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BOARD & SCHOOL

He aroha whakato,
he aroha puta mai.

*If kindness is sown
Then kindness you shall receive*

Welcome to week four of this 11 week term, my how it is disappearing so quickly! There is a very busy few weeks ahead with Junior & Senior Swimming Sports, Triathlon and Senior Camp. Thankyou to all those who have responded quickly to requests for information, payments, offers of help or any other school related responses. Those timely replies do make a huge difference to those who are planning events etc and we appreciate your support.

School is always a busy place but with the extra numbers of students (88 in total and more to come!) it seems even busier this year. It is certainly a great place to come to work each day, never a dull moment!

We have a whiteboard attached to the wall by the back door to the office to note any **changes from normal travel arrangements**, whether it be bus or car. If you pick up your children from school who would normally travel home by bus etc, we would appreciate you either letting the office (ph 872 4602) know or putting a note onto the whiteboard yourself. It will save us a lot of angst when we can't find little Johnny!

Arohena Trail Ride

Sunday 3rd March

Aprox 30km Loop plus A Section, separate 5km loop for learners and kids mini track.

Mixed Terrain, open farmland, hill country

Helmet and suitable footwear compulsory

Assemble at Arohena Hall, Pukewhau Road off Waipapa Road Sign

Sign on from 8.00am - Track opens at 9.00am
closes @ 3pm

BBQ sausages, drinks available for purchase
\$35 adults, \$15 - 15yrs & under

Any queries please contact either:

Roger Legg 027 445 3449
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COMING EVENTS

2019

Feb	22	E-Z Junior Swimming Sports
	25	BOT Meeting
Mar	1	E-Z Senior Swimming Sports
	4	Bikes at school
	7	School Triathlon
	11-15	Senior Camp at Napier
Apr	3-4	Parent Interviews
	5	E-Z Touch Tournament
	12	Last Day Term 1
	29	Term 2 starts
Jun	7	Cross Country
	14	Teacher Only Day
Jul	5	Last Day Term 2
	22	Term 3 Starts
Aug	30	Junior Winter Sports
Sep	9	Senior Winter Sports
	27	Last Day Term 3
Nov	22	Athletics for whole school

Next Newsletter: Thursday 7th March 2019

All items for the next newsletter are due by:
12 noon, Tuesday 5th March 2019

The next **Board Of Trustees Meeting**
will be held in the Pukeatua School staff room
on **Monday 25th February 2019 at 7.00 pm**

Everyone is most welcome to attend

TERM DATES FOR 2019

Term 1: Tues 29 Jan to Fri 12 April
Term 2: Mon 29 April to Fri 5 July
Term 3: Mon 22 July to Fri 27 September



Welcome To:

Amelia Hine, Caitlin Cheer,
Cade Siely-Conway, Masyn Neal,
Flynn Watson, Elaina-Ray Green,
Bonnie Turpin, all New Entrants (NE)
Mikeyla Miller Y8, Brianna Friend Y8,
Caitlin Friend Y5, Nicholas Flowerday Y2,
Quintin Stockholmes Y4

Farwell To:

Blyth Ryan Y2

The roll now stands at 88



DISTRICT NOTICES

Babysitter Available

15 year old mature and responsible high school student available for baby sitting Friday & Saturdays
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0274 704 768

Pukeatua Rural Women

Our first meeting for the year will be held on:

Thursday 28th Feb

7.30 pm at Wendy Jordan's home 2175 Arapuni Road
Ph 872 4602 with apologies

We will be planning for the years programme so please bring ideas

Monica, Cathie and Margaret will report to the meeting about the Provincial Meeting guest speaker Janion Heyward, retired doctor from Te Awamutu on "Learning to Love your Brain"

All welcome



Pukeatua
War
Memorial
Church

**Sunday 28th April
11.15 am**

ANZAC Service

All Welcome

The Church is available for Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms

Enquiries to
Kathie Claypole

Ph 872 4352

Principal's Message



Hope all is well out there as the weather continues to be warm and dry! It rained for about 10 minutes in Putaruru the other night and I went outside to see what the noise was on the roof! Rain from above was the culprit. Being a while but I soon remembered! The mind is a wonderful thing. When hot can't imagine the cold and when cold can't imagine the warmth and so on!

We look forward to the **swimming events that are coming up**. Some of the children have made wonderful progress with their water confidence over the last four weeks. From not being able to put their head under to spending the whole swimming time swimming on the bottom of the pool!

A few other children at school are swimming at different clubs around the area and you can see the benefit of that training!

The senior children in years 5 to 8 are also looking forward to their **camp** to the **Hawkes Bay** in a couple of weeks time! Once again we have had a great response from parents and we have a great team of adults accompanying the group. That support enables the success of these camps. The Hawkes Bay is a very good region to visit and we have plenty of different activities and visits lined up. With the "local fund raising" money our community contributes, we are able to keep the costs of camps down. I know other schools do charge a lot more than we do for a week away. In fact some schools do not engage in school camps as it is too costly. It's an event that we believe is important in our schools context and is an "extra." If the staff were not inclined or interested, camps would not take place!

As part of the **Charter** we set targets in certain subjects. After looking at the data we have decided that we will set targets for **Writing and Mathematics**. We have children in these areas who still have work to do to catch up to the expected level documented in the New Zealand Curriculum. These are not "National Standards", which expected a level at each year group. The curriculum levels are more flexible as they take into account that children are different and progress at different rates. "One size does not fit all!" All children at school work at their own level but are expected to make progress! The targeted children will hopefully make "accelerated progress." (More than a year's progress in one year.) (*This is defined as accelerated progress*) *We plan strategies for this to happen, attend courses and "Inquire into our practice!" Sound confusing? Rest assure we want the best for all children!*

Rugby season has started! Crazy you think? Modern professional Athletes!

Quote of the week

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way".

Napoleon Hill. (born October 26, 1883 – November 8, 1970)
an American self-help author

Pupils of the week

Bella Holmes-Bates, Ella Kaponga, Piripi Whaiapu, Marcus Tutty, Bianca LLubit, Hayden Curtis, Blake Kite-Ryan, Emily Phillips, Elaina-Ray Green, Holly Shortt, Kaiden Kite-Ryan, Tommy Yates, Ellah Edger, Adam Watson, Lily Lodge, Kodee Franklin

Principal Awards

Holly Shortt - *Being a focussed student in Room One*

Hayden Curtis - *Continuing his great work in the classroom*

John McLean

Principal