



## PETONE CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday 13th August, 2025

*A vibrant local place of learning and achievement*

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### Reminders:

- School starts at 8:55am and finishes at 2:55pm
- Classes are open in the morning from 8:30am
- Wharekai (breakfast club) is operating in the School Hall from 8:30 until 8:55am
- Ice blocks for sale every Friday \$1 each
- All students using wheels (scooters, skateboards, roller-skates, etc), must wear helmets.

It's not what  
we have in life,  
but who we have  
in our life that matters



### Principal's Message:

Tēna Koutou anō

Just a few reminders and updates for this week:

Arrival time- students are welcome on school grounds from 8:30am, not earlier, unless they are attending Before School Care.

Wharekai- runs in the school hall from 8:30-8:50 each morning.

Talent Quest- this week we celebrate our students sharing their skills and passions. Good luck to all who are bravely giving it a go!

BOT Elections- Ngā mihi to all parents who have put their names forward. We'd still love for you to pop in and introduce yourself (if you haven't done so already) to all staff, not just your child's teacher, as it's a great way to connect and strengthen our school community.

Keeping Warm- please make sure students are bringing jackets and other warm clothing, and remember to name all items so we can return them if they get misplaced (please note that we do not have a lost property bin).

Thank you Whānau, stay safe and stay warm.

Mauri ora,

Whaea Trina  
Tumuaki



## Our Value:

### WHAKAUTE RESPECT

- Self
- Others
- Environment

**RESPECT**  
**IT'S MORE THAN  
JUST A WORD**

## House Points:

House points are given out to students who demonstrate our value of Respect and also for events during the year.

Our house points so far this term:

Weka: 848

Ruru: 889

Kea: 872

## Celebrations:



Congratulations to the following students who have or about to celebrate a birthday:

- Aradhya
- Makahuri
- Tahu
- Drezay
- Sebastien
- Fenik

## Term Dates:

Term 3: Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September

Term 4: Monday 6th October - Tuesday 16th December

Closed for Labour Day - Monday 27th October

## Important Dates for Term 3:

- BOT Meeting - Tuesday 2nd September
- School Disco - Thursday 4th September
- Interzone Swimming - Friday 12th September
- Community Fundraiser Dress-Up Day (Onesie or Pyjamas) - Friday 12th September

## Petone Central Has Talent:

This week during Lunch-Time, our interested students were given the opportunity to participate in a talent show! So far our Senior students have had a turn, later in the week our juniors will be given an opportunity to share.

Talents so far have included dance shows, cheerleading, singing, magic tricks and gymnastics.





## Kererū Class Focus:

### Maths

This week, we're helping students strengthen their understanding of numbers by exploring different ways to break them apart and put them back together. We're using number bond diagrams to show how a whole number can be split into parts. This builds on our work with part-whole thinking and subitising (recognising small groups of objects quickly). These fun and hands-on activities help children see how numbers work and develop strong number sense!



### Football Visit!

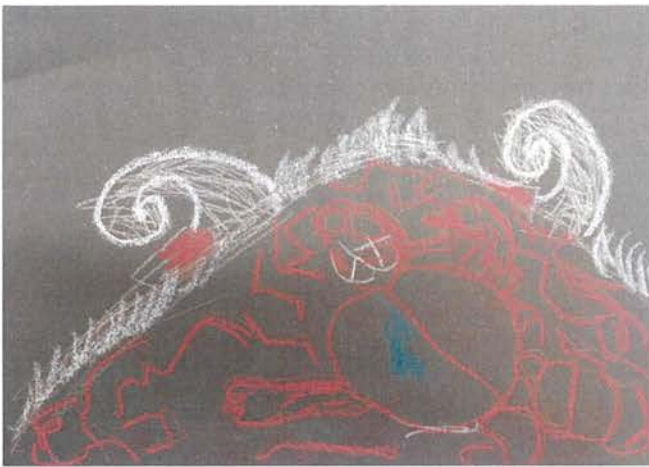
Our tamariki had an exciting opportunity to build their football skills over the last three weeks with the help of some special guests! Coaches came in to teach new techniques and run fun training sessions—and the highlight was a visit from a few Phoenix players! We were thrilled to have them share their time, experience, and love for the game with us. A huge thank you to the team for inspiring our young players and making it such a memorable experience!





## Retelling Pūrākau Through Art

We have been learning about the legend of Rūaumoko, the unborn child of Rangi and Papa. Rūaumoko remains in the womb of Papatūānuku and is known as the guardian of volcanoes and earthquakes. When he stirs, we feel his presence here in Aotearoa through the rumble of the earth. To help us understand and connect with this powerful pūrākau, we've been using art to retell the story—expressing Rūaumoko's energy and emotion through creative arts. It's been a wonderful way to bring the legend to life and deepen our understanding of this pūrākau.





## Wellington Brick Show:

The Wellington Brick Show is coming up on the 13th and 14th September. If your child would like to take part in the brick building competition, then please follow the instructions below and submit your entry. Good Luck!



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#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Four school age groups: Years 1&2, Years 3&4, Years 5&6, Years 7&8
- Build on a 16x16 baseplate
- Max height 30cm
- Must include Child's Name, School & Age
- Max 3 photos to be submitted

#### DEADLINE

- Email Entries in by Friday 5 Sept:  
[thewellingtonbrickshow@gmail.com](mailto:thewellingtonbrickshow@gmail.com)

SATURDAY

**13  
SEPT**

9AM - 5PM

SUNDAY

**14  
SEPT**

10AM - 4PM

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