PUKEATUA 2026 PRESS

10th August, Week 3 , Term 3 Te Panui o te Kura #8

Message from the Principal

Kia ora whānau,

It has been another busy couple of weeks at Pukeatua School, with plenty happening both in and outside the classroom.

It was great to get along and watch the final round of netball a couple of weeks ago. One of the things that really stood out was how much the students' skills had developed over the season. Their passing, movement, teamwork and confidence had all improved considerably, and it was great to see them enjoying themselves and representing Pukeatua so well.

We have also had our Trees for Survival planting day, Gymfest, Kapa Haka, and our recent Maunga Day, alongside all of the usual learning taking place across the school. Our staff have continued their professional learning as well, including work around assessment on our recent Teacher Only Day.

While we were up Maungatautari on Friday, I had a chance to stop for a moment and look out across Pukeatua towards Arapuni. I remember coming up there just before my initial interview at Pukeatua School and thinking, "Wow, this is a pretty beautiful place. What a spot this would be to work." It was a little bittersweet knowing that Friday would likely be the last time I would be up on Maungatautari with Pukeatua School. I am incredibly proud of the relationship we have developed over the years with Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, Save the Kiwi, and the wider conservation community. These partnerships have provided some amazing opportunities for our students and have become an important part of who we are as a school. I sincerely hope these relationships continue to grow long after I have left, and that future Pukeatua students continue to benefit from the same incredible experiences.

VISITORS AND WHĀNAU ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

A reminder that once school has started, ALL parents, whānau, visitors and contractors coming onto the school grounds MUST report to the office and sign in before moving around the school or entering classrooms.

This applies even if you are only coming onto the school grounds for a minute or two. If you need to drop something off, speak briefly with a staff member, or collect your child during the school day, please come to the office first rather than going directly to a classroom or the playground. We will contact the classroom or staff member for you and arrange what is needed.

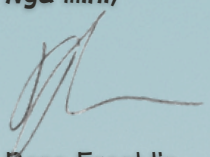
This allows us to know who is on site at all times and is an important part of keeping our students safe.

We would also appreciate parents helping us at the end of the school day. Once you have arrived to collect your child, please take them with you rather than having them remain playing around the school grounds.

Staff are actively supervising students who are still waiting to be collected or who are waiting for the bus, and it becomes much more difficult to keep track of who remains under our supervision when children who have already been collected continue to stay and play or return after we have seen them leave.

Our whānau are always welcome at Pukeatua School but we have expectations to ensure clear, consistent procedures that can account for the children who remain in our care.

Ngā mihi,



Dene Franklin
PRINCIPAL


OUR VISIT TO
Sanctuary Mountain
MAUNGATAUTARI
Southern Enclosure Entrance


MANU KOROKII
PROFILE GROUP EDUCATION CENTRE
Rata (loop) Track
Viewing Tower & The Clearing
Exit to Carpark



LAST ASSEMBLY - PRIDE WINNERS



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

AUGUST

11th	TAC Open Day 9-11am
13th	Yr7&8 Technology
18th	Eastern Zone Speeches
	Board Meeting
21st	Keeping ourselves safe
	House Challenge
27th	Yr7&8 Technology
	Assembly
28th	Daffodil Day
	EZ Junior Winter Sports

SEPTEMBER

4th	EZ Senior Winter Sports
6th	Fathers Day
7th	AIMS Week
8th	AIMS
9th	AIMS
10th	AIMS
11th	AIMS
	Assembly
14th	Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori Week
17th	TAC Testing 1.15pm
18th	House Challenge
21st	Book Week
22nd	Board Meeting
23rd	Special Persons Day
24th	Yr7&8 Technology
25th	Teachers v Students - Netball
	END OF TERM 3

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