

Pukeatua Press

What's happening in the School
and Community?



**2018 Triathlon
Look at them Go!!**



Newsletter

Board & School

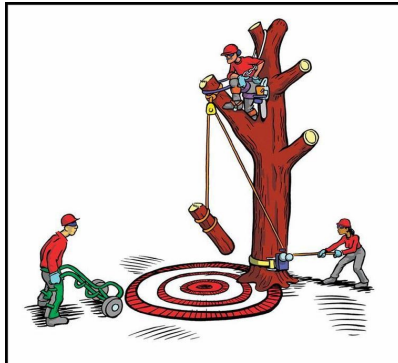
Tena te ringa tango parahia

Well-done the hand that roots up weeds!

Applied to a steady worker in root-crop plantations

The Arborist

The arborist in the tree was climbing and swinging like a monkey. He had ropes around his waist that were allowing him to climb and swing safely.



He was cutting the branches with a very sharp hand saw and a small chainsaw. The branches fell down with a crack and a thump. The branches were chopped in the chipper and were blasted through the shoot into the truck. The chipper was very noisy as the branches were munched and crunched up into small pieces. We will put the wood chips onto our school gardens.

A shared writing experience by Room One Children



Coming Events 2018

Mar	26	BOT Meeting
	27-28	Parent Interviews
	30	Good Friday
April	2-3	Easter break
	13	Last Day Term One
	22	ANZAC Service, Pukeatua Church 11.15am
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 5th April

All items for the next newsletter are due by:

12 noon, Tuesday 3rd April 2018



Pokuru School Junior Farmer 2018

"Calling all 8 to 12 year olds, would you like to become



Junior Farmers for a day?"



When: Saturday 7th April, 2018

What: Teams of three, compete in practical farming activities, general knowledge, safety and technology challenges.



Where: Pokuru School, 873 Pokuru Road, Te Awamutu

TEAM NUMBERS ARE LIMITED, SO PLEASE REGISTER QUICKLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

We promise a FUN Day.

District Notices

Pukeatua Phone Books

There are still a few copies available if you have been missed by our door to door sales!!

They are available from the School office during school hours, otherwise contact Martha Bradstreet on 872 4879 to arrange delivery.

Cost is \$5 a book and this is a fundraiser for the Pukeatua Rural Women Branch



Pukeatua Memorial Church

ANZAC Service
Sunday 22nd April
11.15am

The Church is available for Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms
For bookings or enquiries please phone Kathie on 872-4352

P.S...We've changed our name!

The Parent Teacher Calendar App

Is now... **The Skool Loop App**

Same fantastic app and service, smart new look.



Principals Message



There is an autumn feel in the air at the moment! Days are getting shorter! The clocks go back soon and we will definitely believe it's autumn!

This term has been one where we have been out and about a lot! "Make hay while the sun shines" I suppose. School camp, two swimming sports, triathlon, a senior camp at Arohena has seen most weeks broken with outside the classroom activities! Then we thought that this week will be a "normal week" but we have Union NZEI meetings and a group of students are heading off to the Waikato Full Primary (for years 7,8) Swimming Sports in Cambridge! Oh and Easter is around the corner as well! Opps one quarter of the year nearly over! Time marches on!

As mentioned, staff have the opportunity to attend Union meeting this week. We have organised it so there is no disruption to school time with teachers attending in school time in the morning or afternoon. The new government have indicated that they will listen to the teaching profession and there are changes on the horizon (again) in the Education Sector! Many schools are finding it hard to find staff and teacher shortages has been well documented! The Unions are soon to move into negotiations for the teachers new "Collective Agreement."

Since the last Newsletter we have held a successful school triathlon. It was great to see the great turn out from families and the children do appreciate that support! Exercise and a bit of friendly competition is appreciated by most!

Ever present at some of the events so far this year and in events coming up, has been the good old "sausage sizzle!" We thank **Silver Fern Farms** who have so far this year donated **600 sausages!** Very kind!

Next week we are holding **parent interviews** on two afternoons. A good time to catch up with your child's teacher and discuss ways that you can support their learning.

Last Friday we had our first assembly in 5 weeks. We had been busy on the previous Fridays so it was good to get together, sing a few songs and celebrate the good work and effort that selected children have been putting in!

Quote of the Week

If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month.

Theodore Roosevelt

Pupils of the Week

Blake Watkin, Enja Barrowcliffe, Dontae Scott, Kostello Charles, Aurelia Holmes, Emily Phillips, Jenna Chappell, Kodee Franklin, Kate Watson, Millie Watson

Principals Award

Madeline Holmes - Working very well in the classroom

John McLean - Principal

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