7<sup>th</sup> November, Week 5, Term 4

Te Panui o te Kura #8

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou.

What a term we have had so far! There's been so much happening – Productions, sporting events, Camps – we're certainly operating at full speed!

The All Blacks played really well over the weekend against Ireland, and the last 20 minutes of the game was where they really put them to the sword. They should be fairly comfortable against Scotland this weekend too. There's also been plenty of great sport to enjoy lately — cricket, netball, and of course, the excitement of summer competitions kicking off.

In our last newsletter, we looked at our school production A Moment in Rhyme. I'd like to take a moment to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to support the show. It was an incredible success, and that comes down to the hard work and commitment of our students and staff. The performances were outstanding — full of confidence, humour, and creativity — and truly showcased the talent we have here at Pukeatua School.

A very special thank you also to Ophelia Brawn, for allowing us to base our production on her original script, and to John McLean, for his ongoing guidance and support throughout the production process. It was a real team effort and something we can all be very proud of.

A quick reminder about a few events coming up:

- Eastern Zone Athletics Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember that families will need to arrange transport for their own children.
- Putāruru Interschool Athletics Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, for selected students who have shown strong performance during training.
- Kapa Haka End-of-Year Performance and Trip Wednesday, 19th November.
- Final Maunga Visit Friday, 21st November, along with Room 1's visit to the Zoo.

As many of you will have seen, New Zealand is currently facing a measles outbreak in several regions. Please take all recommended precautions if you or your family have been in contact with someone with measles. Vaccination remains the best protection, so if you are unsure of your child's vaccination status — or believe you may need a booster yourself — please contact your doctor.

Finally, I'd like to address some of the recent developments in education. Over the past two and a half years, schools across the country have been working hard to understand and implement the Refreshed Curriculum for Mathematics and English – a process that has involved multiple Teacher Only Days and significant professional learning. However, two weeks ago, the Minister of Education released a completely new "Reformed Curriculum", representing a major shift from what we had been preparing for.

This new curriculum — along with proposed changes to assessment, school governance, and teacher education — has been introduced without consultation, and schools are now expected to implement it by January 2026. These shifts come at a time when the sector is already managing teacher shortages, workload pressures, and ongoing negotiations around working conditions.

Navigating such significant and sudden change is challenging, but as educators, our focus remains on what matters most – providing the best possible education for the tamariki in our care. I want to thank you all for your ongoing support of our staff and school community as we work through this period of uncertainty and transition.

Have a great weekend - and go the All Blacks and the Wellington Phoenix!

Ngā mihi,

Dene Franklin PRINCIPAL







RUMA WHA HAD
THEIR CAMP LAST
WEEK AND HAD A
BRILLIANT TIME!























### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4**

#### **NOVEMBER**

7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GUMBOOT FRIDAY</b>
	House Challenge

10<sup>th</sup> BOT Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> Technology Y7&8

14<sup>th</sup> Eastern Zone Athletics

(postponement day Mon 17<sup>th</sup>)

18<sup>th</sup> Putaruru Interschool Athletics

19<sup>th</sup> Kapa Haka day out

20<sup>th</sup> Arohena Y7&8 Collab day

21<sup>st</sup> Maunga visit

Room 1 Zoo trip

**House Challenge** 

26<sup>th</sup> Parent Helper afternoon tea

27<sup>th</sup> Technology Y7&8

28<sup>th</sup> Assembly

#### **DECEMBER**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Korakonui Y7&8 Formal - TBC
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5<sup>th</sup> House Challenge

8<sup>th</sup> Year 8 Day

11<sup>th</sup> End of Year Assembly

12<sup>th</sup> Fun Day

Last day bus runs

Reports home

15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting

16<sup>th</sup> Last Day - Term 4 Ends

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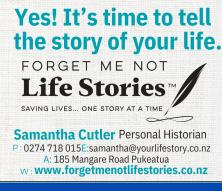
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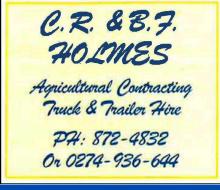
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