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What's happening in the School and Community?



GRANDPARENTS DAY 2020



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BOARD & SCHOOL



Welcome to the second to last Newsletter for 2020 and what a crazy old year it has been for everyone...and it's not over yet! Only 3 weeks of school left...how did that happen?

Thank you to all those who were involved in Grand Parents Day last week, what an amazing day it was, made me jealous that I haven't reached that milestone yet!

With the end of the year fast approaching it is time to start those end of year house keeping tasks, one of which is the huge job of retrieving all school library books from home book shelves and all those hidden nooks so that we can undertake a stock take. Would you please return all books as soon as possible. Parents/ caregivers will be contacted shortly with a list of books to be found or if they are lost you will be required to pay the replacement cost.

Carols with the Brass Band

At St Saviours Church, Pirongia - Outside behind the church with a special appearance by

The TALOS Warblers Choir

Sunday 6 December 2020, 6 pm

Followed by a Christmas themed supper

Pukeatua School

Board of Trustees' Election

Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled,

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

- Michelle Saywell
- Nalita Tei

Signed
Wendy Jordan
Returning Officer

COMING EVENTS

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| Nov | 20 | E-Z Athletics |
| | 25 | Waikato Full Primary Athletics |
| | 27 | Potato Weigh-in at 1.00pm |
| | 30 | BOT Meeting |
| Dec | 2 | Preventing rural crime w/shop |
| | 4 | Room 2 excursion |
| | 11 | Final Assembly |
| | 15 | Last Day |

Next Newsletter: Thursday 3rd December 2020

All items for the next newsletter are due by:

12 noon, Tuesday 1st December 2020



Simple free download:

In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.



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

Everyone is most welcome to come along

TERM DATES FOR 2021

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|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Term 1: | Tue 2 Feb to Thur 9 April |
| Term 2: | Tue 28 April to Fri 3 July |
| Term 3: | Mon 20 July to Fri 25 September |
| Term 4: | Mon 12 October to Tues 15 Dec |

POTATO IN A BUCKET

How are your potato plants growing?

Members of the Rotary Club will be coming on **Friday 27th November** at 1 pm to judge

Certificates will be awarded to the LARGEST potato and the HEAVIEST crop
Prizes for all participants

Remember to bring the bucket along with a bag to put the crop into

DISTRICT NOTICES

A message from the Pukeatua Hall Committee:

Could anyone using the hall, whether they have booked it or are wanting to hire tables or chairs, please let Adele Saywell know on 8724 808 or 0272552247.

Please do not help yourself without letting her know, as we like to keep track on our numbers and are currently missing a large trestle table. If you happen to have it, please let her know.

Also, could all hall users please leave the hall as you find it. When showing people who may be interested in hiring it, we would like to know it is being kept to a high standard of cleanliness.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Community Camera update!

We are very fortunate that **FMG** along with **Federated Farmers** have organised a crime prevention evening on:

**Wednesday 2nd December
from 6-8pm**

Please try and attend this meeting as there will also be an update on where we are at with installing community cameras and need your input for this to go ahead.

The hall committee will be supplying the supper which **FMG has kindly offered us as a fundraiser.**

All proceeds will go towards the camera installation.

See you there!

Principal's Message



We have had a couple of busy weeks go by and we have a few more busy weeks ahead of us before we end the year in three weeks time!! Really where did the year go to? We hope we move into the Christmas break and we are with no more cases of 'You Know What' out in the community. We are very lucky to be living in New Zealand at the moment when you see the cases on the rise in other countries in the world.

We had an excellent "**Grand Parents Day**" last Thursday with a very good size gathering at the school. Grandparents and friends came from all over the top half of the North Island to be present. The children were very pleased to see these special people in the school and they were proud to show them around the school. The 15 strong guitar group played well and the children sang beautifully over in the hall and I received many compliments on how well they did! The beautiful weather made a difference also. One Grandparent said to a teacher as she looked out of the library windows towards the Mountain. *'I use to think ***** School was the prettiest I'd seen but I think Pukeatua School is now.'* so thanks to all that came and also thanks for the generosity towards the **Book Fair** purchases. We sold a good amount!! Plenty of books for Christmas?

Tomorrow we are all going to **Te Awamutu for the Eastern Zone Athletic Sports Day**. This day involves all children from the Eastern Zone and is hosted and well organised by the teachers of Puahue School. It's a full on day and it is important children have plenty of water and snacks on the day. That afternoon is also Touch for the three teams in Putaruru. The Touch teams are doing well this year so thank you

Lance Bowers, Chris Lewis and Nathan McCluskie for looking after the teams on the night. To top off a busy week for a good number of children we had a team of **Athletes go to Putaruru yesterday** for the inter school event there. Difficult conditions eventuated!

The Staff from our school along with staff from Wharepapa South and Puahue have been involved in Professional Development this year with "Learning Matters." They have been working on a "**Structured Literacy Programme**" that is starting to turn heads in New Zealand. If you want to know more about the programme come along to school on the **3 December 4pm**. **Carla McNeil** is holding an information afternoon for parents. More information to follow.

One more newsletter left for 2020!!

Quote of the week

"Successful people do what unsuccessful people are not willing

Pupils of the week

Fletcher Polglase, Jonah Anderson, Ophelia Brawn,
Toby Pepper, Ella Little, Meela Jacobsen, Zara Bowers, Caitlin Cheer

John McLean Principal