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14th November 2024 - Week 5, T4 Te Panui o te Kura #18

WEEK 5.....

Crikey, its been a very busy start to term - so busy in fact we've realised we missed the last newsletter!!!

Since our first Term 4 newsletter, we've been up the mountain, had a halloween disco, a touch tournament, gumboot Friday, year 8 leavers tree planting, potting seedlings with Kathryn from Trees for Survival, athletics rotations along with everyday learning and sporting activities.

Invoices (finally) went home this week. Our apologies for the delay in getting these out to you. We changed over to xero accounting late last term and in coming to terms with that the student accounts were a little behind. These have been sorted again now, hence finally being sent home. That being said there may still be some errors - if you come across one and are sure your shouldn't have been billed for something or have already paid, please contact the office immediately.

Mrs Gulliver and our Room 1 cherubs have been very active in their Garden Club this term. The office and entrance looks a little like a garden centre with all their efforts! We have multiple different seedlings for sale every day of the school week at the moment. Ranging from mint to pumpkins, broccolli, lettuce and tomatoes. Pricing is from $1 so check out their efforts when you are next in school. All proceeds from seedling sales go back into the Room 1 Garden Club.

As we come to the end of the year, teachers are busy planning for 2025 and creating their stationery lists. Last year we gave you the choice of purchasing on-line or in town at your leisure. This didn't work as well as we hoped, with some students going without stationery for the first few weeks or trying to work in the wrong books. For 2025 we are providing choice yet again, purchase your own or purchase a pack through school, however it will work slightly differently. Our stationery supplier is currently pricing the lists and we will inform you all once we have these prices. If you wish to purchase your own stationery please let the school know ASAP.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4, 2024

November:

18th: Athletics Postponement day
21st: R1 & 3 Zoo Trip
26th: Putaruru Inter-school Athletics
27th: Year 7/8 day at Arohena
29th: WFSPA Athletics

December:

3rd: Year 8 EOY Trip
4th: Parent Helper Afternoon Tea
5th: Grandparents Day
6th: Potato in a bucket judging
Putaruru Xmas Parade
7th: Te Awamutu Xmas Parade
11th: Final Assembly for 2024
13th: Fun Day
Reports home
17th: Last day, 1.45pm finish
Bus will run

Keep in mind that if you choose to provide your own stationery, we need you to stick to the books listed on the class stationery list. The books are specifically chosen by the teachers to fit in with their teaching plan for 2025. The incorrect books do not support this plan. If you choose to purchase your pack through school you will get it at the significantly cheaper school price. Your child's account will be invoiced for the pack cost and it will be waiting for them when they arrive at school on the first day of Term 1, 2025. You will not need to do anything else except pre-pay.

Finally, our last day is Tuesday 17th December. School finishes early at 1.45pm. The bus will be running. School resumes Monday 3rd February with a short week due to Waitangi & Teacher only day on the Thursday and Friday.

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Activities SPOTLIGHT

Photos from our recent busy weeks.....







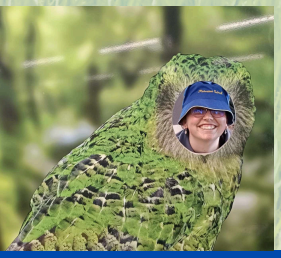














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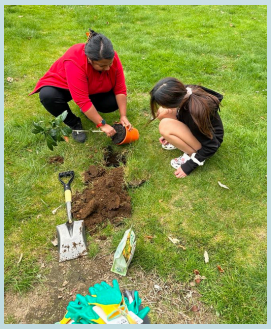
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BUNNINGS warehouse Year 8 Leavers Tree Planting















TREES for Survival Planting with Kathryn

















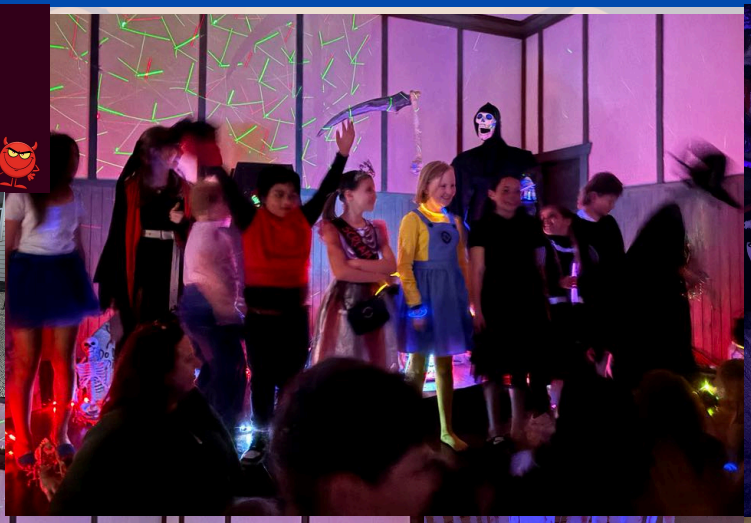
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HALLOWEEN DISCO 2024

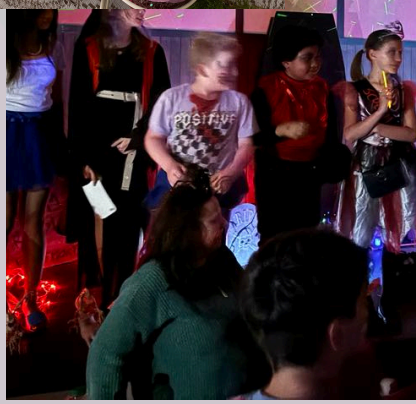
















The halloween disco was a huge highlight this term for our students. The hall looked spectacular with the decorations and the scares set up by the 'Scream Team' were outstanding.

