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## BOARD & SCHOOL

**Kaua mā te waewae tūtuki enagri mā  
te ūpoko pakaru**

Do not let a stubbed toe turn you back

*Always persevere*

**Agricultural Day, Wednesday 14th October 2020** is coming up quickly, have your children chosen their pet yet? If not it is time as they will need to spend time getting to know their pet and bond with them.

**Calves, lambs and kid Goats can all be reared.** Ag Day is an important feature on our annual calendar and is one that all children are expected to participate in. This can take the form of either rearing a calf, lamb, kid goat or preparing a Pet Project which are displayed in the Multi Purpose Room on Ag. Day and judged with ribbons being awarded to first, second and third place holders. For those rearing an animal the following saving dates apply:

Calves Early 1/6/2020—26/7/2020

Late 27/7/2020—20/9/2020

Lambs & Kids Early 1/7/2020—20/8/2020

Late 21/8/2020—20/9/2020

Please support this rural school initiative and encourage your children to participate.

**Covid-19 Level 2:** Due to the rest of NZ moving to Level 2, all Parent Teacher Interviews have been postponed until further notice. You can still go to work and school. We will update you as more information comes to hand. Keep safe and exercise social distancing:

- Keep your distance from other people in public
- Wash your hands
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- Keep a track of where you've been and who you've seen

### SPORTS DRINKS

DRINKS

Sports drinks are high in sugar and are not needed for our bodies to perform at their best. Water is the best drink to rehydrate our bodies during and after sport and activity. Feel like something extra? Eat a piece of fruit!



Developed by Sport Waikato 2019

**The next Board Of Trustees Meeting**  
will be held in the Pukeatua School staff room on  
**Monday 24th August 2020**  
**at 7.00 pm**  
Everyone is most welcome to come along

## COMING EVENTS

|      |    |                                   |
|------|----|-----------------------------------|
| Aug  | 18 | TA College visit                  |
|      | 21 | Last day Y7-8 Tech Arts           |
|      | 24 | Teacher Only Day (TOD)            |
|      | 24 | BOT Meeting                       |
|      | 28 | E-Z Junior Winter Sports          |
| Sept | 3  | Free Ear Clinic @ Kihikihi School |
|      | 4  | E-Z Senior Winter Sports          |
|      | 7  | Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme  |
|      | 11 | TA College entry test             |
|      | 16 | Hangi & Market                    |
|      | 22 | Music Concert @ school            |
|      | 25 | Term 3 Ends                       |
| Oct  | 12 | Term 4 Starts                     |
|      | 14 | Agricultural Day                  |
|      | 16 | Group Day @ Wharepapa Sth Schl    |
|      | 27 | Teacher Only Day (TOD)            |
|      | 29 | Waikato Show                      |
| Nov  | 20 | E-Z Athletics                     |
| Dec  | 15 | Last Day                          |

### Next Newsletter: Thursday 27th August 2020

All items for the next newsletter are due by:

**12 noon, Tuesday 25th August 2020**

## Absences:

Please contact the school office by 9.30 am explaining why your child/ren are away, use the Skool Loop App, Ph 872 4862 and leave a message if unattended, text 027 572 4862 or email [office@pukeatuaschool.co.nz](mailto:office@pukeatuaschool.co.nz).

We like to know that your child/ren are safe and I'm sure that you need to know that when you have sent your children to school that they are actually there, not to mention your legal responsibility to notify absences.



### FREE MOBILE EAR CLINIC FOR CHILDREN

Glue ear assessment and management,  
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Grommet check,  
Treatment of discharging Ears

The mobile clinic will be at:  
Kihikihi Primary School

**Wednesday, 3 September**  
**10.30 am - 11.30 pm**

Drop-in, No appointment needed

**All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver**

For enquiries contact:  
07-838-3565 ext 22094

## DISTRICT NOTICES

### Pukeatua Rural Women

We recently held the Rural Women AGM and sadly after much discussion we had to make the decision to close our branch.

Over the last year we have lost 4 members (1 death and 3 moving to town), which left us with 5 paid up members. There are two options for people wanting to be part of Rural Women New Zealand: one is to become an independent member or the other option is to join our neighbouring branches Arohena or Wharepapa South. Thank you all for contributing in various ways over the years. As I look back, I can reflect on some special times and achievements and it leaves me with great memories of fun and friendship.

Martha Bradstreet

### Pukeatua War Memorial Church

## AGM

Monday 31st August

7.30 pm  
At the Church

#### Agenda

Minutes of previous AGM  
Reports  
Election of office holders and committee  
General business

All welcome

Secretary  
Martha Bradstreet  
Ph 872 4879



## Principal's Message



New Zealand had just passed a hundred days of no community cases of Covid -19. Then Whammy!! Back to level 2!! For many, life seemed normal again. School, work, able to shop anywhere, go to sporting events etc. Now we are at Alert Level 2 so we are following those set of guidelines as we did at Level 2 a while ago! Copies of those guidelines have been sent to school families.

A few warm days followed by a few wet and cold days does remind us that **spring is on the way** and on the other hand remind us that we are still in winter!! I trust the farmers out there are doing well in the busy calving, lambing season and that the grass has begun or is continuing to grow!

Talking of little animals, it is about now that children will be thinking about the pet lamb, calf or kid that they want to rear and train for the **Agricultural day that is coming up in October**. More information will follow but again the school encourages those that are able to, do have a pet! Agricultural day is an important day on ours and many other Country Schools' calendars.

It was pleasing to see the great turnout at the **Eastern Zone Cross Country** a couple of weeks back. The weather was kind and the day was entertaining. All the children who competed did well and all gave their best. The course for the older children is challenging as those hills out there get steeper every year! Congratulations to the children who gained placings in the top 10! Later on this term there will be an opportunity for those children to compete at a higher level. We will keep you posted!

The teachers and parents do value the opportunity to get together this week to discuss children's progress. Your child's all round education is a school and home partnership that is very reliant on each other! Being at school regularly is also very important. An interesting fact is that if a child missed one day of school per fortnight, it would mean that by the time that child is 15, they would have missed the equivalent of one years schooling! 5 days a term. 20 days a year. 200 days over 10 years. (194 days in a school year) From MOE website *The Government doesn't set specific*

*attendance targets, but schools are expected to set their own. An attendance rate of 95% is generally considered good; this allows for children to miss 9.5 days across the school year. Persistent absence (PA) is defined as an attendance rate of 90% or below.*

"Rural Women" have been kind to us over the last couple of weeks. Firstly they shouted us morning tea for work over Levels 2 and 3 then they gave us a cheque for \$500 to spend on Library books! Thank you very much Rural Women!!

### Quote of the Week

"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be." -Ralph Waldo Emerson (May 25, 1803 – April 27, 1882) was an American essayist, lecturer, philosopher

### Pupils of the Week

Jake Hemingway, Carlos Atkins, Blake Ward, Aurelia Holmes,  
Nicholas Flowerday, Ghleanne Suyat

### Principal Award

Yannah Calingacion - Great story writing  
Aurelia Holmes - Involvement in all areas of school life

*John McLean Principal*