BOARD & SCHOOL

Waiho ma te tangata e mihi

Leave it to the people to sing your praises
(Do not boast of your own achievements)

Another 2 weeks have steamrolled their way through and we now only have 4 weeks left of this term. Summer is almost gone and Daylight Saving Ends on Sunday 5th April. So make the most of those beautiful Autumn days!

Thank you to all those who baked, helped and came along and supported our children for the **Eastern**

Swimming Sports. Your combined efforts helped raise approx. \$2,000.00, a great effort, well done everyone.

The school <u>Triathlon will be held next</u>
<u>Thursday 19th March</u>. All children are involved and will need to bring road worthy bikes to school by 8.45 am next Monday.

Wonder Project

Calling all scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians – we need your help!

Room 4 students will be taking part in the Wonder Project Rocket Challenge in Term 2. It's an amazing programme designed to get young Kiwis excited about STEM – science, technology, engineering and maths. The programme pairs STEM professionals with teachers to deliver the learning and we need more volunteers to help our kids design, build and launch water rockets!

Keen to help? It only requires 1 hour a week for 6–8 weeks during Term 2. The Wonder Project team will provide you with training and all the resources, including a rocket kit, a rocket launcher and all the teaching modules.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to guide young people on the Rocket Challenge. We are looking for passionate and committed professionals working in STEM fields who want to make a real difference – and inspire wonder in the minds of young people in their community.

Are you ready for the great inflate?

<u>Balloons Visit Waipā</u> is coming to Te Awamutu next Friday!

When: Friday 20 March, 5-8pm Where: Albert Park, Te Awamutu

What: Hot air balloons, food trucks and entertain-

ment

Find out more at: whatsonwaipa.co.nz

COMING EVENTS

Mar 19 School Triathlon (whole school)

30 BOT Meeting

Apr 3 E-Z Touch Y3-Y8

5 Daylight Saving Ends

19 ANZAC Service, Pukeatua Church

Jun 5 E-Z Cross Country

Aug 28 E-Z Junior Winter Sports

Sept 4 E-Z Senior Winter Sports

Nov 20 E-Z Athletics

Dec 15 Last Day

Next Newsletter: Thursday 26th March 2020

All items for the next newsletter are due by: 12 noon, Tuesday 24th March 2020

The next Board Of Trustees Meeting
will be held in the Pukeatua School staff room
on Monday 30th March 2020
at 7.00 pm

Everyone is most welcome to come along



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All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver

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Rental Property Wanted

Local teacher looking for a unit/small property/sleep-out to rent in the Pukeatua/Arapuni/Te Awamutu area and just beyond.

Just one person and two cats.

Please contact Helena on 021 162 7815

DISTRICT NOTICES

Pukeatua War Memorial Church

ANZAC Service

Sunday 19th April

11.00 am

All welcome

The Church is available for Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms

Enquiries to Kathie Claypole

Ph 872 4352



Pukeatua Discussion Group

Date: Tuesday 31st March 2020 **Time**: 11am – 1:30pm

Location: Dwayne and Linda Little, 1322 Oriepunga Road, SN 74006

A good chance to get together!

We have a couple of key speakers;

Caleb Higham – Environmental

Change Specialist – Giving us
an update on Healthy Rivers,
Plan Change 1 and what that
means for farmers.

Jane Muir – People Team Leader –
Discussing the latest employment rules, housing and the
Good Boss campaign.

It's a chance to see what Dwayne and Linda have been doing the past few years on farm.

We also have a chance to see how everyone else is going in the area and discuss what decision farmers are making at the moment with the dry weather conditions.

Kirsty Dickins, Waipa Sth Consulting Officer, Ph 027 483 2205 Kirsty.Dickins@dairynz.co.nz

Principal's Message

The last two weeks has seen a lot of school activity and coinciding with plenty of parental help. The **two swimming sports held at our pool recently highlighted the wonderful support we receive** from our school community. We put on two events and sold plenty of home baking and sausages on those two occasions! A good profit was made and many put their hands up to help! **Thanks to Kylan and Anna Jacobsen** for their organisation!

Once again it was also an opportunity to show off our wonderful asset which is our school pool! The pool and surrounds looked a picture on both occasions so thank you **Danielle!**

As well as our two sports days, last week we also had a good number of children compete in the **Putaruru Interschool Swimming Sports**. All the children did well so well done all! Besides the club swimmers who do well our children were competitive due to the fact we have a very good pool for the children to swim in! Extra training at lunchtimes helped as well! Thanks Liz! **Kodee Franklin and**

Tommy Yates won special certificates for being the top swimmers in their year group!

The last two weeks we have had a **swim coach from Swim Waipa** take all the children for 6 lessons in our school pool! As well as challenging the children to learn and improve swimming skills they completed basic water survival activities. The children have enjoyed the lessons and have responded well to the challenge! Lessons were paid through our 'Kiwi Sports' budget.

Coronavirus or Covid-19 is very topical at the moment. We feel that in our setting we are low risk but the health department offer the following:

Prevention – how to protect yourself and others

Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.

- Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds).
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- Avoid personal contact, such as kissing, sharing cups or food with sick people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- Call Healthline on 0800 358 5453 if you have any symptoms and have been to any <u>countries or territories of concern</u> or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19.

As part of the **Teacher s Collective Agreement**, schools have been allocated 8 **Teacher Only Days** over the next three years. These days do not need to be made up (3 for 2020, 3 for 2021 and 2 for 2022. **These days will be 2 June (after Queen's Birthday,) 27 October (after Labour Day) and 21 August Friday. (Term Three)** Mark these days in your diary. School will be closed for instruction on these days.

Quote of the Week

"If you want to know what a man's like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals." **J.K. Rowling**

John McLean
Principal

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