The 'Scream Team' comprised of students from the school working with Jodie (Marvel Electrical) to design and create decorations to enhance the animatronics provided by Tim (Marvel Electrical) for the night. We are grateful to Jodie - for the opportunity she gave our quieter/creative kids as well as for her patience, kindness and enthusiasm working with them to see their ideas realised - and Tim for going above and beyond to make this night special for all the children of our school and wider community. Remember if you need anything electrical, give Marvel Electrical a call!

A huge thank you also to everyone in the school and wider community for their support in making this a great night for the students. It's awesome to have such great community events for our kids to look forward to and enjoy.

(Photo cred: Heather Cheer/Liz O'Kane)







Message from the Principal

Kia ora Pukeatua School whānau,

It's been a while since our last newsletter, and so much has happened in that time! I want to begin with a big acknowledgement of our amazing caretaker, **Morgan Kahu**. Morgan has recently accepted a full-time job in Te Awamutu, which is exciting for him but bittersweet for us. Morgan has done a fantastic job over the past three years caring for our school and gardens and has been a wonderful presence for our students. From coaching table tennis to working with the students in caretaking activities around the school, Morgan has always supported our events with enthusiasm and a smile. Thank you, Morg, for everything. We wish you all the best in your new role!

Speaking of staff, I'd like to Welcome Whaea Ava, a student teacher currently completing her final teaching placement in Room 1. She's doing an excellent job with our Year 0-1 students, and we're thrilled to have her with us this term. Thank you, Whaea Ava, for your dedication and hard work!

Last week, we wrapped up our final visit to Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari for the year. We feel very fortunate to have had the chance to go each term, learning something new on every visit and building a strong relationship with Phil and his team at SMM. Thank you for being such wonderful hosts, and we look forward to continuing our partnership in the years to come.

Looking ahead to 2025, I am pleased to share some exciting updates about our classrooms and teaching staff. Next year, we will have five full-time teachers instead of four. Here's what our classrooms will look like:

- **Room 1** (Year 0-1) - Mrs Colleen Gulliver
- **Room 2** (Year 2-4) - Miss Holly Kirkham and Miss Mckenzie Heaslip (Team-Teaching)
- **Room 3** (Year 7-8) - Miss O'Kane
- **Room 4** (Year 5-6) - Whaea Viki
- **Classroom Release Teachers** - Mrs Sandra Meacheam (2 days per week) and Mrs Alex Kirkham (3 days per week)
- **Year 7-8 Technology Teacher** - Mrs Linda Little (1 day a fortnight)

In Room 2, Miss Heaslip and Miss Kirkham will team-teach, allowing them to work closely with smaller groups and better support individual learning needs. This approach will also allow more one-on-one time with the teachers, helping accelerate students' learning. It will also provide enriched learning opportunities for students, and both teachers are excited to collaborate on this new journey.

We're also thrilled to share that Year 7-8 Technology will be hosted here at Pukeatua School next year! Rather than travelling to Putaruru College, we'll tailor our program on-site to better meet our students' needs. We'll welcome Arohena School to join us every other week throughout the year, with Mrs Little and Miss O'Kane working together to provide a program. The students will be split into two groups, which will work well with our activity days with Arohena and Wharepapa South. A community consultation document will soon invite parents to share their ideas and interests in this technology program. This is also a great chance to offer any skills you may be willing to share with our Year 7 and 8 students. We'll work within our funding and space limitations to provide the best experience possible.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ngā mihi,

Dene Franklin

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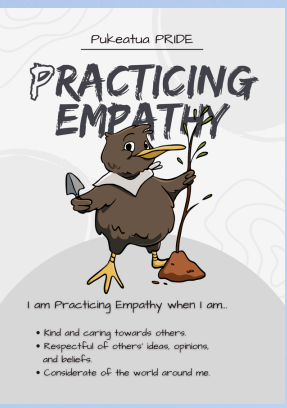
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Principals Award

The "Scream Team'"
Khloe, Lawton, Harper, Maia, Sarah-Lee, Christian, Yannah and Melita

for their hard work on the disco decorations

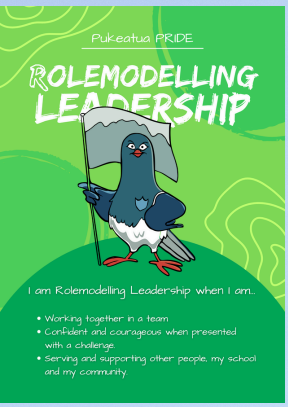
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PRACTICING EMPATHY

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

Certificate Recipients

Practicing Empathy: Sarah-Lee, Arlo
Rolemodeling Leadership: Melita
Showing Integrity:
Demonstrating Passion: Luna
Excellence: Lachlan, Theo, Milah, Skye

Values Band recipients

Practicing Empathy: Theo, Rylie, Indica, Ruby, Harley, Trent, Gracie & Liam
Rolemodeling Leadership: Rylie, Kimlene, Sarah-lee
Showing Integrity: Trent, Miafiorella, Jake, Cora, Khloe
Demonstrating Passion: Luna, Christian
Excellence: Harper-Rose, Shelby, Levi, Scarlett



Two of our certificate winners Melita & Lachlan



Term 4 Parawera Cup Recipient Zane Franklin

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Sausage Roll	2.50		
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