Check it
Whakaarohia
Change it
Panonihia



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

As of last week, there were **70% OF STUDENTS REGULARLY ATTENDING**, which is great news, especially as winter illnesses begin to bite - although we still have some work to do to meet governmental targets. There are some points to celebrate too. Five students are still sitting at 100% attendance for the term!!

Overall Average Attendance	88%
100% Attendance	5!

Health and Education have been working together to provide some guidance for schools and families as we move fully into winter, [Healthy Habits for Learning](#).

CHB NGĀTI WHAI FESTIVAL

Schools from across the rohe have been preparing for this iconic event as we head into celebrating Matariki. It will be a fantastic day of waiata, haka, and performance, and we strongly encourage parents and whānau to come along and support our tamariki.

WHEN: Thursday, 2nd July, 2026

WHERE: AW Parsons Indoor Stadium, Waipukurau



Parents and whānau are asked not to park in the pool area as this is reserved for buses. The organisers will endeavour to stick to the schedule but advise whānau to be there early, and to remember that once the doors shut for a performance, they remain closed. Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Takapau will be selling kai at the venue. Please support them.

PUKEHOU SCHOOL is performing near the end of the day. We are scheduled to be on stage at **1.15 pm**. A huge thanks in advance to Mrs Strong and Jade for their mahi getting our tamariki performance ready.

The more that you
READ
the more things
you will know.
The more you
LEARN
the more places
you'll go!
Dr. Seuss



WINTER WARMERS 2026

Congratulations to all our tamariki who have completed the CHB Libraries Winter Warmers Reading Programme and a huge thanks to our wonderful parents for supporting our students on their reading journey...oh, the places they'll go! Today we had Nanny Vera checking in with our readers, and it was fantastic to hear them share their stories of the books they have read. There is a celebration this coming Saturday & next term students will receive a book!



The Central Hawke's Bay Library Winter Reading Programme in Schools!

Your child has successfully completed the Central Hawke's Bay Libraries Winter Warmers Reading Programme – congratulations!

To celebrate, we're hosting a special finale on Saturday 4th July at the Waipawa Library, and would love you to join us.

Drop in anytime between 10am–12pm for games/activities, a sausage sizzle and to pick up your child's prize book.

If you're unable to attend, don't worry – the library will arrange for all remaining prize books to be delivered to the schools in Term 3.



Should I keep my child home from school or childcare?

Going to school and childcare supports your child's learning, confidence and wellbeing. But when they're not feeling well or their usual self, it can be hard to tell if they should attend. Use this guide to help you make the right decision.

Should my child stay home today?

Usually ok to attend:

- ✓ Mild cough
- ✓ Running nose
- ✓ Mild headache
- ✓ No fever
- ✓ Eating and drinking normally

If mild symptoms become worse or more frequent, keep your child at home and seek health advice.

Keep them home if they have:

- ✗ A fever
- ✗ Vomiting or diarrhoea
- ✗ A sore throat that requires pain relief
- ✗ Wheezing, coughing a lot or difficulty breathing
- ✗ School sores (impetigo)
- ✗ Untreated scabies
- ✗ Tested positive for COVID-19
- ✗ Been asked to stay home by a healthcare provider or your local public health service

Seeking health advice

Trust your instinct, if you are worried about your child's health contact your doctor or usual healthcare provider. You can also call **Healthline** for free anytime on **0800 611 116**.

In an emergency, call **111**.

For more information scan the QR code or visit healthnz.govt.nz and search **school guidance**.



WAR OF THE WORLDS

A Live Radio Broadcast Experience

23rd July - 1st August 2026

Written By **Howard Koch** Directed By **Helen Griffin**

Waipukurau Little Theatre.

An Amateur Production By Arrangement with ORIGIN™ Theatrical, on behalf of Playscripts, Inc.

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KIDS HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

For children aged 8-13

JULY 15 2026

\$10 PER CHILD, PER SESSION

Sessions: AM-BOOKMARKS: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | PM-ART: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Max number per session: 15

MORE INFORMATION & TO BOOK

TEL: SERENA SPENCER 0210412557

IMPORTANT DATES:

JULY

Thurs 2	Ngati Whai Festival
Fri 3	End of Term 2
Mon 20	Term 3 commences
Tues 21	Mid year conferences
Wed 22	Mid year conferences

Limited Tickets! ENTER to WIN HERE

TICKETS \$55 sales close 11 Aug

CAR RAFFLE

2026 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE CROSS PHEV XLS 4WD over \$46,000 prize value

Car for you & Kai for community

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THE FOOD BASKET CENTRAL HAWKES BAY

FOOD RESCUE OPEN FREE STORE

• Tough times, hard work & amazing results

• Last year sharing 300 tonne of kai for 40c/kg cost!

• Growing food skills, mana & community strength

• This mahi really matters but we need YOUR HELP to keep going

PLEASE HELP US SHARE OUR FUNDRAISER FAR & WIDE..YOUR SUPPORT WILL MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE !

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We're urgently raising funds for our ongoing and increasing operational costs (running on the smell of an oily rag but needing \$125k each year to stay open) and keep food flowing to families, preventing waste, and lowering anxiety in our community when costs are tight. We know there's need, 800 in-person visitors a week come to our sessions to share rescued & donated food.

Going BIG with this annual appeal means asking everyone to spread the word and help make connections throughout NZ for us, please SHARE SHARE SHARE !! Most of us know someone who will want to support a great cause and be in to win an amazing Plug-in Hybrid Brand New Car.

Please buy a raffle ticket, share this link far and wide, and let's all pitch in so everyone wins!

www.galabid.com/foodbasket Win a Hybrid Plug-in Electric car ! GOOD LUCK

Ngā mihi maioha, nā Mel King

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