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10th March 2025 - Week 6, T1 Te Panui o te Kura #1

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

A super busy start to this year, we are already at the the start of Week 6! Due to that busy start we missed the first newsletter of the year, so this is officially the Welcome back to School newsletter!

We also welcome to our school, 6 new students this term: Desmond McKechnie, Hamish Oberlin-Brown, Evelyn Oberlin-Brown, Hunter McBeth, Charlie McBeth and Deanna Fitzell-Preston. We are excited to have you join our school!

We started our new technology courses this year in Week 2. Despite the transport issues faced getting our other schools here, its been a huge success so far with Arohena and Wharepapa South sharing our lessons. Miss O'Kane and Mrs Little have a great programme in-store for them for the rest of the year including cooking, woodwork, outdoor days, and some common sense life skill lessons all being part of that curriculum.

We held a very successful community picnic in Week 3, with loads of parents and whanau coming along to meet the teachers and catch up with each other. The addition of Greg's food truck made a welcome 'night off the cooking' for many and was so successful that he has asked if we will do this event again. From the feedback we have received it seems like it might be a great idea!

Room 3 went off to Rotorua for camp in Week 4. They had a stunning week of adventures but unfortunately on the last day it rained! So they quickly packed up and headed back to school to put up the tents again to dry. See pictures later in newsletter.

Save the Kiwi returned to us in Week 1 to start their Kiwi translocation session for 2025. Although we don't have the same involvement as last year, there are many great events coming up this year with both Save the Kiwi and Maungatautari. The staff have been given the opportunity also to go on muster mornings throughout the term. Gaby and Miss Heaslip went on March 4th and Mrs Jordan and Mrs Gulliver went on March 6th. Despite the early start, reports are that it's super interesting although a bit exhausting!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1, 2025

March:

10th: Life Ed starts
17th: Student bikes to school
20th: Acknowledging Little Heart Day (21/3/25)
Bikewise
21st: Triathlon
31st: Orakau Memorial Day
Parent-Teacher interviews

Next Monday, students are asked to bring their bikes to school to start triathlon practice. The triathlon will be held next Friday, hopefully while we still have some fabulous weather. We are also holding a bikewise and bike safety day on Thursday afternoon prior to the triathlon.

Next Friday is also Little Heart Day, however since its also the day of the Triathlon we have decided to acknowledge the day on Thursday. Students are welcome to dress in red and bring a gold coin donation (where possible) to be given to the Little Heart day team.

This week we have Harold and Nicki visiting with the Life Education Truck. We are so excited to have our favourite two educators back! We look forward to seeing what they have lined up for us this year.

Today we have Te Oki (ECE) visiting us and going up Maungatautari with some of our senior students and the Save the Kiwi team. This is a great opportunity for our seniors to experience a leadership role as they care for our younger visitors. Its also gives our younger visitors a chance to see our beautiful Maunga and possibly catch a glimpse of kiwi!

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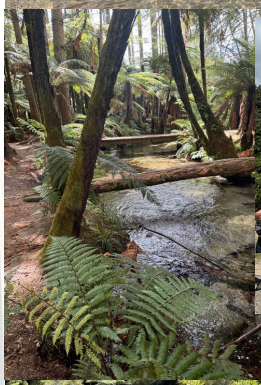
Camping SPOTLIGHT

Room 3 went to Rotorua for camp. It was a whirlwind action packed week of fun with walking, orienteering, mountain biking, swimming, glow worm hunting, and lake activities. They got to visit the Putaruru Blue Springs, Rotorua Museum, Whakarewarewa Village, the Buried Village, Amazeme, Lake Rotomahana view point and hot pools. Wow!

A huge thanks to Miss O'Kane for organising such a great trip
and to the parents and Mr Franklin who accompanied the group to assist with cooking and everything else.



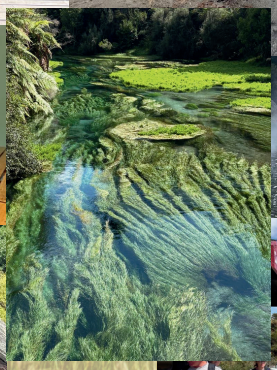










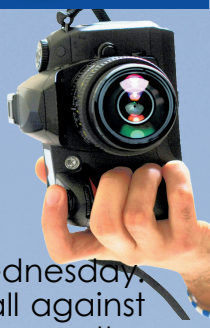





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Swimming SPORTS



We held our swimming sports over two days last week. First up were the juniors on Wednesday. It was a chilly start to the day but heated up and we saw the students giving it their all against each other and students attending from our small group of country schools. Friday saw the seniors taking their turn, with the addition of 8 year 7 & 8's from Kihikihi School joining us for the first time. A great couple of days with a huge thanks going to the group of parents who ran our food stalls both days. We appreciate the support of our school whanau in helping run successful events.









