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29th November 2024 - Week 7, T4 Te Panui o te Kura #19

WEEK 7.....

It is with much sadness that we advise our Pukeatua Whanau that our wonderful bus driver John has retired. We are hoping to see him back at school one more time before school finishes so the students can say goodbye. We currently have a temporary driver, Russell, whose wife Jenny does the College bus run in our area also. Say hello to Russell when you see him, he is another lovely driver whom we are lucky to have covering.

Last week we welcomed back Whaea Viki after a year away studying to enhance her Te Reo Maori. She brings back to school a wealth of new knowledge that we are very excited to learn about. Its also great to have her back with us as it was very quiet while she was gone!

At the end of Week 8 we are losing our lovely student teacher Ava Trusler. Ava has been assisting in Room 1 this term and has been a great asset to Mrs Gulliver and the students. She has also been a lovely addition to our team. We wish her all the best in her future teaching career.

As the year ends we start to run out of lunch items as we don't replace them just to sit in the freezer over summer. At the time of writing this newsletter, we are out of mini mince pies. Stock of cookies is also running low. There are lots of alternatives, however we are aware that some children only like particular items. Our apologies for the inconvenience in these cases.

We are expecting the Mobile Dental Clinic on site from next week. They have sent along a message to share with you all:

Hello from the Mobile Dental Team,
The dental team are planning to be Pukeatua School to make a start. The mobile unit will be moved onsite Monday 2 nd December. We will be starting with Year 8 check-ups and treatment needed as they need to be seen before the end of the year. We will not be pre booking appointment times for the children to attend from class unless you would like to attend with your child. In this case please call us on 021 684 334 and we will make an appointment.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4, 2024

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
9th: Swim Waikato here for week
11th: Final Assembly for 2024, 11am
13th: Fun Day
Reports home
17th: Last day, 1.45pm finish, Bus will run

3rd Feb 2025: School begins

Otherwise if your child is well and at school, we will go ahead and get them from class for their check-ups according to your consent we hold on our system. They will then be issued with further consent forms and information. Please check for any forms that need to signed and returned.

If we don't get a chance to see your child before end of school but would like them seen before the end of the year please give us a call as we are hoping to be onsite and open until Friday 20th December.

The Mobile Unit will be closed over the summer break and returning Term 1 2025. Please contact us for an appointment if you have any preschool age children for their dental exam. We look forward to seeing you all.

Lastly for this newsletter we would like to say a MASSIVE Thank You! to Stephanie Johnson from S & M Haulage Ltd/Johnson Log Haulage Ltd for gifting the school a new portable sound system!! Such an awesome gift and we are extremely grateful :-)

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R2 SPOTLIGHT

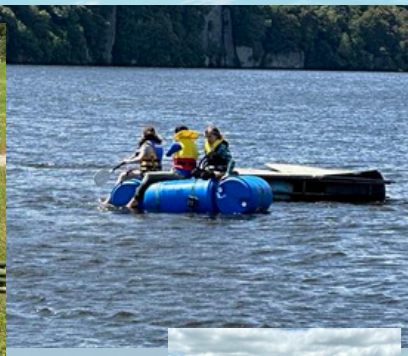
Year 7 & 8 Day with Arohena and Wharepapa South

Our Year 7 & 8's spent a day out with Arohena and Wharepapa South 7&8's down at Arohena Camping Ground on Wednesday this week. They had fun building and floating rafts, archery, harakeke weaving and orienteering. A huge thanks to Arohena for hosting this term.












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Sports SPOTLIGHT

EZ Athletics / Interschool Athletics

Over the last fortnight, we've had our Eastern Zone Athletics, followed closely by Putaruru Interschool Athletics. Here are a few photos and certificates awarded from both


























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R1 & 3 SPOTLIGHT

Trip to Hamilton Zoo

Last week Room 1 and 3 visited Hamilton Zoo! It was a great day out, with so much to see and do. A huge thanks for all the parents support for this trip, it was outstanding to see so many of our whanau come along. It was a great day with some very tired children by the end of it all.





