

PUKEATUA PRESS

21st November, Week 7 , Term 4

Te Panui o te Kura #10

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,

It has been another very busy couple of weeks here at Pukeatua School – though I feel like I say that every time.

Sport has been a big talking point nationally. The All Blacks have had some disappointing performances lately, with a tight win over Scotland and then a poor showing against England. Wales should be a more comfortable match, but I'll still be watching closely. On the other hand, the All Whites have been performing incredibly well, pushing some strong opposition right to the wire. They're looking promising for the Football World Cup next year and could be on track for their first-ever win.

At school, we've also had huge weeks. Will and Gaia from Save the Kiwi visited each class with their telemetry gear, showing students how they track kiwi on the Maunga. Every class had the chance to "hunt" Tristen, Lauren, and me while we carried the transmitters – the ultimate game of hide and seek, and a fantastic hands-on learning experience.

We've also had two major athletics days, with Eastern Zone and then the Putāruru Competition. Our students represented Pukeatua with real pride, and I have a very large stack of certificates ready to hand out at our next assembly.

Our Kapa Haka rūpū travelled into Te Awamutu this week to perform at two rest homes, followed by a well-deserved swim to celebrate their dedication throughout the year. They performed beautifully and represented our school strongly. I'm looking forward to seeing them share their bracket at our end-of-year assembly.

Today we headed up the Maunga again, and as always, it was an incredible experience. Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari have been outstanding to work with throughout the year, and we really value the strong relationship we have with them.

Looking ahead, next week is another important one with our Year 7 and 8 Technology Showcase on Thursday, followed by our Parent Helper Afternoon Tea. Please come along to support our senior students and to allow us the chance to say thank you for all the support you give our school.

Have a great weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Ngā mihi,

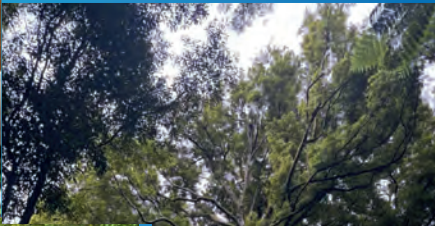


Dene Franklin
Principal



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OUR LAST TRIP UP THE MAUNGA FOR 2025



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

NOVEMBER

- 21st Maunga visit
Room 1 Zoo trip
House Challenge
- 27th Parent Helper afternoon tea
- 27th Technology Y7&8
- 28th Assembly

DECEMBER

- 3rd Korakonui Y7&8 Formal - TBC
- 5th House Challenge
- 8th Year 8 Day
- 11th End of Year Assembly
- 12th Fun Day
Last day bus runs
Reports home
- 15th Board meeting
- 16th Last Day - Term 4 Ends



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