



## PETONE CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday 27th August, 2025

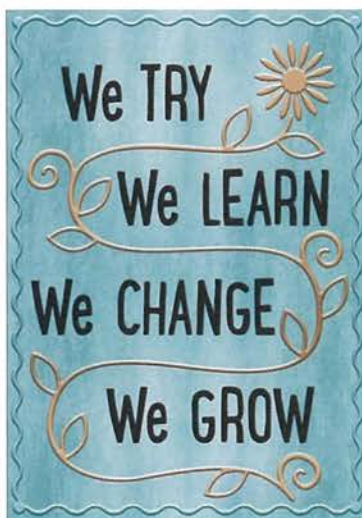
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### Reminders:

- 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.



### Principal's Message:

T ē na Koutou

Our roll is now at 192 and continuing to grow- it's wonderful to see our school thriving.

A gentle reminder that students should not be on school grounds before 830am, unless they are booked into Before School Care.

We have noticed many students arriving between 8-8.15am.

Please support us by ensuring tamariki arrive at 830am, as teachers use the time before school for preparation and staff meetings.

School disco next week and we know we have some excited tamariki! This will be a great chance for them to bust out their best moves.

Class speeches are underway and we are looking forward to seeing which students will represent their Year groups in the school finals.

Finally, a huge congratulations to all tamarki who recently took part in the PCS Talent Show.

What an awesome variety of performances, and staff and students enjoyed what we saw.

The best part of the show, our Tuakana (Seniors) were the judges and chose the winners at the finals.

Take care Wh ā nau, and enjoy the rest of your week.

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: 1150**

**Ruru: 1176**

**Kea: 1171**

## Celebrations:



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

- Emelya
- David Green
- Billy
- Samikshya
- Mantasha
- Abhinav

## Term Dates:

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

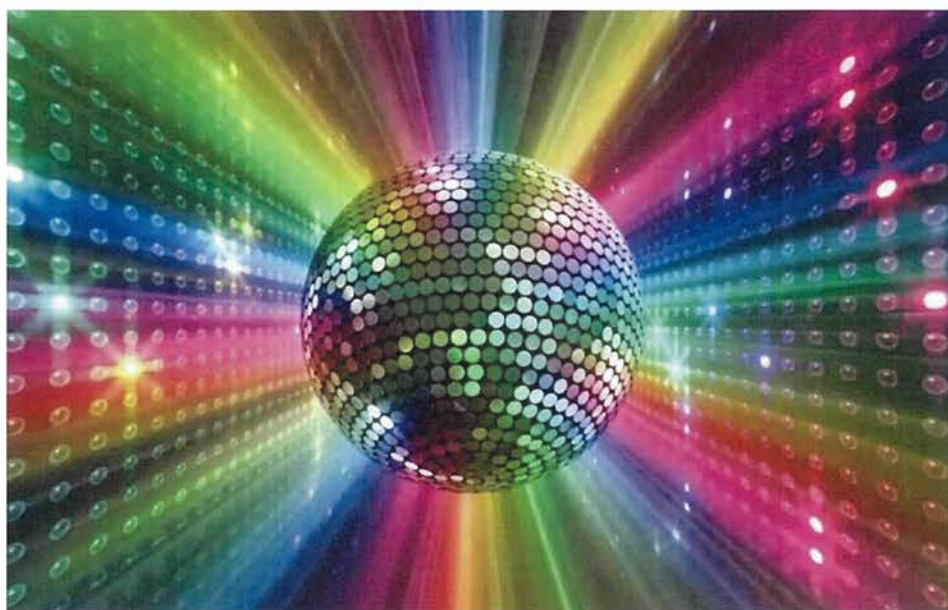
Term 4: Monday 6th October - Tuesday 16th December

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 (Selected students)
- Community Fundraiser Dress-Up Day (Onesie or Pyjamas) - Friday 12th September

## School Disco:



When: Next week, on Thursday 4th September.

**Juniors** (Kerer ū , Hihi, T ū ī , Toroa and Kiwi classes), will have their Disco 1:45-2:45pm. There is a \$2 Entry fee to cover the cost of a few disco treats (glowsticks, balloons, bubbles etc). Please give the \$2 to your class teacher.

**Seniors** (P ū keko, T ī waiwaka, K ā k ā po and K ō tare classes), will have their Disco from 4-5:30pm. A \$2 Entry fee will cover the cost of a few disco treats (glowsticks etc). Please give your \$2 when entering the hall for the Disco. Seniors are also able to buy further items at the Disco. Sales will be run by K ō tare class and will be a fundraiser for the Year 8 end of year leaving event.



## Hihi Class Focus

### History Topic:

This Term Hihi Class has been learning about how things have changed over time. We looked at how household items, technology, chores, schools, communication and transport have changed.

As part of this study, we also looked at Toys and Games. We learned about some games from the past and had a lot of fun learning how to play elastics, knucklebones, clapping games, hop scotch, rakau, poi and string games. We compared these games to games we play today. We thought that games from the past were harder and more challenging, but they were also a lot of fun. We thought games we play today were generally a bit easier to play. We also thought about what games might look like in the future. We had some great ideas, such as drone riding, drone tag and remote controlled sports!





## Maths:

Last week in Hihi Class, we had a focus on measurement. We found out about different units of measurement (feet, hands, cubes, and centimetres). We discussed the best unit of measurement for things around the classroom and had a go at measuring them. We learnt the importance of lining the unit of measurement up to the zero, or the very start of what we were measuring, and about ensuring the units had no spaces between them.



Recently, we have also been learning about patterns and number bonds to 10. Some of us have also learned about a family of facts. We tried writing the same problem in 4 different ways (e.g.,  $8+2=10$ ,  $2+8=10$ ,  $10-8=2$ ,  $10-2=8$ ).





## 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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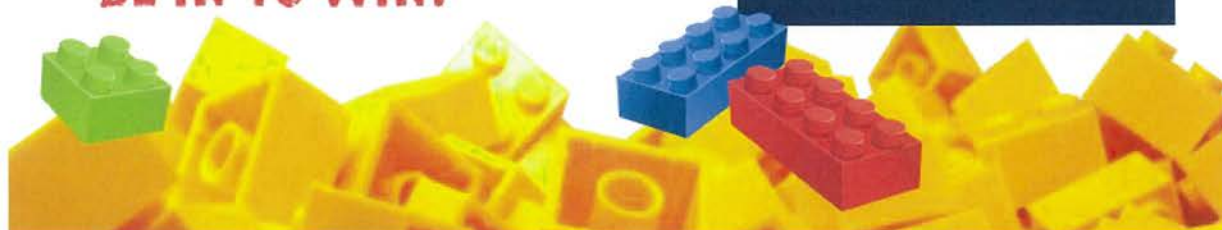
**BE IN TO WIN!**

#### 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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