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**Hokia ki nga maunga kia purea koe e nga hau
a Tawhiri-matea**

*Return to the mountains to be cleansed by the
winds of Tawhiri-matea*

One should know oneself and one's own
tradition before presuming to tell people
about theirs

Welcome new and 'old' families to 2021

The holidays seemed to go by in a flash and we
were back to school all too soon. Already the
evenings are starting to close in which is a sure
sign that Autumn is on it's way.....oh no, not yet!

It was great to see all the children's smiling faces
on the first day and my, some have grown so so
much.

We have a busy Term ahead with lots of in class
swimming, Swimming Sports, Triathlon, Senior
Camp, Parent Interviews and much more. Please
keep an eye out for notices etc that require your
attention.

**A reminder that while visiting our Community
Pool, all vehicles MUST remain outside the
school grounds**

COMING EVENTS

2021		
Feb	2	Term One begins
	22	BOT Meeting, 7pm
	26	Junior Swimming Sports
Mar	5	Senior Swimming Sports
	11	School Wide Triathlon
	15-19	Senior Camp - Thames
	30-31	Parent Interviews
Apr	1	Teacher Only Day
	2-6	Easter Weekend
	16	Last Day Term 1
	28	Term 2 starts

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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once installed.



TERM DATES FOR 2021

Term 1:	Tue 2 Feb to Fri 16 April
Term 2:	Mon 3 May to Fri 9 July
Term 3:	Mon 26 July to Fri 1 October
Term 4:	Mon 18 October to Tues 14 Dec



Te Awamutu Sports JUNIOR RUGBY



2021 Muster Rugby WEIGH-IN Dates!

Thursday 25th February – 5:30pm-7pm

Tuesday 2nd March – 5:30pm-7pm

Thursday 4th March – 5:30pm-7pm

Te Awamutu Sports Clubrooms

Online Registrations NOW OPEN.

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Welcome To.



Jenel Nagallo Y4
Kurt Nagallo Y3
Desmond McKechnie NE
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It's the time of Year to Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap

Please ensure that your chil-
dren come to school with sun
screen already applied

Protect yourself from the
sun's harmful UV rays:



SLIP
on a shirt.



SLOP
on sunscreen.



SLAP
on a hat.



WRAP
on sun glasses.

Principal's Message



Back again for 2021 and we have had a good two weeks at school. Two four day weeks is a good way to ease back into it as the weather is testing and the children do tire quicker after a break! (Plus the adults!)

We trust you had a good break. It seems that way as the children have arrived back with positive attitudes!! All seem happy to be with their friends again. Some schools in different areas only started back this week and I know there were happy parents on Tuesday when their children finally went back to start a new year!! People have asked me the question as to what I was up to over the last six weeks. The answer was- Was that 6 weeks as it went so fast?!

All teachers are back at school for the start of 2021. We have a roll of 89 children at the moment. We welcome **Kirstie Hargreaves to Pukeatua School as a new Teacher Aide** taking over from Tracy Harris. We also **welcome new families** to the Pukeatua School community and we hope they enjoy their association with us.

Once again the swimming pool has been very popular over the summer holiday and it has been well used in the last two weeks! We are lucky to have a great asset and we trust it is respected as such. **Thanks to Paula McKenzie** for her work in maintaining the pool over the summer season.

As the children start school we encourage families to **apply sun-screen at home** although we have it available in all classes. Think also about clothing worn by children, as time spent in the sun is minimised, children's exposure does add up when you count intervals and lunchtimes outside. Hats are worn at break time also.

As we look around the world we are indeed lucky to be living in New Zealand as **Covid** is rampant offshore. We go about most activities normally and we remain ever vigilant at the borders. As a staff we will talk about the action we would take if the country went into lockdown again and children had to learn at home. We learnt a lot the last time and hope we do not need to repeat that experience but still must remain prepared!

The Term One timetable is filling quickly with **Swimming Sports, triathlon, Senior school camp, Easter break, Eastern Zone Touch Tournament (TBC) and parent interviews all timetabled.** Keep an eye on the calendar on the website or in the newsletter.

We are also scheduling a Teacher Only Day (TOD) **Thursday April 1** for PD for "Structured Literacy" with Wharepapa School. This day is one of three days school may take in 2021.

Quote of the week

The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot.

Michael Altshuler

John McLean Principal



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