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Te Panui o te Kura #3

Message from the Principal

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Welcome to our newsletter! It has been an exciting few weeks of sport for New Zealand, with the Wellington Phoenix Women's team narrowly losing in the final, Auckland FC playing in the final this weekend, and the Chiefs taking on the Crusaders as they continue pushing towards the top of the table. The Warriors have also been going incredibly well this season, while recently the All Whites squad was named for the upcoming FIFA World Cup. It is always awesome seeing New Zealand teams and athletes competing at such a high level across a range of sports.

Before anything else, I would like to say a huge thank you to several members of our community who have recently supported the school. Thank you to Tirau Earthmovers for donating the new sand for our sandpit, thank you to the Ashmore family for donating woodchip for our gardens, and thank you to Saywell Contracting for allowing us to use their truck to transport both the sand and woodchip to school. Support like this genuinely makes a huge difference to our kura and our students, and it is greatly appreciated.

It has also been another busy and exciting fortnight here at Pukeatua School, with plenty happening both inside and outside the classroom. One of the highlights over the past two weeks was our recent Maunga visit. These opportunities continue to provide valuable learning experiences for our students while helping strengthen their connection to our local environment and community. It is always a privilege to go onto our Maunga and have the experiences we do.

Students also enjoyed participating in our latest House Challenge. This challenge focused on singing, with each house pulling songs out of a hat and performing waiata and songs that we have been practising at school. It was fantastic seeing students getting involved, supporting one another, and showing confidence and house spirit throughout the challenge.

On Friday 15th, we acknowledged Pink Shirt Day as a school. This was a valuable opportunity to reinforce the importance of kindness, inclusion, and standing up for others. These values align strongly with our Pukeatua PRIDE values and the culture we continue to build within our kura.

It is also fantastic seeing our school roll continue to grow. We are currently sitting at 87 students, with another two students currently completing preschool visits. We also have approximately five students due to start around the 1st of June, while around three students will be leaving us around the same time. It is great seeing more whānau choosing Pukeatua School for their tamariki.

I would also like to give a brief update on reporting to parents. I have recently had several meetings with HERO, and our reporting templates are now prepared and ready to go. My next step is working through these with our teaching staff to ensure we are all confident and consistent with the new reporting systems and expectations. Once this has been completed, I will be able to share more specific information and dates with parents around reporting and interviews.

Thank you to the many families who have already paid overdue accounts and kept these up to date. The opportunities, experiences, trips, and programmes that we are able to provide for our students rely heavily on these payments being made, and your support is genuinely appreciated.

We also have our upcoming Parawera Marae noho approaching quickly, and there is plenty of excitement building across the school as we prepare for this special experience and opportunity for our students.

Finally, just a reminder that all important information, notices, newsletters, calendar dates, and school account information are shared through HERO. HERO provides families with a clear overview of what is happening across the term and throughout the year, while also keeping families updated regarding payments and any money owing to the school.

Ngā mihi nui,

Dene Franklin
PRINCIPAL

Attendance Matters ...every school day counts!

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Tuesday 30th June

Come along and see what our students have been crafting!

plus

white elephant table

PUKEATUA SCHOOL MARKET DAY

PUKEATUA SCHOOL BOARD **CASUAL VACANCY**

The Pukeatua School Board has a casual vacancy for a parent representative position. The Board has resolved to fill this vacancy by selection.

Under the Education and Training Act 2020, 10% or more of eligible voters may request that a by-election be held instead. Any request must be made in writing to the Presiding Member within 28 days of this notice being published.

If no request is received within this timeframe, the Board will proceed with the selection process.

Regards, Kylan Jacobsen
Presiding Member

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

MAY

25th Teacher Only Day - School Closed
27th Ignite music lessons
29th Cultural Day

JUNE

1st Kings Birthday - School Closed
2nd Parawera Marae visit/noho
3rd Parawera Marae visit/noho (no music)
5th Photolife here for school photos
House Challenge
9th St Johns here - whole school
10th Ignite music lessons
11th Yr 7&8 Technology
12th Assembly
Teachers vs Students: Soccer
17th Ignite music lessons
19th Eastern Zone Cross Country
23rd BOT Meeting
24th Life Ed with Nicky & Harold
Ignite music lessons
25th Life Ed with Nicky & Harold
'Wear Yellow for Harold' Day (gold coin donation)
Yr 7&8 Technology
26th Life Ed with Nicky & Harold
Assembly R1
30th Market Day

JULY

1st Ignite music lessons
3rd House Challenge
TERM 2 ENDS

EASTERN ZONE CROSS COUNTRY



Date: th
Friday 19 June
Times :
arrive: 9.30am
welcome & walk through: 10.00am
races: 10.30am

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