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22nd August, Week 6 , Term 3 — Te Panui o te Kura #6

Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whanau,

Wow, what a weekend of sport! Australia managed to win in South Africa for the first time in 14 years. To put that into perspective – the last time Australia won in South Africa, none of our current students were even born!

Great performance from the All Blacks over the weekend too! A close second half with Los Pumas coming back quite strong, but the All Blacks just had too much power and depth off the bench.

Speaking of sport, it was fantastic to come down and watch the netball on Friday. It was great to see all our students getting stuck in – both on the court and in their costumes! Congratulations to the teams who managed to place in their competitions. It was also really special to see two life members acknowledged for their many years of hard work and dedication. A huge thank you to all the parents and teachers who coached and managed our netball teams this season. I would also like to give a special thank you to Liz O'Kane for all of her hard work throughout the netball season – your commitment has been greatly appreciated.

This week we also had our Eastern Zone Speeches, hosted for the very first time by Kihikihi School. They welcomed us with an amazing pōwhiri before all of the students presented their speeches. We had some outstanding results:

- Cora Hine placed 3rd overall in the Year 4–6 category with her speech on netball.
- Bella Holmes-Bates placed 1st in the Year 7–8 category with her fantastic speech on why dance should be considered a sport.
- Elaina-Ray Green placed 2nd in the Year 7–8 category with her speech on why homework should be banned.

Well done to all of our students who represented Pukeatua School so well with their speeches.

On Thursday, a group of students who excelled at our local Gymfest went through to the Waikato Gymfest to compete. It was great to see this small team take their talents to the next level and do so well at a regional level. Ka pai team!

Finally, today we celebrated Daffodil Day. I loved seeing so many of our students dress up in yellow to support such an important cause. Cancer has touched the lives of every whānau in some way, and I think it's fantastic that our tamariki are able to show their aroha and support. Thank you also to the families who gave a donation–we raised $87 to contribute to the Cancer Society from our school.

Have a great weekend, and let's hope the All Blacks (and, I guess, the Wallabies!) can put on another great performance. And of course–Up the Wahs on Saturday too!

Ngā mihi,



Dene Franklin
Principal

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NOTICES IN BRIEF

Another reminder to all parents/caregivers – if your child is late to school or leaving early, you must sign in/out at the office please! This helps us keep track of students in case there is an emergency. Thank you.

Ag Day entry forms are now available at the office – please make sure you collect one if you intend on entering an animal. All entries are due in by 11th September. Please also remember to return trophies ASAP.

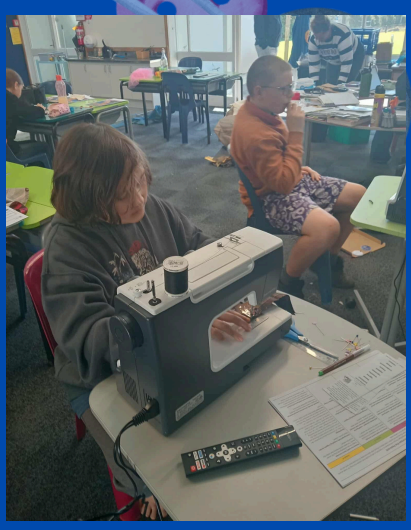
We still have pool keys that need to be returned. Please make arrangements to return your key ASAP!! Thank you.

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Sewing lessons have begun for our Y7&8 students - they have learnt about straight lines and are practicing this by making their own pin cushions.











GYMNASTICS



Four of our students were invited to represent Pukeatua School at the Waikato Regional Gymnastics Competition this week. Their results included 5th place in Floor, 7th place in Beam, and 8th place in Beam. While these were not podium finishes, it was an incredible achievement for our students to compete in this invitation-only event.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

AUGUST



22nd	School Assembly Daffodil Day
28th	House Challenge
29th	Eastern Zone Junior Winter Sports - Wharepapa South School

SEPTEMBER

1st	AIMS Games
2nd	AIMS Games
3rd	AIMS Games
4th	Technology Y7&8
5th	Eastern Zone Senior Winter Sports - Wharepapa South School
7th	Fathers Day
8-10th	Rural School Hockey
11th	TAC entrance testing
12th	House Challenge
15th	Board Meeting
18th	Technology Y7&8
19th	Term 3 Ends

OCTOBER

6th	Term 4 begins
8th	Ag Day
10th	House Challenge
15th	Group Day, Kihikihi Domain
16th	Technology y7&8
17th	Assembly
22nd	School Production
23rd	School Production
24th	House Challenge
27th	Labour Day holiday
28th	Ruma Wha camp
29th	Ruma Wha camp
30th	Ruma Wha camp Technology Y7&8
31st	Ruma Wha Camp Waikato A&P Show Assembly







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