

Pukeatua Press

What's happening in the School and Community?



Newsletter



Wendy Smith from Swim Safe New Zealand, visited our school to teach the children Survival Swimming techniques:

- Treading Water for 30 seconds
- Rough water techniques
- Survival stroke

Ask your children what they remember and get them to practice when you visit the pool

Board & School

Ma te werawera o tou mata e kai ai koe i te haunga ahi o te kai

**By the perspiration on your face you will
taste the piquant flavour of cooked food**
Honest work brings its own reward

Welcome everyone, to another exciting year of learning. As you can see from the calendar of coming events there are a lot of things happening this term so please note down what is important to you and your children and put it somewhere safe so that you don't have any surprises!

The Parent Teacher App has changed its name to **Skool Loop App**, new name same great features. If you had already downloaded the app it should have updated automatically, check it out to see the latest newsletters, events, notices and absences. Your one stop shop for everything Pukeatua School related!!

Coming Events 2017

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)



FREE MOBILE EAR CLINIC FOR CHILDREN

Glue ear assessment and management
Wax /foreign body removal
Grommet checks
Treatment of discharging Ears

The mobile clinic will be at:
St Patricks School @ the Rewi St entrance:

Monday 19 February & 19 March
9.00 am-2.30 pm

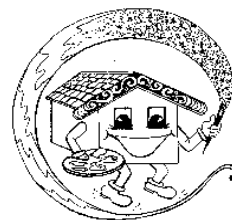
No appointment needed
**All children must be accompanied by a
parent or caregiver**

For enquiries please contact:
07 838 3565

Next Newsletter: Thursday 8th February

All items for the next newsletter are due by:
12 noon, Tuesday 6th February 2018

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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)



Welcome To:

Marcus Tutty Y6, Blake Ward Y4
Ella McCluskie Y7, Meela Jacobsen NE
Giulio Y7 & Oreste Y5 Bernasconi
The roll now stands at 76

District Notices



Pukeatua Memorial Church

Anglican Holy Communion

Sunday 18th February

11.15am

ANZAC Service

Sunday 22nd April

11.15am

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Pukeatua Rural Women

Next Meeting
Thursday 22nd February
7-30 pm

At Margaret Main's home:
196 Waimanu Rd

This month we are going to plan our programme for the year. Please bring along any ideas you have or let me know before hand.

After our short meeting Adriana Vasinca & Nikita Beck, who we sponsored to go to Thailand & Cambodia with the World Challenge organisation, will speak on their experiences

For inquiries contact:
Margaret Main
Ph 872 4815



Principals Message



A warm welcome to the new year. We have been back at school for just over a week and it seems as though we have been here forever! You have to look at the calendar and remember the things you have done over the last six weeks to remind yourself that you have been on holiday! The human brain is a wonderful thing! Last week we were complaining about the heat and couldn't remember being cold! Then just after one night of low temperatures we have forgotten the heat! The weather forecast man said on the TV, that summer is not over just yet! (Cause they know everything?)

Also a warm welcome to the new students at our school and to families new to the Pukeatua community. This week the school roll reached **76 children**. If we maintain that roll for 10 school days (two weeks) we are entitled to an extra teacher!

It has been a summer of extremes. I see a few trees down after the storm early in the New Year and I've seen a lot of green pastures and healthy looking maize crops on my travels around the upper North Island!

Once again we have been grateful for the school swimming pool! The children are enjoying class, lunchtime and in some cases after school swimming opportunities! The pool has been well cared for so we thank **Adam StockHolmes** for the work he has been doing as pool custodian! The job is not as easy as it looks! Whilst on the subject of keeping things in tip top condition, we are also grateful to the grounds staff who have the school looking great! I had a comment from a person not from our district who said "Pukeatua School always looks great when you pass by." So thank you **Grant Jordan, Tracy Harris and Nikita Beck** for the way the school grounds look!

We have a busy term coming up! **Room Two go to camp** at Waitawheta (near Waihi) in a couple of weeks. We once again have a great group of parents who are willing to accompany the group. **Swimming sports and the school triathlon** follow in early March. Before you know it we will be having Easter! But let's not get too far ahead of ourselves!

It is with **sadness we note the passing** of ex pupil **Corey Eteveneaux** over the weekend. Corey was a student here a few years back and his parents had a long association with our school! We pass on our deepest condolences to Cherie, Darius and family

Quote of the Week

Life has no remote. Get up and change it yourself! Kushandwizdom

John McLean - Principal

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