

BOARD & SCHOOL

We are very busy at the school, making sure all the sample books are up-to-date and reports are done.

But the count down is well and truly on with **ONE** week left of school.

This is the last newsletter of the year so we would just like to say;

From The Board of Trustees and all the staff
At the school we wish everyone a

Very Merry Christmas

And a

Safe Holidays

COMING EVENTS

Dec 6 Year 8 trip
12 Last Assembly
13 Last Day of school for 2018

2019

Jan 29 First Day Term One
Feb 22 E-Z Junior Swimming Sports
Mar 1 E-Z Senior Swimming Sports
11-15 Senior Camp at Hastings
Apr 5 E-Z Touch Tournament
Jun 7 Cross Country
14 Teacher Only Day

Next Newsletter: Thursday 7th February 2019

All items for the next newsletter are due by:

12 noon, Tuesday 5th February 2019

BOOK FAIR



A big **thank you** to all of you who helped out during Book Fair week. It was greatly appreciated. Total sales of \$2,500.00 allowed the school to earn \$495.00 in commission which will be spent on new books for the library next year.

The school would also like to thank those families who donated new books to our library. The children always enjoy new material to read.

"A book is a gift you can open again and again"

Head Lice are about, please check your children's scalp & treat as necessary

The next **Board Of Trustees Meeting** will be held in the Pukeatua School staff room on **Monday 25th February 2019 at 7.00 pm**

Everyone is most welcome to attend

TERM DATES FOR 2019

Term 1: Tues 29 Jan to Fri 12 April
Term 2: Mon 29 April to Fri 5 July
Term 3: Mon 22 July to Fri 27 September
Term 4: Mon 14 October to Dec (TBC)

Work Wanted

Over the holidays:

- Babysitting
- Cleaning
- Feeding animals while you are away

Willing to give anything a go!

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Email: paige18099@icloud.com
Home phone: 07 872 4628

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BAKED NOT FRIED

Baked foods can have just as much fat as fried foods. Check the label and pick products with less than 10g total fat per 100g.

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DISTRICT NOTICES

Exciting New Horse Sport in Pukeatua

Exciting new horse sport,
Cowboy Challenge,
taking off in the North Island.

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weekend of 8-9 December

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ginner and lead rein competi-
tions on Saturday 8th.

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bers willing to offer advice
and help on Saturday

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021 713 967 or email
[cowboychal-
lenge.waikato@gmail.com](mailto:cowboychallenge.waikato@gmail.com)



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Sunday 9th December

7.30 pm

The Food Bank box
Will be open in the foyer.

Donations would be ap-
preciated.

Enquiries to
Kathie Claypole

Ph 872 4352

Principal's Message

Wow! This is the last newsletter of the year! The year has gone quickly and lately it has been hard to get that summer feeling with the weather being so wet! We know the weather will improve and the great thing about the human brain is that we can quickly forget!

The staff would like to **thank parents and whanau for all the support** this year! We are grateful that you have wonderful children and we appreciate your support in so many different ways!

The children and supporters all enjoyed the recent Athletic meetings that we attended. The **Eastern Zone Athletics** was a very successful day for our children! As well as winning many individual events, our school managed to take out 3 of the 5 relays on the day! Last week a group of students attended the **Putaruru Interschool athletics**. The competition was hotter, the competitors bigger and stronger, but we did win a few events! The children did enjoy the day and the weather was kind!

We were all very honoured to have special visitors to our school last Thursday. **Grandparents and VIP** afternoon was very successful! It was so good to see all those visitors at school and the smiles on their faces and also on our children's faces! The children looked after their visitors very well and were great hosts when showing them their classrooms and the work that they had been doing! The visitors also enjoyed the entertainment. And yes those dance moves have been pulled out before! Easy dances that are not threatening with nice music. We received nice feedback which does make a difference to all the people who have put the effort into make the afternoon special!

We have Four classrooms operating again next year. **Liz O'Kane** is back teaching in Room Two. **Judith Allen** is working in Room Four. **Sandra Meacham and Whaea Viki** will be Job Sharing in Room Three. (Sandra three days a week and Viki-Lee two days a week.) The children will know what class they will be in before next Wednesday. Some levels of the school have more children than others so a little juggling of numbers needs to be considered.

Thanks to the **Kihikihi Rotary Club** for running another "**Potato in a Bucket**" competition. This year the crops were bigger than normal and a number of children managed to harvest over 1kg of potatoes! Me included!!

We had our last **BOT meeting** of the year on Monday night. I **thank Nigel and the Board** for their work this year. Next year we have Mid year BOT elections. Have you considered the opportunity to become a Board member? Talk to a current member about what is involved.

Next **Thursday 13 December** is our **last official day** of the year. The **last school assembly is on Wednesday the 12th**. We start school again in 2019 on the **Tuesday 29 January**. Until then have a great Christmas with family and we all look forward to new and exciting happenings in the New Year!

Quote of the week

For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice. *T.S. Eliot*

John McLean

Principal

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