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The last Newsletter for 2020, how did we get here so quickly?? Congratulations to everyone for coping so well in such an unusual year, never in modern history has there been anything quite like it! We are lucky we live in Pukeatua as it has meant that we have been somewhat removed from the worst of Covid-19.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that you can fit in some rest and recreation over the Festive Season and enjoy the good company of Family and Friends because after all, that is what it is all about.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at Pukeatua School



COMING EVENTS

Dec	3	Structured Literacy Programme Information meeting, 4 pm
	4	Pukeatua Schl Room 2 walk
	8	Yr8 Trip
	11	Final Assembly
	15	Last Day

2021

Feb 2 Term One begins

Welcome to T1 2021 Everyone!

Mar	5	Junior Swimming Sports
	12	Senior Swimming Sports

Next Newsletter: Thursday 11th February 2021

All items for the next newsletter are due by:

12 noon, Tuesday 9th February 2020



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TERM DATES FOR 2021

Term 1:	Tue 2 Feb to Thur 9 April
Term 2:	Tue 28 April to Fri 3 July
Term 3:	Mon 20 July to Fri 25 September
Term 4:	Mon 12 October to Tues 15 Dec

LABEL READING

HEALTHY SWAPS!

A little time spent preparing food at home allows you to make healthy choices, no label reading needed!



Biscuits



Cheese & grainy crackers



Muesli bars



Homemade fruit muffin



Bag of chips



Plain popcorn



Fruit string



Fruit



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Carols with the Brass Band

At St Saviours Church, Pirongia - Outside behind the church with a special appearance by

The TALOS Warblers Choir

Sunday 6 December 2020, 6 pm

Followed by a Christmas themed supper

DISTRICT NOTICES

A message from the Pukeatua Hall Committee:

Could anyone using the hall, whether they have booked it or are wanting to hire tables or chairs, please let **Adele Saywell** know on **8724 808 or 0272552247**.

Please do not help yourself without letting her know, as we like to keep track on our numbers and are currently missing a large trestle table. If you happen to have it, please let her know.

Also, could all hall users please leave the hall as you find it. When showing people who may be interested in hiring it, we would like to know it is being kept to a high standard of cleanliness.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Principal's Message



Wow this is the Last newsletter for 2020!! How many times have you heard "2020 is like no other year!?" Well no more times from me! But what a year it has been and like no other. Covid Lock-down with children away from school for an extra 6 weeks or longer for others. Restrictions in the community and events cancelled or postponed. Adults losing jobs and some businesses seriously affected! All of us had mixed emotions and a good number have found the whole experience difficult. "Wellbeing" is a word that has been to the forefront for many and rightly so and now it is more accepted for people to say that they are struggling and need a bit of help! Let's hope for a better 2021!

It is the **final night of Touch this Friday**. We have two teams contesting the finals for their sections!! **Years 5,6 Pukeatua Panthers and the Year 3,4 team Pukeatua Lions are both undefeated!** Well done to those teams and good luck!! I must say that when the weather is fine like it was last Friday the whole touch scene at Glenshea Park in Putaruru has an amazing feel and special culture! Well done to all involved!!

On that note we have had **wonderful support from our community again this year!** We appreciate all the families that make our community. Those who help out with transport, go on trips / camps, support on the sideline, donate their time to fundraising, donate stock to the school, and just support their children in so many other ways! It takes a village to raise a child.

An icon of our school community **Nigel Anderson** has finished his time on the School Board of Trustees. Nigel has spent 14 years on the Board and many of those as the Chairperson. He has given many many hours of his time to the school.

Meetings, sideline supporter, transport, helper, sausage cooker and a camp parent legend. Nigel has always been 100% supportive of all our staff and I cannot recall a bad word between us! Thanks Nigel we will miss you!!

We also say farewell this week to **Tracy Harris** who has been a Teacher Aide and Gardener at our school for the past few years! Tracy has done a wonderful job and will be missed! You will agree that our grounds do look a picture!! Good luck in your move to Waihi!!

We have our **final assembly next Friday the 11 December 1:15pm** The school bus runs on the 14th and 15th with Tuesday the 15 December being our last official day. Enjoy the Christmas and New Year Break and we will see most of the children back again next year 2021!

Quote of the week

The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but building the new. Socrates

John McLean Principal

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