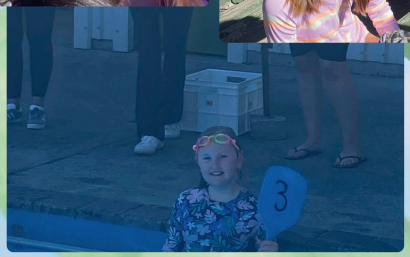










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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cambridge NZRDA

Spot Prizes

Special guests

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Sunday 6th April 25
12.00pm - 3.00pm

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Enter on the day

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Track is approximately 3km (shorter track available)
All funds raised will be used to support the RDA and its programmes

URGENT DOG RESCUE

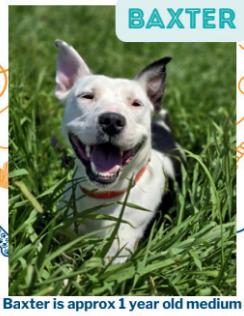
All pups here need urgent help! Are you able to give one of these dogs a new home?

New owners must be prepared to register, micro-chip, vaccinate and desex the dog.
Your property must also be fenced to dog-proof standard.



PIPPA

Pippa is a mixed breed dog, 8 months old. She has unique colours, sweet and playful.



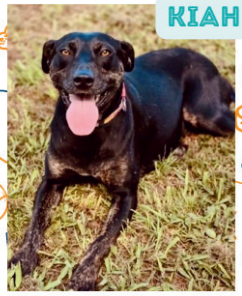
BAXTER

Baxter is approx 1 year old medium mixed breed. He is an active playful dog but also loves being affectionate and having cuddles.



QUINN

Quinn is approx 3 month old. She is a social and confident wee pup.



KIAH

Kiah is approx. 2 years old. She is a Foxy mixbread, small to medium sized pup and very affectionate



LACEY

Lacey is 2 year old small-medium mix. She is shy and nervous so is looking for a patient and loving home, who can show her the world isn't as scary.

For more information, or if you can offer any of these beautiful dogs a forever home, fill out the online form waipadc.govt.nz/dogadoption or contact: 0800 924 723 | 027 584 7073 | aco@waipadc.govt.nz

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Scouts: 11-14 Years, Tuesdays 6.30pm-8.30pm
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For More Information, Contact:
Shona Cassels (Group Leader) 027 287 6746

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Saturday, 15TH March
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Pride in PUTĀRURU

Message from the Principal

Kia ora Pukeatua whānau,

Welcome Back!
Welcome back to another fantastic year at Pukeatua School! It has been amazing to see all the smiling faces of our students returning, full of energy and excitement for the year ahead. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for ensuring such a positive and smooth start to the year. It's been a busy beginning with camp, swimming sports, and the launch of our Year 7 and 8 Technology programme - all of which have set the tone for a great year of learning and growth.

Target Student Notice
I also want to take a moment to acknowledge the Target Student notices that were recently sent out. I sincerely apologise if this communication caused any concern or alarm - this was never my intention. My goal was simply to reassure you that your child's learning is at the heart of everything we do. If a student is not quite where they need to be for their age, even just slightly below, we are committed to doing everything we can to accelerate their progress. The notice also outlined ways you can support your child's learning at home because, by working together - home and school - we can create the best possible outcomes for our students. If you have any questions or concerns about this notice or your child's progress, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me directly. The last thing I want is for anyone to feel worried or anxious about their child's learning.

Attendance Goal for 2025
I also want to highlight the importance of attendance. The Government and Ministry of Education have set a goal for all students to attend school at least 90% of the time. While we know that illness and unexpected events are unavoidable (as I can relate to with my own little ones!), we need to minimise absences due to lateness, holidays, or appointments scheduled during the school day. Regular attendance is crucial for learning, and it remains a key focus for schools across the country this year.

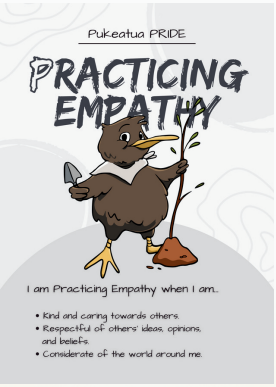
Upcoming Events
Looking ahead, we have some exciting events coming up! Our School Triathlon is set for Friday, 21st March, and it's always a highlight for our students. We also have Parent-Teacher Interviews scheduled for Monday, 31st March, and Tuesday, 1st April—more details will be sent out soon.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to a great year ahead, working together to help our students thrive.

Nga Mihi,

Dene Franklin
Principal

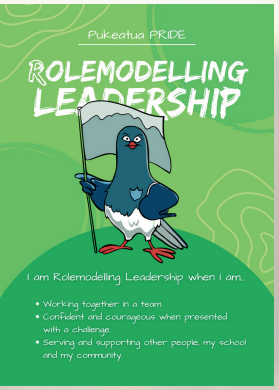
Pukeatua PRIDE



PRACTICING EMPATHY

I am Practicing Empathy when I am...

- kind and caring towards others
- respectful of others ideas, opinions and beliefs
- considerate of the world around me



ROLEMODELLING LEADERSHIP

I am Rolemodelling Leadership when I am...

- working together as a team
- confident and courageous when presented with a challenge
- serving and supporting other people, my school and my community



SHOWING INTEGRITY

I am Rolemodelling Leadership when I am...

- honest with myself and others
- willing to stand up for what is right
- doing the right thing all of the time



DEMONSTRATING PASSION

I am Demonstrating Passion when I am...

- being creative with my thoughts and ideas
- loving what I am working on
- thinking critically and out of the box to solve a problem or answer a question



AIMING FOR EXCELLENCE

I am Aiming for Excellence when I am...

- working hard to achieve my best
- continuing to try when things get hard
- managing myself to complete and reach my goals

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