

## BOARD & SCHOOL

### Ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi

*With red and black the work will be complete*

This refers to co-operation where if everyone does their part, the work will be complete. The colours refer to the traditional kowhaiwhai patterns on the inside of the meeting houses

Well done to all the Room 2 students who attended the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge last week in Rotorua. It was awesome to see them all enjoy the day and achieve their own personal goals. Thanks to all those parents who helped with transport. We know how much of an ask it is at this time of year and we do really appreciate your support.

DOC will be celebrating 50 Years of **Conservation Week** from **14-22 September**. On **Monday 22 September** all of **Pukeatua School** will be walking to **Sanctuary Mountain** to engage in some of the planned festivities and to present to Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust the profits from the Market Day held recently. All parents and caregivers are very welcome to be involved. More details soon.

### Community Security Cameras

An informative meeting including:

- Neighbourhood Support Coordinator
- Police
- Security Camera IT Expert

Will be held on:

**Thursday 19th September 2019**  
**7.00 pm at Pukeatua Hall**

All questions to be answered

All Welcome

### COMING EVENTS

Aug	29	TA College Open Day for Yr8's
	29	Rural Women's Meeting, 7.30pm
	30	Junior Winter Sports
Sep	5	TA College Parent Information Evening
	9	Senior Winter Sports
	10	TA College Enrolments 3.30-7.00pm
	11	R2 First Aid Course
	16	Walk to Sanctuary Mountain
	19	Community Security Meeting
	20	Y8 TA College entry test
	23	School Photos
	23	BOT Meeting
	27	Last Day Term 3
Oct	16	Ag Day (Note change of date)
	18	Group Day at Puahue School
Nov	22	Athletics for whole school
Dec	13	Last Day for 2019

**Next Newsletter: Thursday 12th September 2019**

All items for the next newsletter are due by:

**12 noon, Tuesday 10th September 2019**

The next **Board Of Trustees Meeting** will be held in the Pukeatua School staff room on **Monday 23rd September 2019 at 7.00 pm**. Everyone is most welcome to come along

### Casual Vacancy Board Appointment

As no one requested an election within the notified time, **Nalita Tei**, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees by selection as at 26 August 2019. Congratulations and welcome to the team.

### Agricultural Day - Wednesday 16 October

#### Group Day - Friday 18 October

Agricultural Day is fast approaching and is a **compulsory** part of this schools curriculum.

**Students** are strongly encouraged to participate and enter into the spirit of the day by rearing a Lamb or Kid Goat.

**If it is not feasible for students to rear a pet then a "Pet Project" must be created and presented on the day** for Judging with ribbons awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. INFORMATION Sheets will be sent out today for both Pet categories along with a "How To" for those completing a Pet Project

**Saving dates for the animals are:**

**Calves - No calves for 2019**

**Lambs & Kids**

Early: 1/07/19 to 19/08/19

Late: 20/08/11 to 20/09/19



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## DISTRICT NOTICES

### Pukeatua Rural Women

#### NEXT MEETING

**Thursday 29 August  
7.30pm**

A GAMES evening will be held at

**WENDY & GRANT  
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2175 Arapuni Road,  
Pukeatua**

If you have a game to share,  
bring it along

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**Thursday 5 September  
9.00 am - 2.30 pm**

No appointment needed

**All children must be accompanied**

## Lost Property

We regularly have clothes lying  
about the school unclaimed

If you are up at the school  
please have a look in our lost  
property box

The children seem to have prob-  
lems recognising there own  
clothing!

### Principal's Message



Half way through the term and we are wondering where the time has gone! The weather has been wet to say the least and it does make a difference when the sun comes out! Along with the wet weather we have seen an increase in unwell children. Being inside for longer periods with others who may be infected does add to the problem. Plenty of little germs are floating around all over the place with the amount of sneezes and coughs you hear in a room each day!! **If in doubt keep children home!** Also in the news lately has been articles about Measles doing the rounds. Parents are being asked to check to see if children have had all the necessary inoculations and if in doubt check up! Children and adults who have not been immunised are being told to stay home from schools and preschools where cases have been confirmed! Touch wood nothing in our area!

Along with **sickness comes absences** from school. Last term our school submitted our attendance rates for that term. We had 60% of the school present for over 90 % of the time. That was lower than the national average and lower than other schools in the Waikato region. It may have been a bad term for sickness but a number of children do have days away for unjustified reasons. Greater than 90% attendance is less than 5 days off a term. Interesting fact, If a child has 5 days off a term (90% attendance) then that means they have 20 days off a year. In 10 years of schooling (year 10) they would have had the equivalent of one year away from school. (194 days, normal school year) Of course not many keep up that sort of average!

Last Thursday we hosted the **Eastern Zone Speech Finals** at our school. The numbers of entries were down a little this year for reasons listed above. Sick and injured! Our school was represented by **Emily Phillips** and **Madison Phillips** (Junior Section) and **Neo Molina** and **Benjamin Anderson** (Senior section.) All four children did themselves and the school proud! Neo won the Senior Section and Emily took out the Junior Section! Madison and Benjamin were very close behind the winners!

Tomorrow hopefully the Junior children are off to Wharepapa South School for the **Eastern Zone Winter Sports Day**. The juniors have missed out the last couple of years due to the weather! **Next Friday it is the Seniors turn at the same venue!** This week we also have had a visit from the **Fire Wise** people who run a programme for all the children. With house fires still a threat around the country a little education around the topic does come in handy!

### Quote of the Week

*Many of life's failures are experienced by people who did not realise how close they were to success when they gave up.*  
Thomas Edison. A savvy businessman, he held more than 1,000 patents for his inventions.

### Pupils of the Week

Eli Monkley, Ghleanne Suyat, Izabell Corbett, Jack Little,  
Xavier Smith, Blake Watkin, Caitlin Friend, Jenna Chappell

### Principal Award

**Piripi Whaiapu, Brooklyn Turpin, Kostello Charles, Tia Johns** - All  
for organising and leading Jump Jam so well for the whole school

**John McLean Principal**



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## Room 3 Diorama's

3 dimensional models which included characters and settings from the British novelist Roald Dahl's book BFG (Big Friendly Giant)

