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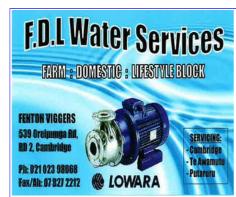


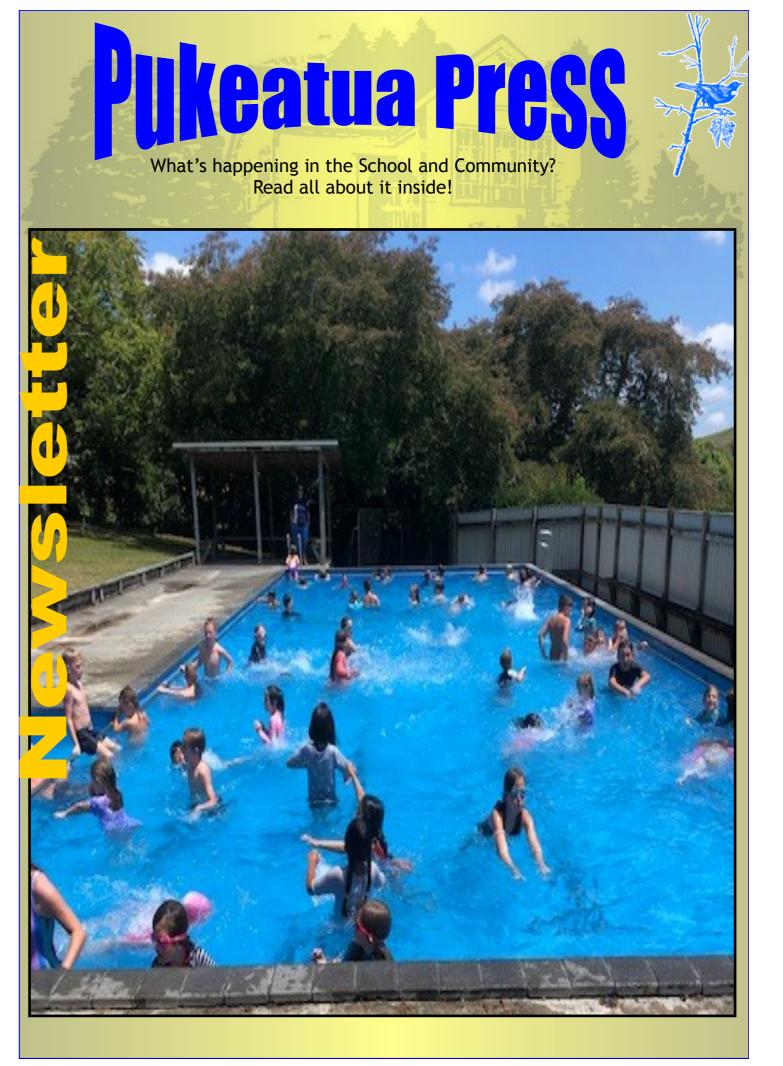
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## **BOARD & SCHOOL**

## 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 to 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



# 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.

Please pre-register prior to attending weigh-in. https://www.sporty.co.nz/tasports/Junior-Rugby/Registration-Form Email tasjuniorrugby@gmail.com with any queries, or PM via FB.



## **COMING EVENTS**

2021

Feb 2 Term One begins

> 22 **BOT Meeting, 7pm**

26 **Junior Swimming Sports** 

Mar 5 **Senior Swimming Sports** 

**School Wide Triathlon** 11

15-19 **Senior Camp - Thames** 

30-31 **Parent Interviews** 

**Teacher Only Day** Apr 1

2 -6 **Easter Weekend** 

16 **Last Dav Term 1** 

Term 2 starts 28

#### **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 Fri 16 April Mon 3 May to Fri 9 July Term 2: Term 3: Mon 26 July to Fri 1 October

Term 4: Mon 18 October to Tues 14 Dec

# Welcome To.



Jenel Nagallo Y4 Kurt Nagallo Y3 Desmond McKechnie NE Brayden Holmes NE Jaxxon Care-Hayward NE

The roll now stands at 89

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

# DISTRICT NOTICES

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Are you up for fun, friends and adventure, then Girl Guiding could be for you
We have units for girls aged between 5-17
We have spaces available in some of our units so if you are interested email Michelle on:
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# It's the time of Year to Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap

Please ensure that your children come to school with sun screen already applied

Protect yourself from the sun's harmful UV rays:





SLIP on a shirt.



SLOP on sunscreen.



SLAF on a hat.



WRAP

## 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 sunscreen 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 lunctimes 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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