

Pukeatua Press

What's happening in the School and Community?



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 Wherewhero, to
show the urgency of unification and strong Maori
leadership*

Absentees - 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 sys-
tem 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) |

Arohena Trail Ride

Sunday 4th March

Aprox 30km Loop plus A Section, separate 5km loop for learners and
kids mini track.

Mixed Terrain, open farmland, hill country

Helmet and suitable footwear compulsory

Assemble at in front paddock, Waipapa Road, 2kms North of Pukewhau
Road.

Sign on from 8.00am - Track opens at 9.00am
closes @ 3pm

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WEIGH-IN DATES

@ Te Awamutu Sports Clubrooms

All registrations to be done online
prior to Weigh-ins. See facebook
post for further information.

<https://www.facebook.com/TASJuniorRugby/>

**All Grades
6th-13th**

Tuesday 6th March
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursday 8th March
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Sunday 11th March
10am - 12pm

Subs \$45

To be paid in cash (only)
at weigh-ins or online
when registering.
Includes Shorts & Socks



District Notices

2 Pukeatua Sports Evenings - For All

On the field behind the school

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

And next Friday 2nd March at 7.15pm
.....**Dodge Ball ! (& rounders ?)**

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

**(any questions call Louise on
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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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