









**Room 1** Studying Maths through Art & Design, designed own chair bag with repeating patterns, sewing Name Tags using up, down, through techniques, Rainbow Fish, measurement of silver scales

Room 3 Students enjoying some quiet reading time



### **Board & School**

### Ki te kahore he whakakitenga ka ngaro te iwi

Without foresight or vision the people will be lost

Said by **Kingi Tawhiao Potatau te Wherwhero**, to show the urgency of unification and strong **Maori** leadership

<u>Absentees</u> - Please contact the school office if your child/ren are away. As part of the Ministry of Education requirements, we must notify them of student attendance. If we do not hear from you, your child will be marked as unexplained and therefore truant.

# Back to School Stationery/ Activity Fees/ Camp

Thank you to everyone who has paid their fees. If you haven't paid your school fees in full you can use our automatic payment system to pay off your account with small regular amounts. Please contact the school office for more information.



### **Coming Events 2018**

- Feb 19-23 Year 5-8 Camp, Waitawheta
  - 23 Eastern Zone Junior Swimming Sports
- Mar 1 Putaruru Interschool swimming
  - 2 Eastern Zone Senior Swimming Sports
  - 5 Students Bikes to be at School
  - 8 Bike Wise Day with Sport Waikato
  - 9 School Triathlon
  - 12-13 Senior Leadership Camp—Arohena
  - 27-28 Parent Interviews
    - 30 Good Friday
- April 2-3 Easter break
  - 13 Last Day Term One
- May 4 Tech Arts begin for Year 7-8
- 29-29 Life Education & Harold
- June 8 Cross Country at Arohena
- Jul 4 Gym Sports
- Aug 23 E-Z Speech Finals
  - 24 Tech Arts finish
  - 31 Senior Winter Sports at Wharepapa
- Sept 7 Junior Winter Sports at Wharepapa
- Oct 16 Agricultural Day
  - 19 Group Day
- Nov 23 Athletics
- Dec 13or14 End of Term 4 (TBC)

#### **Next Newsletter: Thursday 8th March**

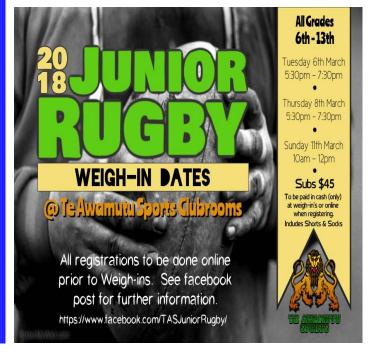
All items for the next newsletter are due by:

12 noon, Tuesday 6th March 2018

#### **TERM DATES FOR 2018**

- Term 1: Tues 30 Jan to Fri 13 April
- Term 2: Mon 30 Apr to Fri 6 July
- Term 3: Mon 23 July to Fri 28 September
- **Term 4:** Mon 15 October to Fri 15 December

(TBC)



### **District Notices**

## 2 Pukeatua Sports Evenings - For All

On the field behind the school

This <u>Friday 23rd February</u> at 7.15pm --- rounders/cricket or Dodge Ball

And next <u>Friday 2nd March</u> at 7.15pm ......Dodge Ball! (& rounders?)

Just a bit of fun... All welcome... see you there!

(any questions call Louise on 0277 235 045)

#### **Boat For Sale**

4.5m Fleetline Sapphire
90 HP Johnson motor - 118 hours
Ideal ski boat
\$8,000 ono
Ph 872 4842

#### **Canoe**

3.5m wooden with fibreglass outer and foam filled

2 double ended paddles

Holds 2 adults or 3 children

Great on the lake - have paddled from Waipapa Dam to Arapuni Dam

\$100

Ph Ken or Diane 872 4842

#### Pukeatua Rural Women

Next Meeting
Thursday 22nd February
7-30 pm

At Margaret Main's home: 196 Waimanu Rd

For inquiries contact: Margaret Main Ph 872 4815



### **Principals Message**

This newsletter is being written at camp. It's Tuesday evening at Waitawheta and so far we have not been affected by the weather! It rained while we were inside and when we were swimming! Hopefully our luck will hold out and we continue to get better weather than what we were expecting!

Once again the children on camp have been well looked after by the wonderful group of parents we have with us! Plenty of hands on deck make light work and the food donated by parents is healthy and outstanding! The children are all coping well and we have had a few comments from the public today about how well behaved the children have been! Today we played tourists and went for a ride on a train and visited the Martha Mine Education Centre. Yesterday we tramped in a forest, crossed the river holding on to a human chain, were stung by wasps and swam in a refreshing river!

Good luck to the Junior Students tomorrow for the swimming sports. A lot of organisation goes into an event like this, so support the children had help out where possible! Next Friday are the Senior Swimming Sports. A group of children are travelling to Putaruru next Thursday for the combined swimming sports held there! Last year we attended this event and the children did do well!

Mentioned in the last newsletter was the fact that we were very close to gaining an extra teacher and a fourth classroom. Even though we have held our roll of 76 children for over 10 working days we have to wait for the 1 March official roll returns before new staffing can be confirmed! Hopefully no one leaves in the next 7 days!

Once again the Pukeatua community have sad news with the passing of **Scott Beale** last week. Scott was a former pupil and his parents farmed in the district and still have close association with many locals. We pass on our condolences to Keith, Anne and family.

We look forward to arriving home tomorrow and trust the younger children and teachers have looked after our school well in our absence.

### **Quote of the Week**

A mind is like a parachute, it doesn't work if it isn't open. – Frank Zappa (December 21, 1940 – December 4, 1993) was an American musician, composer, activist and filmmaker.

### **Pupils of the Week**

Indie Turpin, Lily-Rose Hutton, Isabell Corbett, Sebastian Jeanes, Brooke Carter, Jaskaran Singh

### Principal Award

Piripi Whaiapu - Great work in mathematics

John McLean - Principal

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