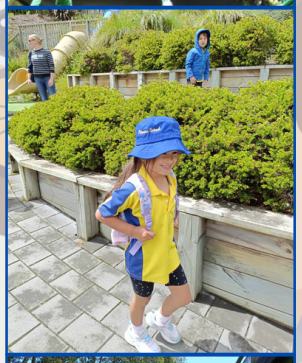


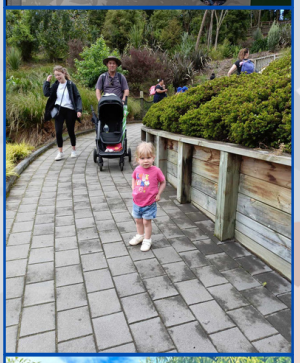






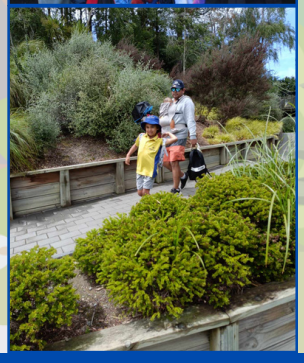













Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou,

The countdown is on! With only 12 school days left in the year and just 26 days until Christmas, it's hard to believe how quickly time is flying. I hope everyone has dusted off the decorations and has advent calendars ready—December is just around the corner!

This time of year can be a whirlwind for everyone, as we work to wrap up 2024. In our classrooms, teachers are working incredibly hard to complete end-of-year assessments and write reports for parents, ensuring each child's learning journey is captured. It's also a challenging time for our students, who are showcasing all the incredible progress they've made throughout the year. A huge thank you to the entire Pukeatua team—our staff for their dedication and tireless work, and our students for their effort and focus. We're so proud of all you've achieved!

We also want to acknowledge two important farewells. As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, our bus driver, John, is retiring. John has been an incredible member of the Pukeatua community—his background as a teacher, Board of Trustees member, and farmer gave him a special connection with our kids. He has been firm but fair, knowing most students by name (or nickname!). We wish John all the best for his retirement and hope to see him around in the future.

Karen Turpin, one of our wonderful Teacher Aides, will also be moving on next year to continue her horticultural studies. While she won't be with us full-time, Karen has kindly offered to step in as a relieving Teacher Aide if needed. Karen has loved her time here, and we've loved having her as part of the team. Thank you, Karen, for everything you've done for our students—you'll be missed!

Looking ahead, we have some special events to end the year:

- Grandparents' Day: Thursday, 5th December, from 11 am. We'd love to see as many grandparents as possible. If grandparents aren't available, children can invite another special person in their life. This is a wonderful chance for students to share their learning.
- Final Assembly: Wednesday, 11th December, from 11 am. Let's celebrate the end of the school year together—we'd love to see as many parents there as possible.

Thank you all for your continued support of Pukeatua School. Let's make these last few weeks of the term memorable and meaningful.

Ngā mihi nui,

Dene Franklin

Principals Awards

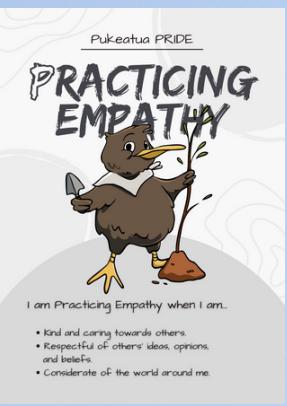








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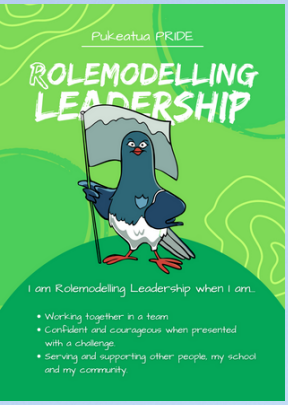


PRACTICING EMPATHY

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

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